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The War of 1812 on Mackinac Island Revisited by Bike

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Join Mackinac State Historic Parks Chief Curator, Craig Wilson, for a guided bicycle tour of the island discussing the War of 1812 on Saturday, July 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

“The War of 1812 bike tour will visit key sites related to Mackinac Island's role in the War of 1812. Starting with Fort Mackinac itself, the tour will also stop at Fort Holmes, the site of the August 4, 1814 Battle of Mackinac Island, and end at British Landing, where the war started in the upper Great Lakes in July 1812,” Wilson said. “This is an opportunity for visitors to see the actual spots where historic events occurred, rather than just talking about them in an abstract sense. Two hundred years ago, Mackinac was a strategic spot that people were willing to fight for, and this tour will help tell some of their stories” said Wilson.

The tour will begin at the Fort Mackinac Avenue of Flags (rear entrance) at 5:30 p.m. The tour will make stops at Fort Holmes, the battlefield site near Wawashkamo Golf Course, and British Landing. Some of the tour is uphill and may be strenuous for some riders. This is a free event, with donations welcome. Participants must provide their own bicycle.

Additional photos can be provided upon request. A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). Funding for Mackinac State Historic Parks is provided, in part, by Mackinac Associates, friend preserving and sharing Mackinac’s heritage.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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