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Mackinac Island State Park Cleanup Progressing Well; Park will be Ready for 2025 Season

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Incredible progress has been made in the cleanup of Mackinac Island State Park, with all major roads now open. Members of the Michigan National Guard spent all day Thursday, April 10 and half the day Friday, April 11 on the island assisting in cleanup efforts.

“We’ve made great progress,” said Myron Johnson, Mackinac Island State Park Manager. “Granted there is more work to be done, but our team is doing a fantastic job. We’ll be ready for the season.”

Roads that had been closed earlier this week, such as M-185 north from Arch Rock to British Landing, Arch Rock Road, Sugar Loaf Road, Fort Holmes Road, and Crooked Tree Road, among others, are now open. As such, landmarks such as Arch Rock, Fort Holmes, and Sugar Loaf are now accessible.

Most interior hiking and riding trails remain impassable and are closed at this time. Work on interior trails will continue into the 2025 tourist season.

“First and foremost, we thank our dedicated staff,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director. “We’re also grateful to the City of Mackinac Island, Mackinac Island Fire Department, Mackinac Island Police Department, the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, the Michigan National Guard, and others in helping us get so much of Mackinac Island State Park back open so we can welcome guests in a few short weeks.”

More information can be found here. A downloadable version of this release can be found here.

Additional photos available upon request.

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, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek, 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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