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## **Colonial Michilimackinac Visitor's Center Reopens Following Major Renovation**

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — After eight months of extensive renovations, Mackinac State Historic Parks is proud to announce the reopening of the Colonial Michilimackinac Visitor's Center for the 2025 season on June 20. This project, made possible through a \$35 million appropriation from the State of Michigan for infrastructure improvements, marks a significant transformation of one of the park's most important facilities.

"We are thrilled to open the doors on this beautifully renovated facility to the public," said Steve Brisson, Director of Mackinac State Historic Parks. "Whether it's purchasing tickets to Colonial Michilimackinac, seeking out more information on Michilimackinac State Park, or shopping at our museum store, we know our guests will enjoy a visit here."

Key enhancements to the visitor experience include:

- New, fully accessible restrooms, including attendant-accessible stalls.
- A centralized admissions, information, and store counter, streamlining service and improving the guest experience.
- Installation of heating and air conditioning, allowing year-round climate control.
- Energy-efficient windows and doors, along with major roof repairs, greatly improving the building's sustainability.
- A completely redesigned museum store.
- Patios on either end of the building.
- Improved staff facilities with relocated offices and expanded workspaces.
- Maximized storage capacity, utilizing the former theater space.

- A fresh new interior with light-colored walls and ceilings to brighten the space.
- A new timeline exhibit within the ticketed area, exploring the rich history of Michilimackinac State Park.

The updated Colonial Michilimackinac Visitor's Center is now open and ready to welcome guests for the 2025 season. The Visitor's Center is open 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily. Colonial Michilimackinac, a reconstructed fort and fur trading hub, is open 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily, with last admission/ticket sold at 6:00 p.m.

Many major programs and initiatives are supported by Mackinac Associates, friends preserving and sharing Mackinac's heritage.

For more information, visit [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com). 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](http://www.mackinacparks.com).*

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