

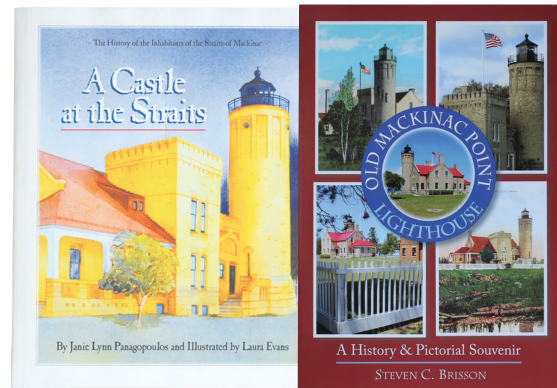
MAP & SCHEDULE

Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse was established in 1889. The fog signal went into operation in 1890 and the dwelling and tower were completed in 1892. For over 60 years, four generations of lighthouse keepers and their families lived at this station. Their devotion to duty helped ensure the safety of vessels in the Straits of Mackinac. The lights on the newly-completed Mackinac Bridge made the lighthouse unnecessary, and it was closed in 1957.



HISTORY TO TAKE HOME

The most rewarding keepsakes of your visit are original books published by Mackinac State Historic Parks.

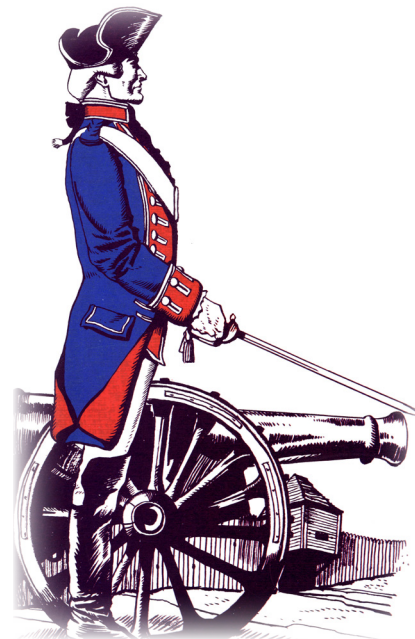


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YOUR AMERICAN REVOLUTION BEGINS AT MACKINAC.



Colonial Michilimackinac, across Michilimackinac State Park from Old Mackinac Point, was an outpost on the edge, yet the revolutionary events of 1775 impacted and altered the lives of the historic residents there. Join the interpretive staff daily at 1:00 p.m. for a special program exploring the year 1775.

At Fort Mackinac, on Mackinac Island, the events of 1775 directly led to the establishment of the fort and village. Various programs and exhibits inside Fort Mackinac detail its founding during the American Revolution.

HIGHLIGHTS

DEMONSTRATIONS

Historical interpreters will sound the whistle on the **Fog Signal Building 1** at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. daily.

TOWER TOURS

Tours of the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse **Tower 4** take place at scheduled times throughout the day. Space is limited to 10 people per tour, and tower tours times are assigned by the Guest Services Representative in the **Fog Signal Building 1**. Tours of the tower are offered at no charge, but are not guaranteed with admission. See the tower tour rules and tour times next to the map.

EXHIBITS

Five of the six structures on the grounds are open and available to explore.

- The **Keepers' Quarters 2** contains three rooms restored to their 1910 appearance and a gallery exhibit on the history of the lighthouse featuring hands-on displays and original artifacts, and an exhibit devoted to optics and lenses as well as sound and fog signals.
- The **Marshall Gallery 3** is located on the second floor of the **Keepers' Quarters 2**. This gallery space and two bedrooms have been restored to their 1910 appearance and tell the story of the keeper George Marshall, his wife Maggie, and their extended family as they lived here.
- The **Warehouse 6** contains the **Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Museum**, sharing the stories of ships and sailors lost in the straits.
- The **Oil House 7** and **Privy 8** are the newest additions to Old Mackinac Point, continuing efforts to restore the light station to its 1910 appearance.



MOVIES

Movies are shown in the **Barn 5**. *Shipwrecks of the Straits* goes in depth on four ships lost in the Straits of Mackinac, while *The Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Tower Tour* highlights the job of the lighthouse keeper. Movies alternate and play throughout the day.

VISITOR SERVICES

SHOPPING

The Museum Store is located in the **Fog Signal Building 1**, featuring publications, souvenirs, and specialty gift items.

RESTROOMS 9

are located adjacent to the **Parking Lot 10**, outside the lighthouse grounds.

REFRESHMENTS

Bottled water is available at the museum store inside the **Fog Signal Building 1**. Vending machines are located adjacent to the **Restrooms 9**.

COURTESIES

- Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse is a smoke-free site.
- Pets on leashes are welcome with the exception of the Tower Tour.
- Please silence electronic devices in the theater and during live demonstrations and tours.
- Please respect other guests and our resources during your visit.

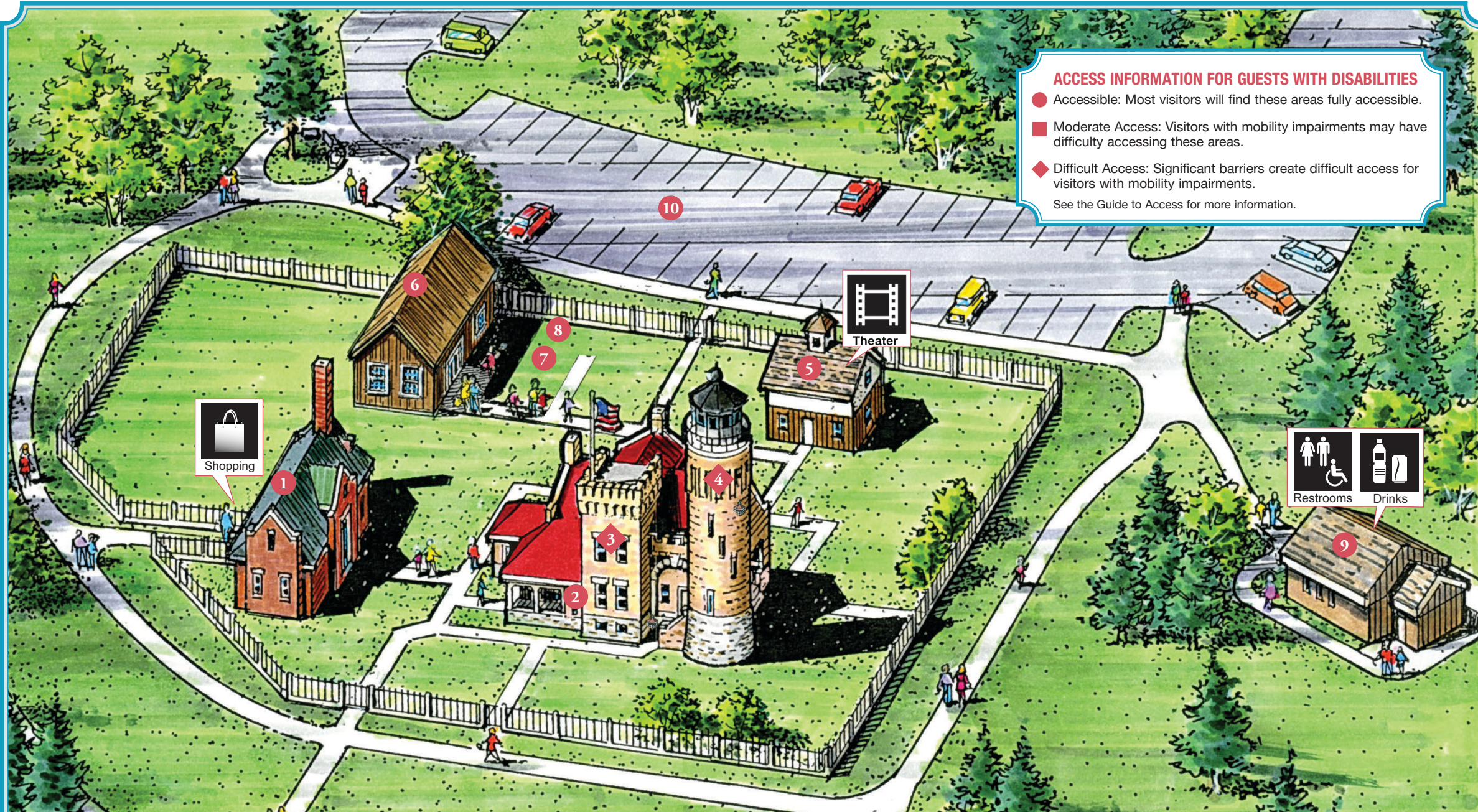


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Generous support for many programs and exhibits is provided by Mackinac Associates.

Find out how to become a member or how to make a donation in the **Fog Signal Building 1**.





ACCESS INFORMATION FOR GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Accessible: Most visitors will find these areas fully accessible.
 - Moderate Access: Visitors with mobility impairments may have difficulty accessing these areas.
 - ◆ Difficult Access: Significant barriers create difficult access for visitors with mobility impairments.
- See the Guide to Access for more information.

PLACES OF INTEREST

*Alternate program or entrance available. Please see the Guide to Access for information.

- 1 Fog Signal Building
- Entrance and Tickets
 - Museum Store
 - Fog Whistle Demonstration
 - Tower Tour Tickets

- 2 Keepers' Quarters
- Exhibits
- 3 Marshall Gallery*
- 4 Tower*

- 5 Barn*
- *Shipwrecks of the Straits* Movie
 - *The Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Tower Tour* Movie

- 6 Warehouse
- Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Museum
- 7 Oil House
- 8 Privy

- 9 Restrooms
- 10 Parking

TOWER TOUR RULES

FOR YOUR SAFETY YOU MUST:

- Be wearing shoes that fit securely. No thong-type flip flops.
- Have your hands free at all times. No carrying of belongings or children.
- Be over four feet tall.
- Be physically able to make the climb and fit through a narrow opening.

Tours of the **Tower** ◆ are offered at 9:30am, 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 3pm, 3:30pm, and, from June 3 - September 3, at 4:30pm and 5pm.

The tour is guided and lasts about 10 minutes. The climb is four stories up 51 narrow steps and an 11-rung, eight-foot ladder through a narrow hatchway. Persons with heart conditions or similar physical ailments, fear of heights, or fear of tight spaces should not climb the tower.

Tower tours are provided at no additional charge. Tours are assigned by the Guest Services Representative in the **Fog Signal Building** 1. A climb up the tower is not guaranteed with admission.

SEASONAL HOURS

May 6 - June 6
September 1 - October 5
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
last admission at 4:00 p.m.

June 7 - August 31
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
last admission at 5:00 p.m.



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