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Join Mackinac State Historic Parks for Wildlife Week at Historic Mill Creek June 21-29

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Things are about to get wild at Historic Mill Creek June 21–29 during Wildlife Week, a nine-day celebration of the birds, reptiles, and amphibians that call the site home.

Daily nature programs will highlight the diverse wildlife found in the woods and waters of Historic Mill Creek. Join naturalists on guided walks as they search for nesting warblers, frogs in the mill pond, and snakes slithering through the grass. You might also spot signs of more elusive residents like beavers, raccoons, foxes, and pileated woodpeckers.

“More than 225 species of birds have been observed on nearby Mackinac Island,” shares naturalist Kyle Bagnall. “Whether they have feathers, fur, or fins, wildlife of the North Woods exhibits diversity that just takes your breath away. We look forward to exploring Mackinac’s ‘wild side’ with our guests!”

Special programs will take place at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., and guests are encouraged to explore the three-plus miles of hiking trails on their own with a nature discovery scavenger hunt. In addition, regular sawpit and sawmill demonstrations will take place throughout the day, as well as regularly scheduled nature programs and guided walks. All special programs are included with regular admission.

Historic Mill Creek is 3.5 miles east of Mackinaw City on US 23. The site opens for the day at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m., with last admission/last ticket sold at 4:30 p.m. The site features a working water-powered sawmill, pitsaw demonstrations, naturalist programs, guided walks, artifact-rich exhibits, and more than three miles of hiking trails.

More information on the event can be found [here](#). Tickets can be found [here](#). A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). Additional pictures 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, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, 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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