



**CONTACT:** Dominick Miller  
[millerd44@michigan.gov](mailto:millerd44@michigan.gov)  
Mackinac State Historic Parks  
Phone: 906.847.3328  
[www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
July 31, 2025

## **Celebrate National Lighthouse Day, August 7, at the ‘Castle on the Straits’**

MACKINAW CITY, MI – Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse has served as a point in the storm and guiding beacon on the Straits of Mackinac for more than 130 years. On National Lighthouse Day, August 7, join the interpretive staff of Old Mackinac Point for games, tours, and more, as the ‘Castle on the Straits’ is celebrated.

Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse will be open 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., with special tours and programs throughout the day. Highlights include special walking tours and programs at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., yard games and lemonade at 12:00 p.m., and a special “Archaeology at Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse” program at 2:00 p.m. See below for a full list of events. All special programs are included with regular Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse admission.

Support for many Mackinac State Historic Parks programs comes from Mackinac Associates, friends preserving and sharing Mackinac’s heritage. More information can be found at [mackinacparks.com](http://mackinacparks.com). Additional photos provided upon request. A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#).

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, AUGUST 7**

9:00 a.m. Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Open for the Day

9:30 a.m. Tower Tour\*\*

10:00 a.m. Fog Signal Demonstration

10:30 a.m. Tower Tour\*\*

11:00 a.m. Tower Tour\*\* and Life at Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Tour

11:30 a.m. Tower Tour\*\*

12:00 p.m. Lemonade and Yard Games

1:00 p.m. Tower Tour\*\* and Inspecting a Lighthouse Program

1:30 p.m. Tower Tour\*\*

2:00 p.m. Archaeology at Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Program

2:30 p.m. Tower Tour\*\*

3:00 p.m. Tower Tour\*\* and Lighthouses of the Straits Tour

3:30 p.m. Tower Tour\*\*

4:00 p.m. Fog Signal Demonstration

4:30 p.m. Tower Tour\*\*

5:00 p.m. Tower Tour\*\*

5:30 p.m. Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse Closed for the Evening

\*\*Tower Tours provided on a first come, first served basis and are not guaranteed with admission. Rules apply. Inquire at the Fog Signal Building Museum Store upon arrival.

###

*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).*

###