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## **Mackinac State Historic Parks Hosting Three Upcoming Events on Mackinac Island**

MACKINAC ISLAND, MI – Mackinac State Historic Parks is hosting several free events in the coming days exploring Mackinac’s Forgotten Features, the cemeteries of Mackinac Island, and the War of 1812.

Mackinac’s Forgotten Features bicycle tour will take place Saturday, July 12 starting at 3:00 p.m. Led by Park Naturalist Kyle Bagnall, this tour will lead visitors on a search for features that are long lost, forgotten, or no longer exist. Hear tales of Deer Park, Listening Hill, Dousman’s Distillery, Chimney Rock, Mount Humbard, Wishing Spring, and more! This journey starts at the Avenue of Flags, behind Fort Mackinac, and covers about six miles. Participants should bring a good working bike, a drink of water, and a sense of adventure.

Next, join Interpretation Coordinator Jack Swartzinski for A Walk Through the Cemeteries of Mackinac Island on Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m. On this tour Swartzinski will guide guests through the Catholic, Protestant, and Military cemeteries, explaining the history of each while pointing out historic graves throughout. This tour will start at Ste. Anne’s Cemetery. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended, and guests are encouraged to prepare for the weather. The tour should last about an hour.

Finally, Chief Curator Craig Wilson will lead a War of 1812 Bike Tour on Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. On this tour guests will learn more about the War of 1812 and the Battle of Mackinac Island on a guided bicycle tour to Fort Holmes and the 1814 battlefield. Tour starts at the Fort Mackinac Avenue of

Flags. Guests will need to provide bicycles, and water is recommended. The tour will conclude at British Landing.

As noted, all tours are free, but donations are welcome. Bicycle tours require guests to bring their own bicycle. A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). Additional pictures available upon request. More information can be found [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

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*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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