



Mackinac Island State Park Commission  
Policy

2025 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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2025 TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
FOR MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION LICENSEES

Established in Accordance with

R313.134 -- Contracts with Licensees: "The commission shall annually enter into contracts with licensees for the purpose of prescribing conditions of operation."

and R318.111 through R318.146 of the Michigan Administrative Code

1. LICENSE FEES: R318.129 – Non-transferability of State License:

"The "state license identification plate" issued by the commission shall be securely and conspicuously attached to each vehicle without visible obstruction and shall not be transferred to any other vehicle, except with consent of the commission or its authorized agent."

\$30.00 per authorized commercial vehicle or saddle horse, plus \$8 license identification plate charge per vehicle.

License plates shall be conspicuously displayed on the lower rear of the vehicle only and shall not be obstructed from view in any way.

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Any rates under the maximum allowed by the Commission may be set by the licensee, but these rates shall not exceed the rates established herein.

- Sightseeing carriage licenses #51-55 may be used for weddings and other special events. Rates may be negotiated by the licensee directly with the patron.

- Liveries shall serve no more than eight persons.

Livery parking within Mackinac Island State Park shall occur only at the foot of Marquette Park within the designated livery carriage area.

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| d. Drive-Yourself | \$120.00 per hour for two-passenger carriages<br>\$140.00 per hour for four-passenger carriages<br>\$160.00 per hour for XL 4-passenger carriages (formerly referred to as six-passenger carriages)   |
| e. Taxi           | Zone A: \$9.00 per person (minimum two fares) between the business section and any hotel<br><br>Zone B: \$10.00 per person (minimum two fares) between Grand Hotel and Mission Point Resort<br><br>Zone C: \$9.00 per person (minimum two fares) between the business section and Harrisonville or West Bluff |

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Zone D: \$10.00 per person (minimum two fares) between the business section and East Bluff, Fort Mackinac or Hubbard's Annex

Zone E: \$11.00 per person (minimum two fares) between business section, Stonecliffe, Cemeteries, Turtle Park or airport

Zone F: \$11.50 per person (minimum three fares) between business section, Woodbluff subdivision or Wawashkamo

Zone G: \$11.50 per person (minimum four fares) between the business section and Stonebrook, British Landing, Silver Birches, power plant or points in city of similar distance.

Half fare for children 5-12 and free for children under 5.

\$1.00 may be charged for each piece of luggage over three per fare. Waiting time may be charged at \$1.00 per minute.

Taxis may load to reasonable capacity with diverse passengers all going in the same general direction.

f. Saddle Horses                      \$75.00 per hour

3. **INSURANCE:** Licensees shall be required to carry public liability insurance with minimum limits of \$25,000 property damage and \$100,000 bodily injury, and those who carry passengers-for-hire shall be required to carry such insurance with minimum limits of \$100,000 property damage and \$300,000 bodily injury per occurrence and aggregate. Licensees carrying passengers-for-hire in carriages with a capacity of 12 persons or more shall be required to carry such insurance with minimum limits of \$250,000 property damage and \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate bodily injury, and an excess liability policy of \$1,000,000. Copies of these policies shall be supplied to the Commission, and the policies shall insure the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and State of Michigan as additional insureds, and provide ten day advance notice of cancellation to the Commission. Licensees shall affirmatively protect the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, its servants, agents, and employees from any claims and demands and liability occasioned by the issuance of their licenses, and further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, and any of their agents from any claims and demands occasioned by the issuance of these licenses, except for those claims arising solely out of the negligence of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

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4. ROUTES:

- a. Sightseeing                      Carriage Road to Cupid's Pathway, Cupid's Pathway to Cemetery Road (formerly Custer Road), Cemetery Road (formerly Custer Road) to Garrison Road, Garrison Road to Rifle Range Road, Rifle Range Road to Arch Rock Road, Arch Rock Road to Huron Road, Huron Road to Carriage Road, and Carriage Road to Cadotte Road with an intermediate stop at the Avenue of Flags entrance to Fort Mackinac to discharge or collect passengers. Sightseeing carriages that are licensed to be used and are being used for weddings and other special events may use all park roads with the exception of Algonquin Road and other roads as restricted by park regulations.
  
- b. Hayride                              Begin in town, travel behind Jewel Golf Course, to Fort Mackinac, to Mission Hill and return to town.  
  
   or  
  
   Begin in town, travel to Surrey Hill, Carriage Road to Skull Cave, Garrison Road to Huron Road to Mission Hill, and return to town.
  
- c. Livery, Drive-Yourself, and Saddle Horses  
   May use all park roads with the exception of Algonquin Road and other roads as restricted by park regulations.
  
- d. Livery                                Licensed livery carriages may await passengers in areas designated by the Commission in front of Marquette Park, and may collect fees at that location.

5. UNIFORMS: Licensees will require that all driving personnel be neatly and uniformly attired.

6. ROAD CLEANING: It shall be the responsibility of the licensees to keep the major State Park roads free from manure, litter, and defilement. In order to distribute the responsibility equitably a street sweeping fee will be charged according to the established State Park formula to cover these expenses. With the approval of the State Park director, a licensee may provide staff or services as a substitute for some or all of the street sweeping fee.

General supervision and oversight is provided by the park manager.

7. DRAYS: All commercial drays shall supply the Commission with a rate sheet prior to the issuance of licenses.

8. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** The Commission reserves the right to review audited financial information prior to any consideration of adjustments in rates.
9. **GENERAL:** Carriage operators and their drivers shall refrain from personal references to cottage owners or their families.
10. **ADHESIVE BACKED STICKERS:** Adhesive backed decal and stickers may not be used or distributed by licensees.