

1 Colonial Michilimackinac



Michilimackinac, home to one of the longest on-going archaeological projects of its kind, was founded in 1715 as a French fur-trading village and military outpost. It was here where fur traders and Indians rendezvoused, French and British officers organized war parties and explorers began their journeys into the vast western unknown. It was later occupied by the British who abandoned it in 1780 to establish a new fort on Mackinac Island. Open early May - mid October. 102 Straits Avenue. mackinacparks.com

2 Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse & Shipwreck Museum



Built in 1892, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse served as a beacon of safety in the Straits of Mackinac for more than 60 years. Enjoy interactive exhibits, informative galleries, and the Straits of Mackinac Shipwreck Museum. 526 North Huron Avenue. mackinacparks.com

3 The Headlands International Dark Sky Park



The Headlands, a 600-acre thickly forested gem situated along the clear blue expanse of Lake Michigan, is one of the few International Dark Sky Parks in the country. The Headlands possesses exceptional natural darkness, starry skies and natural nocturnal habitat. Dark Skies programs are available. The Park contains pristine woodlands, more than 2 miles of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline and many species of rare and endangered plant life. Visitors to the Headlands may experience sightings of the many wild animals native to the area including: bald eagles, osprey, white tail deer, wild turkeys, coyotes and occasionally a black bear. Marked nature trails guide hikers, cross-country skiers, and nature photographers to experience the park throughout the changing seasons. The "Beach House" and the "Guest House" are available for rental. emmetcounty.org/headlands

4 Mackinac Bridge



The Mackinac Bridge, built in 1957, is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. The total length of the bridge is 26,372 ft. The height of the towers soar 553 ft above the water. The 1,024,500 ton structure features 42,000 miles of cable. Each year on Labor Day, the bridge is opened to walkers traveling from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City. mackinacbridge.org

Mackinaw Bridge Museum: (Mackinac Bridge is spelled with a "c", but the Museum is spelled with a "w" to denote that it is in Mackinaw City). This FREE museum features a narrated video of the bridge construction and displays of the artifacts used. Come and see the nation's largest collection of bridge artifacts! Open daily 8 am - 10 pm May 1st - October 30. Located at 231 E Central Avenue upstairs from Mama Mia's Pizza.

5 Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum



"An American Hero Story" The "Queen of the Great Lakes", built as part of the war effort during WWII, the Mackinaw (WAGB-83) was the most powerful and capable icebreaker in the world and is still the standard by which icebreakers are measured. For 62 years, she served the Great Lakes shipping industry. She was decommissioned June 10, 2006. Daily tours are available May - October. 231-436-9825. themackinaw.org

6 Mackinaw Heritage Village



Heritage Village recreates the period between 1880-1917. The 141-acre site features historic buildings including a one-room School House, a 1900 Pestilence House, Heritage Chapel, a restored log home, a sawmill, a Native American plank house, hiking trails, and Nature Center. Visit the village any day daylight hours year round and take advantage of buildings being open Sundays from 10-2 pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day. For more information on our buildings and attractions use our Audio Tour by phoning 231-486-0003 and keying in stops 201-219. With more to be added in 2021. Check us out on Facebook too! mackinawhistory.org

7 Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows



The Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows are a journey back into the late 1800's when logging was king in the northwoods of Michigan. Watch as two rival camps compete for the title, "Bull of the Woods" in chopping, sawing, pole climbing and log rolling. 1.5 miles south of Mackinaw City on US 23. 231-436-5225. jackpinelumberjackshows.com

8 Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park



The site of the first industrial settlement in the Straits area. Hear the rush of water powering a reconstructed sawmill as you experience a sawmill demonstration. Participate in the sawpit method of lumber production. Immerse yourself in nature trails and interactive exhibits. Climb a 50-foot tower. Experience the adrenaline of the park naturalist-guided Adventure Tour, which includes the Eagles Flight Zip Line, Forest Canopy Bridge, and Nature Trail Climbing Wall. Less than 5 minutes from Mackinaw City on US 23 south. mackinacparks.com

Check out our video series featuring... *Historic Mill Creek*

Also featuring: Shipwreck Alley, Ocqueoc Falls, Silence (winter attractions) and Tuttle Marsh!

9 North Central State Trail & North Eastern State Trail



North Central State Trail: The 62-mile rail trail between Gaylord and Mackinaw City has a surface of compacted limestone that is suitable for virtually any bicycle tire. Its uses include not only bicycling but also walking, horseback riding, and, in the winter, snowmobiling. Trailheads in Gaylord, Vanderbilt, Wolverine, Indian River, Cheboygan, and Mackinaw City.

North Eastern State Trail: Traversing 71 miles between Alpena and Cheboygan, this trail joins up with the North Central State Trail just south of Lincoln Street in Cheboygan. With a crushed limestone surface, this trail follows the path first made possible by the lumber industry in the need to transport lumber by rail. trailscouncil.org

10 Lighthouses



Michigan lighthouses were beacons of brilliance as they guided sailors along the Michigan coastline. While some lighthouses are still in operation, others have been converted to museums in order to share their stories. The Straits Area boasts numerous lighthouses and lighthouse ruins to view and explore: Old Mackinac Point Light, McGulpin Point Light, Cheboygan Crib Light, Cheboygan River Front Range Lighthouse, Poe Reef Light, Fourteen Foot Shoal Light, Spectacle Reef Light, and the Bois Blanc Lighthouse. Visit the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association at gllka.com. (231) 436-5580.

11 Cheboygan & Mackinaw Marinas

The Mackinaw City Municipal Marina, Straits State Harbor, the Cheboygan County Marina and the Cheboygan Municipal Marina all provide an expansive view of the Straits! All accept reservations on-line at: midnrreservations.com.

12 Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw



The WLBB-30 is a 240-foot icebreaker and buoy tender equipped with state-of-the-art navigation and engineering systems. Its duties include icebreaking, search & rescue, navigation aid, Homeland Security, public relations and marine environmental protection.

13 Cheboygan Opera House



The Opera House, originally constructed in 1877, was restored in 1984. This acoustically superb theater has become a focal point for entertainment in the Straits Area. 403 N. Huron Street. Call 231-627-5432 for concert schedules, tickets, and information. (Box Office 231-627-5841). theoperahouse.org

14 The Inland Waterway



The Inland Waterway encompasses a 38.2-mile route from Lake Huron to Crooked Lake. In between, you travel the Cheboygan River, Mullett Lake, Indian River, Burt Lake, Crooked River and into Crooked Lake. This unique chain of lakes and rivers was once a vital means of transportation for the area. Visitors will travel through two locks - one located in Cheboygan and the other near Alanson. The 38-mile waterway is a unique adventure sure to please any boating enthusiast. From wildlife and scenic beauty to water skiing, tubing and swimming...the Inland Waterway has it all. michiganwatertrails.org/northeast.asp

15 Cheboygan County History Center

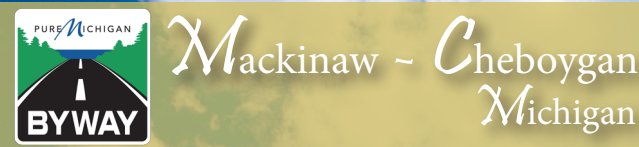


Located at Huron and Court Streets in Cheboygan, the complex consists of four buildings which house artifacts and historic exhibits of the past. The grounds also display the Memorial Rose Garden and beautiful perennial garden. 427 Court Street. Open Memorial Day through September, Tuesday - Saturday 1-4 pm. cheboyganhistorycenter.org

Tourism Information 2021

- Michigan DNR michigan.gov/dnr
- Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce mackinawchamber.com 1-231-436-5574
- Mackinaw Area Visitor's Bureau mackinawcity.com 1-800-666-0160
- Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau cheboygan.com 1-800-968-3302
- Indian River Chamber of Commerce irchamber.com 231-238-9325
- Sunrise Coast Birding Trail 145-mile birding trail sunrisecoastbirding.org
- Up North Trails 5,300 miles of trails in Northern MI upnorthtrails.org
- ARTrail 200-mile arts & culture trail artownmichigan.org

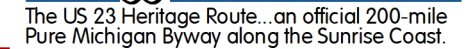
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