

Mackinac Island Calendar of Events 2008

Subject to change

January 2008 Ongoing Events

Year 'round ongoing-Mackinac State Park open daily, free admission
Spring, summer, fall ongoing-hiking, biking, roller blading-Mackinac State Park.
Winter ongoing-Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking-weather permitting

February 2008 Ongoing Events

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Winter ongoing-Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking-weather permitting
February 2-3 Mackinac Island Recreation Department Winterfest 2008
Loads of outdoor fun at Great Turtle Park, snow volleyball, frozen fish toss, golf and a great bonfire with dogs, marshmallows, hot chocolate and more.

February 3 Superbowl Parties at Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub and the Village Inn
Great drinks, good grub, pro-football...what else is there?

February 14 Valentine Concert with pianist John Kissane
Known for his melodic piano style at Mission Point's Epicurean Restaurant, John Kissane is performing a special evening of romantic piano at Ste Anne's Church. 7pm, free concert.

February 15-17 Winter Fun Weekend 2008

Village Inn Friday night fish fry, Village Inn chili cook-off, cross country ski/walk memento postcard poster rally, 11th annual winter ice stone skipping contest, winter hayride, Sunday pancake and sausage breakfast with their award winning Bloody Mary.

February 18 President's Day Observed

March 2008 Ongoing Events

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Spring, summer, fall ongoing-hiking, biking, roller blading-Mackinac State Park.
Winter ongoing-Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking-weather permitting

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub

March 23 Ste Anne Church Easter Mass

The church is the nation's oldest dedicated to Saint Anne, and maintains baptismal records dating from April 1695

April 2008 Ongoing Events

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Spring, summer, fall ongoing-hiking, biking, roller blading-Mackinac State Park.
Winter ongoing-Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking-weather permitting
TBA Ferry Service Resumes-Arnold Line Ferry resumes service from St. Ignace
Late April Summer Horses return to the Island from winter break via Arnold Line. If you have ever wanted to see the horses return, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours begins bringing horses to the Island several days a week from late April through mid May.

April 25 Grand Hotel Early Opening

Excellent room rates, behind the scenes tours of the hotel, movies nightly...a great way for any fan of Grand Hotel to see how they get ready for the full season, a very exciting time at Grand. Limited rooms available.

April 26 2nd Annual Geocaching Spring Fling The Cyclops family has over 50 caches on the island and coordinate this great event for geocaching enthusiasts to enjoy the Island as the wildflowers begin to bloom. Grand Hotel is offering rooms in the Millennium Wing for \$150* per room per night and the four bedroom Masco Cottage will be available for \$650* per night. All stays are on the European Plan, no meals are included in the room rate. A complimentary breakfast basket along with a hotel tour will also be included.

*Subject to Michigan 6% sales tax, and \$6.50 per person, baggage handling charge. Dates subject to availability.

May 2008 Peak season ongoing (In general from mid-June through Labor Day)
Summer workers Night-Friday nights, Ste Anne Church mid June-mid August
Square dancing-Weekly during peak season, Ste Anne Church

May 2 Grand Hotel's Opening Day for the new season

May 6 Fort Mackinac Opening Day

This island fortress may be visited seven days a week until season's end on October 12.

May 9-11 Mother's Day Weekend
Mission Point Resort Bridal Show

May 17 18th Annual Zoo de Mack

The Zoo-de-Mackinac is a weekend of huge parties with great bands, one of the most scenic bicycle rides in the country, a lot of sunshine, views of the mighty Mackinac Bridge, and one magical island. For room availability, [click here](#).

May 20 Once in a Blue Moon-A great day of glorious fun to celebrate the blue moon

May 26 Memorial Day Observance, Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery

A brief and informal Memorial Day observance to pay tribute to the soldiers who served at Fort Mackinac. Soldiers will assemble at 8:30 a.m. at Fort Mackinac, then will march to the cemetery, perform a short ceremony and salute and return to the fort. Free. Promptly at 8:30am (it takes about 30 minutes to walk to Post Cemetery from Downtown).

Fort Mackinac hosts a number of historical encampments throughout the season featuring costumed 18 th and 19 th. century re-enactors joining the forts' troops in military demonstrations, fashion shows and camp life. Call 231-436-4100 or visit mackinacparks.com for specific encampment groups, dates and times.

June 2008

June 4 Governor's Summer Residence Tour

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June 7 Mackinac Island Historic Downtown Buildings, Mackinac Island State Park, Mackinac's 19 th. century fur trade community comes to life at the Biddle House, American Fur Company Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum and the McGulpin House. See a blacksmith demonstrate the trade at the Benjamin Blacksmith Shop. Cooking and craft demonstrations at Biddle House. Mission Church open but not staffed. Downtown Buildings from 11:00am - 6:00pm, Mission Church, Noon – 4:00pm

June 6-15 Mackinac Island Lilac Festival

The 10-day celebration is the first and largest summer event on the Island, attracting thousands of visitors each year. A celebration that blends the Island's historic varieties of lilacs – many of which were brought here during the mid 1800's; distinctive equestrian culture; fine food, drink and accommodations plus a range of other activities, the festival is one of the Island's biggest attractions. The festival celebrates its most recognized botanical symbol, the lilac, while emphasizing its international, cultural and historic appeal
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June 12 Lilac Festival: A Taste of Mackinac

Held on the lawn of the Harbour View Inn this culinary event gives all an opportunity to sample favorites served by chefs from the Island's restaurants. Cuisine ranges from colonial to contemporary and includes fares such as Austrian, French, Irish, Italian, New England, Jamaican and Southwestern. Mackinac Island hosts an international workforce each season, which in turn gives visitors the opportunity to try recipes brought by chefs from around the globe.

June 14 Lilac Festival Feast of Epona: Mackinac Island Dog and Pony Show

The literal Dog and Pony show will include a blessing of the animals, pony appreciation, equine etiquette, Epona and Barkus Parade theme doggie dress up contest, informal best-in-show awards, agility competitions and more. Named one of the top 10 pet-friendly places in the U.S. by National Geographic Kids, Mackinac Island is home to more than 600 horses, hundreds of dogs and offers numerous dog-friendly properties: including Sunset Condos, Harbor Place Studio Suites and Mission Point Resort. For pet friendly restaurants, shops and attractions, click here.

June 15 Lilac Festival: Grand Parade

The Lilac Festival Grand Parade is the finale of the festival and occurs at 5pm on Father's day. This delightfully American parade is one of the largest small town all hitch horse parades in America.

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June 21 Mackinac Associates - G. Mennen Williams Celebration

This Mackinac Associates members only annual event will be held on Mackinac Island at Bill and Sharon Hahn's Hubbard's Annex Cottage. 6pm. Join Mackinac Associates today, and become one of the many "friends perserving Mackinac's heritage" for future generations.

June 23 Star Line Ferry Sunset Cruise

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July 4

Annual Stoneskipping & Gerplunking Club -10am, Windermere Point at Hotel Iroquois on the Beach. Listen to NPR's Michele Norris talk with Eric Steiner, play-by-play announcer for the Mackinac Island stone-skipping contest about the pro division of the 31st annual Mackinac Island stone-skipping contest. All are invited to participate in this not to be missed crazy fun event. Donations support the Mackinac Island Public Library.

A Star Spangled Fourth

Fort Mackinac is decked out in patriotic finery with banners, flags and bunting. It is an 1880s Independence Day, with 38-gun salutes honoring the states of the period, performances of patriotic music, and children's games. Guests join the party and participate in dances and games on the fort parade ground. 1:30pm & 7:00pm

All American Picnic

The historic parade grounds at Fort Mackinac host the picnic of the year. Checkered red-and-white tablecloths spread on the grass of Fort Mackinac's parade ground create a patchwork quilt welcoming visitors with Grand Hotel's all-you-can-eat BBQ ribs, grilled chicken breasts, hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers, corn on the cob, and a slew of salads, fixings and desserts. Tickets available in advance at the Mackinac State Park Visitor Center on the harbor or by calling (906) 847-3328 (Note: Picnic guests are welcome to stay for the fireworks over Haldimand Bay).

Windermere Point- Fireworks at dusk (approx. 9:45pm)

July 5 Around the Island Yacht Race presented by the Pink Pony and the Mackinac Island Yacht Club. Skippers meeting at 12:30pm at Mackinac Island Yacht Club, race begins at 2pm. All those with sailboats invited to race, contact Mackinac Island Yacht Club to enter.

July 6 Workshop: Everything you wanted to know about Self-Publishing, presented by Triad Publishing, 7:30pm, Little Stone Church

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July 12-16 84th Annual Bay View to Mackinac Race

Steeped in the seafaring tradition of the Great Lakes, the Mackinac Race has long attracted the most talented sailors and the best boats from across the country and around the world. Each year sailors converge each July for a most singular challenge, to compete in one of the longest fresh water races in the world.

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July 19 Vintage Base Ball Game

Fort Mackinac Scout Barracks A vintage game of "baseball" as it was meant to be played: barehanded and by gentlemen's rules on the Scout Barracks ball field behind Fort Mackinac. Learn an old-fashioned cheer, watch players fined for smoking cigars on the field, and enjoy a real rivalry! A vintage game of "base ball" as it was meant to be played, barehanded and by gentlemen's rules on the old soldiers' parade ground base ball field, the oldest continually used ball field in Michigan. The game pits the Fort Mackinac Never Sweats against the Grangers of Rochester, Michigan. Family \$15, Adult \$5, Youth (6-17) \$3, Children 5 & under free. Dogs, cracker jacks, suds and more catered by Grand Hotel. Game begins at 7pm.

July 19-23 100th Annual Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac

Starting in 1898 with a mere five boats, The Mac has evolved into a world class sporting event. Although the Mac remains primarily an amateur event, this race has a proven track record of attracting some of the finest sailing talent in the sport. Last year, Doug DeVos' record breaking Windquest and 2006 Volvo Ocean Race winner ABN AMRO TWO, skippered by Mike Sanderson, were the boats to watch. Although neither monohull beat the record of 23 hours, 30 minutes, and 34 seconds, set by Roy Disney's Pyewacket in 2002. Steve Fossett on Stars and Stripes set the multihull record of 18 hours, 50 minutes, and 32 seconds in 1998. The unpredictable weather and fickle winds on Lake Michigan make the Race to Mackinac a supreme test, which many competitors feel rivals any ocean race. As one veteran sailor put it, "It's fun, but it's serious fun."

Sailors from Maine to California make this race an invariable part of their summer. Moreover, each year the Mac hosts sailors from as far off as Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australia.

July 23 Chicago to Mackinac Round the Island Race

To commemorate the 100th running of the Chicago to Mackinac Race, all sailors are invited to participate in this celebratory around the Island race. All those with sailboats invited to race, contact Mackinac Island Yacht Club to enter.

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TBA Mackinac Horsemen Association- Annual Fundraiser,
Horses, Hoof beats & Hors D'oeuvres, Mission Hill Stable

July 24-26 Mackinac-Manitoulin Yacht Race-Mackinac Yacht Club & Little Current Yacht Club.
All those with sailboats invited to race, contact Mackinac Island Yacht Club to enter.

July 26 Fireworks over the Mackinac Bridge-The Mackinac Bridge is currently the third longest suspension bridge in the world. Highlights include a parade from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City and a huge fireworks display over the bridge at dusk. Come watch from the Mackinac Island shore at Windermere Point.

July 28 Star Line Ferry Sunset Cruise

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August 2 Benjamin Blacksmith Convention

Market Street becomes a center of blacksmithing activity when more than a dozen regional blacksmiths use traditional tools and techniques to complete a project for Mackinac State Historic Parks. Admission included with Fort Mackinac or Historic Downtown ticket. 11:00am-6:00pm

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August 10 38th Annual Mackinac Island Horse Show at Great Turtle Park presented by the Mackinac Horsemen's Association. Events include showmanship & grooming, leadline & costume class, bareback, walk/trot, english & western equitation, over fence barrel racing and tailgate party, Mackinac Island style.

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August 13 Tombstone Tales

A guided walking tour of Mackinac Island's Post, St. Ann's Catholic and Protestant cemeteries. Meets at Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery on Garrison Road, 8pm sharp. Family \$30, Adult, \$10, Youth, \$6, under 5 free (it will take 15-20 minutes to walk to Post Cemetery from the North Entrance of Fort Mackinac or allow 30 minutes from downtown). Begins at 8:00pm

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August 19-21 Mackinac Island Music Festival

Fourth Annual Music Festival featuring all genres of music at various locations all over the Island. This is a great family event for all ages and benefits the non-profit Mackinac Arts Council. While many events are ticketed or in clubs, the hoedown is free, so bring a blanket and sprawl out on the lawn and enjoy the music and the spectacular view of the straits of Mackinac. Headlining this year's festival is Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels at Mission Point Resort.

August 20 Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels with special guests Switchback, presented in conjunction with the Mackinac Island Music Festival on behalf of the Mackinac Arts Council. Tickets: \$35 per ticket at the door, \$32 presale tickets, \$28 blocks of 24 or more, children under 12 free, 7:30pm Presented by Mission Point Resort at Mission Point Resort Theatre.

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August 21 Mackinac Island Music Festival Hoedown, fun, family style concert featuring John D. Lamb, Forbes Brothers, Kraig Kenning, Shout Sister Shout (Steppin in it with Rachel Davis), The Mickeys and Rick Niemi with Shotgun Willie, Grand Wagon Stage adjacent to Grand Hotel Tennis Courts at the foothills of Grand Hotel. 1:00pm-5:30pm, free

August 22-23 4th Annual Mackinac Island Fudge Festival

For more than a century, Mackinac Island's fudge has been an institution that's become famous worldwide. Celebrate Mackinac Fudge during this festival. Experience the delight of the Children's Ballet Theatre of Michigan, be awed by the Great Kite Ascension, fun in the Great Outdoors with select appearances by Miss Michigan Sugar and the ultimate "Daddy...I want the Golden Ticket & I want it Now!" Vacation Giveaway by finding the Golden Ticket at select fudge shops.

August 27 Governor's Summer Residence Tour

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August 31 Horn's Bar Labor Day Regatta. All those with sailboats invited to race, contact Mackinac Island Yacht Club to enter.

September 2008

September 1 51st Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk

Join thousands of folks who cross the world's third largest suspension bridge. Five miles of fun!!!

September 6 Mackinac Island Eight Mile Run/Walk

Over 2000 runners and walkers will gather at Mission Point Resort to run and walk the 8 mile perimeter of Mackinac Island. Participants will begin the race by traveling past Victorian homes, the boat harbor and a myriad of shops and hotels in downtown Mackinac Island. Once through town, the route follows the shoreline of the Straits of Mackinac featuring breathtaking views of the Mackinac Bridge, neighboring islands and historic rock formations, finishing at waters edge on the lawn of Mission Point. This course is fast and flat but the scenery is so beautiful, you may just decide to relax and enjoy!

September 19-20 Festival of the Falling Leaves Moon

Learn about Mackinac Island's past and present while celebrating the heritage of the Anishnaabeg, loosely translated into English as "The People," or "The Original People." The Anishnaabeg are commonly known today as the Ojibway (or Chippewa). Storytelling, crafts, music and more. Annual fall sales begin at downtown shops and restaurants celebrate the falling leaves with innovative specials. This weekend is a very special time on Mackinac Island.

October 2008

October 10-12 Destination Dream Wedding Weekend-Symposium with wedding professionals, ceremony and reception site tours, family events, bridal party events, pub crawls and more.

October 24-26 Somewhere in Time Weekend at Grand Hotel

Fans of the cult classic filmed on Mackinac Island gather at Grand Hotel to relive the past and share their affection for this love story. Cast and crew members attend, tour locations from popular scenes in the film and enjoy everything in grand style. Guests are encouraged to don attire appropriate to 1912-the Edwardian Era.

October 24-25 Samhain (summer's end) Weekend

In the celtic world, Samhain marks the end of summer and the beginning of the new year or winter and a time to commemorate the souls of the blessed dead. With the rise of Christianity, it was changed to Halloween and remains a joyous time of family reunion.

Enjoy the Mackinac Island Great Turtle Run/Walk, Whishing Stone Toss, Trick or Treating and great grown up Halloween parties at the pubs.