

Mackinac Island is world-renowned as the place to get away from it all and relax. But when you're looking for something to do, there's plenty to find! Mackinac Island has something to do for everyone – rain or shine.

Start your adventure...

1. HORSES ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Narrated horse-drawn carriage tours are a great way to see Mackinac Island. Both **public** and **private tours** are available for about an hour or hour and 45-minute tour. But that's not all the horse activities! Check out **Cindy's Riding Stable** for saddle-horse riding options or **Jack's Livery** for a one-of-a-kind drive-yourself carriage experience. Cindy's Riding Stable requires children to be 10 years old and 50 inches tall to ride with them. If you have little ones, stop by Cindy's, Jack's, or the Grand Hotel Stables to see the horses of Mackinac up close and personal!

2. FORT MACKINAC FOR FAMILIES

Live cannon and rifle firing demonstrations, original buildings from the Revolutionary War, and a robust kids quarter makes **Fort Mackinac** a must-see for families. And bonus! Not only does a Fort Mackinac ticket get you into the Fort, it's also good for 3 other attractions on Mackinac Island. This includes the **Biddle House & Mackinac Island Native American Museum and Benjamin Blacksmith Shop**, the **Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum** (with air conditioning, great for a rainy or hot summer day!), and the **American Fur Company Store and Dr. Beaumont Museum**.

3. BIKING AND HIKING MACKINAC ISLAND

With over 70 miles of trails and 8.2 miles of paved road on the perimeter of the island, Mackinac Island is an outdoor enthusiast's dream come true. Explore the endless trails with vistas and bluffs overlooking the Straits of Mackinac. **Bring your own bikes to Mackinac Island (for an additional ferry fee) or rent bikes** at one of the island's many bike rental locations. They have all kinds of bike options from tandems to mountain bikes, kid bikes, tag-alongs and buggies for transporting younger children. Another option is to take a **walking tour** or **bicycle tour** from a local guide! Be sure to stop by our Tourism Bureau office for a **complimentary Mackinac Island map!**

4. ENJOY A BOAT CHARTER

Enjoy a day on the water around Mackinac Island! **Brown Eyed Girl Boat Charters** can accommodate small groups or parties and provides a custom excursion for your family.

5. VISIT NATURAL FORMATIONS AND HISTORICAL STRUCTURES ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Venture into the interior of the Island to find Arch Rock, Sugar Loaf, Fort Holmes, Crack-in-the-Island, Cave of the Woods, or the Mackinac Island Post Cemetery. Mackinac Island is filled with robust natural and historical history!

6. BUTTERFLY HOUSES ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Mackinac Island has not one but TWO butterfly houses! **Wings of Mackinac** opened in 1997 and is located up at Surrey Hill, a stop along the public Carriage Tours route. The **Original Butterfly House and Insect World** is the first of its kind in Michigan and the third oldest live butterfly exhibit in the U.S. Located behind Ste. Anne's church, you'll be mesmerized by these magical creatures.

7. TAKE A FISHING CHARTER

Relax and enjoy an exciting day of fishing with **E.U.P. Fishing and Charters**. Their 27-foot sport fishing boat has a hardtop, cuddy cabin, and clean private bathroom.

8. PLAYGROUNDS ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Playgrounds are always a favorite for families visiting the Island. There are 3 playgrounds on Mackinac Island. One is in Marquette Park behind the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Museum. A second is at the Mackinac Island Public School on the boardwalk on the west side of the downtown area. And the final playground is in the interior of the Island at Great Turtle Park.

9. ART AT WATERCOLOR CAFÉ

Watercolor Café offers kids art classes throughout the season. Visit their website to see a schedule. They also sell art kits, coloring sheets, and different art-themed goods to enjoy while grabbing a bite to eat!

10. PUTT-PUTT GOLF AT THE GREENS OF MACKINAC AT MISSION POINT RESORT

Test your golf game on the Greens of Mackinac, an **18-hole natural grass putting course at Mackinac Island's Mission Point Resort**. It's fun during the day or for even more of a challenge, try glo-golf at night! Tucked away in the natural grounds of Grand Hotel at the **Woodlands Activity Centers sits The Gem – an 18-hole mini golf course**. It's a little bit of fancy and a whole lot of fun!

11. ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Toss a Frisbee, fly a kite, kick the ball around, or play catch on the green spaces of Mackinac Island. The Great Lawn at Mission Point Resort, Windermere Point on the west side of downtown, and Marquette Park are great options to play outdoor games. Visit **Great Turtle Toys**, a robust toy store with diverse selections, for all your outdoor activity needs. *Flying kites is not allowed at Marquette Park. Please enjoy flying kites at Windermere Point or the Great Lawn at Mission Point Resort.*

12. MAZE OF MIRRORS ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Find your way through the **life-size Maze of Mirrors** on Mackinac Island. Located next to the Murray Hotel, it's fun for the whole family!

13. HAUNTED THEATER ON MACKINAC ISLAND

What was once a Motion Picture theater is now a haunted theater. Make your way through the **Haunted Theater of Mackinac Island** and experience monsters from Mackinac's history.

14. KAYAK, SNORKEL, AND VENTURE OUT ON A STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Kayak into the sunset, coast on a stand-up paddleboard off the coast of Arch Rock, and explore a rock maze in the underwater caves off the coast of Mackinac Island. **Great Turtle Kayak Tours** is your go-to guide for all things water on Mackinac Island.

15. PARASAILING MACKINAC ISLAND

See Mackinac from the sky! Take off and land directly from the flight deck for a smooth, safe, and dry parasail flight with **Mackinaw Parasailing**. Single, double, and triple flyer options are available!

16. PICNIC IN THE PARK

What better way to slow down from the busyness of it all than to have an old-fashion picnic in the park. Order to-go food from **one of the many restaurants** on Mackinac or make a stop at **America's oldest grocery store, Doud's Market!** They have everything you would imagine at a grocery store plus a deli section with both hot and cold grab & go selections.

17. MACKINAC ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mackinac Island Public Library is a picturesque library located right on the lakeshore. It's a quiet place to go on a hot or rainy day and features a kids' corner for families!

18. GEOCACHING ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Over **100 active geocaches** are on Mackinac Island. Geocaching is like a real-life treasure hunt with the perks of doing it on one of the most historical and beautiful places in Michigan!

19. DISC GOLF ON MACKINAC ISLAND

A 9-hole disc golf course is located in Great Turtle Park in the middle of the Island. Here you will also find a basketball court, soccer field, baseball field, equestrian area, picnic pavilion, and playground.