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French explorers and missionaries traveled through the Straits in the middle of the 17th century and

Father Jacques Marquette established a mission at St. Ignace in 1671. The French fur traders and military were soon to follow, and life in the Straits would be forever changed. Trading in goods, particularly furs for European products, changed the Straits Area economy from subsistence into capitalism. The British, wanting their piece of this lucrative trade pipeline,

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LIFE AROUND *Mackinac*

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arrived about 100 years later. Expansion and capitalism were well known to the French and English but the Native culture was to be seriously altered.

Forts and trading communities were built, and Jesuit Mission Centers established. All this modern activity, for the time, was really just a continuation of the European expansion through North America. Commerce with the local Indian people was now the order of the day. So, then alliances were established and business was flourishing throughout the Great Lakes. The Straits of Mackinac remain the Crossroads of the Great Lakes and we appreciate this time you can spend with us.



Nature abounds and our rich history is celebrated with great care and hospitality! The Mackinac State Historic Parks offer a very excellent visitor experience. Mackinaw's Heritage Village and the McGulpin Point Lighthouse property, in Mackinaw City, are popular and admission is free. The Museum of Ojibway Culture and Fort de Buade Museum in St. Ignace explain the Native American experience and first contact with the European's, also with free admission. The Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum Ship has a very nice tour and be sure to check out the Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows. [There is alot of fun stuff to see and do here, please enjoy your visit!](#)



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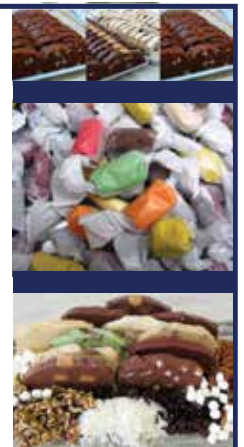


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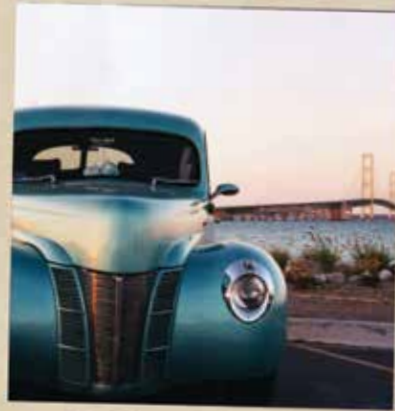
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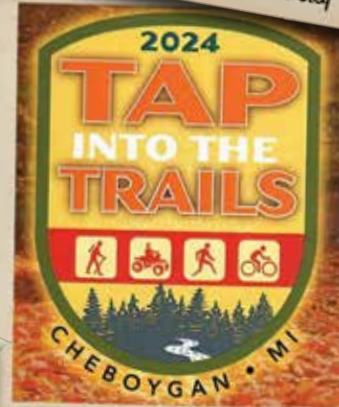
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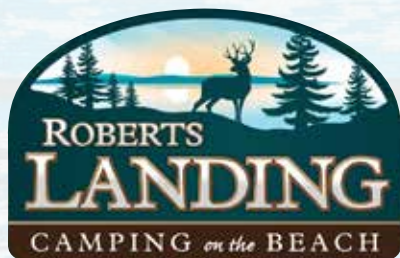
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Initiate this memorable tour at Conkling Heritage Park, named for our towns founder, Edgar Conkling. This is where the fun begins in Mackinaw City, with ample green space, a band shell and stage, which is home to Mucis in Mackinaw - hosting free concerts and other entertainment through the summer months. Conkling Park is also the site of two premiere Arts and Crafts shows, car shows, a farmer's market, and the annual Rendevous in Mackinaw. Here is the best place to view our Summertime Friday and Sunday fireworks shows and the colossal display every Fourth Of July! Not to be missed, you can visit the U.S.C.G. Icebreaker Museum Ship Mackinaw and the historic armed sloop, Welcome, fully restored.

From here, proceed along the water by Wawatam Park, Gary B. Williams Park, Nancy Campbell Park and Alexander Henry Park, where you have reached the very top of the mitten in Michigan. The views along this pathway of the Straits of Mackinac, the Mackinac Bridge, Mackinac Island and Michigan's Upper Peninsula are spectacular!

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What next? Spend time in our friendly, historical city for some shopping, dining and fun entertainment. There is much fun to be had at the Mackinaw Crossings, the haunted House, Mystery Town USA, the Mackinaw Bridge Museum (above Mama Mia's Pizza) and Pharaoh's Entertainment Center. There is also the Jack Pine Lumberjack shows which is Trip Advisor's #1 attraction in Mackinaw City and is highly recommended.

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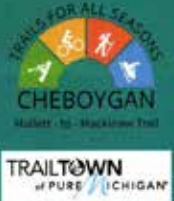
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Right next door to Headlands is McGulpin Point Lighthouse and Historic Site. Emmet County has restored this former sentinel of the Straits and tours are free to the public. A new Discovery Trail leading down to the lakeshore interprets the history of this important Mackinac Area property.

In 2011, the Headlands was prestigiously named an International Dark Sky Park. This rare designation, only 60 exist in the world with Headlands being the 9th such place, awards protection of the wonderous night sky. With exceptional starry skies and nocturnal habitat, where light pollution is reduced, the natural darkness is a valuable educational, cultural, and scientific resource. Admittance to the park is free, though occasional parking and special program fees may apply. www.MIDarkSkyPark.org

Visit the Historic *Heritage Village*



In partnership with the Village of Mackinaw City, the Mackinaw Area Historical Society has developed Heritage Village on approximately 143 acres of land on the west side of Mackinaw City. Visitors can enjoy easy walks, nature trails, historic buildings, a covered pavilion, audio interpretations, interpretive signs, and most importantly, tranquility.

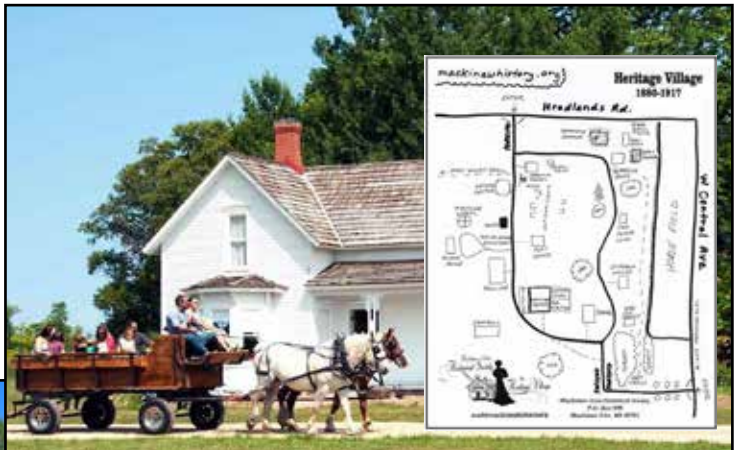
Heritage Village has buildings from 1880 through 1917, a time of unparalleled changes in lighting, transportation, communication, housing, health care and nearly every other aspect of Straits-area living. The grounds are open year-round during daylight hours.

Also, the Mackinaw Area Historical Society offers lively local monthly programs featuring informative presentations on historically significant topics.

Heritage Village is located at: 1425 West Central Avenue,
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We are open year round, every day!
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For more information on events, lectures and updates, check
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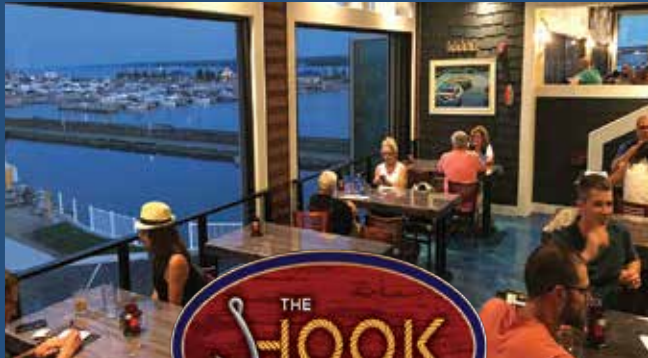


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