

STRAITS AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS- 2018

Mackinaw City, Carp Lake, St. Ignace, Mackinac Island

January 2018

- 13 Audie's Scholarship Ball – Mackinaw City
- 20 Winterfest – Mackinaw City
- 19-21 MCAAC Art Exhibit- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 20 Mackinaw Outhouse Races- 2pm www.mackinawouthouserace.com - Mackinaw City
- 20 Ice Fishing Tournament on Carp Lake at DNR Access – Hosted by the Paradise Lake Association
- 27 Celestial highlights of the new year featured at Headlands 5-7 pm
- 31 Total Lunar Eclipse viewing at Headlands 5:45-8:30 am

February 2018

- 3 Snowshoe hike the 600-acre wood at Headlands 2 pm
- 10 Mardi Gras Dance at the Headlands 5:30pm-8pm
- 15-18 Labatt Blue Pond Hockey Championship- St. Ignace
- 18 MC Bridal Show at Audie's

March 2018

- 2-3 UP Scramble and Glow Ball Challenge
- 3 Straits of Mackinac State Park Summer Job Fair, St. Anthony's Church, 10:00 – 2:00
- 10 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 8-10 pm
- 11 Cabin Fever Dinner by Mackinaw Area Historical Society at Audie's 5-7pm
- 17 Michigan Works! Job Fair with the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce
- 17 Astrophotography lecture and workshop with Shawn Malone at Headlands 7:30-10 pm
- 18 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm

April 2018

- 1-9 2nd Annual Mackinac Meltdown Celebration
- 1 Spring Break Splash at Pirate's Adventure Waterpark
- 2 2nd Annual Taste of Mackinac
- 3 Home and Gun Show at Little Bear East- St. Ignace
- 6-8 Mackinaw Raptor Fest www.mackinawraptorfest.org
- 7 International Bridal Expo
- 7-8 Annual Midwest Roller Derby
- 7 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 9-11 pm
- 11 Airport After Hours-Regional Business After Hour Event 5:30-7:30pm
- 20 Outdoor Lighting Forum luncheon at Headlands 11am - 1 pm
- 20 Statewide Astronomy Night at Headlands 8-10 pm
- 20-21 Jeep the Mac – St. Ignace www.stignace.com/event/jeep-the-mac
- 29 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm

May 2018

- 2 Colonial Michilimackinac open for season, 9:00
- 4 Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park open for season
- 4 Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse open for season
- 5 4th Annual Mackinaw City Magical Color Fun Run – 5k & 1 mile kids run/walk- Trailhead- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 5 Spring briefing hike at Headlands 10 am
- 12 Cosmic Gizmos and Gadgets at Headlands 8:30-10 pm
- 19 St. Ignace Rock and Run Half Marathon/5k
- 25 Fireworks at dusk over Lake Huron- Conkling Heritage Park
- 26 15th Annual Mackinaw Memorial Bridge Run – Mackinaw City-Call for Registration Event Info
- 26 Memorial Day Parade 1 PM and Fireworks at Dusk by MAVB – Mackinaw City
- 26 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 10 pm-12 am
- 26-28 Colonial Michilimackinac Pageant – Mackinaw City
- 27 Native American Festival Museum of Ojibwa Culture- St. Ignace
- 27 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 28 Memorial Day Observance 10am- Marina Lawn to Cemetery- American Legion

June 2018

- Fireworks at dusk over Lake Huron- every Friday Memorial Day through Labor Day- Conkling Heritage Park***
- 1-3 Troop Mackinaw #1 – Mackinaw City www.troopmackinaw.com
- 4 The King's Birth-Day Celebration-Mackinac State Historic Parks
- 16-17 Annual Lilac Festival (Parade Sunday, 17th) – Mackinac Island
- 8-10 Troop Mackinaw #2 – Mackinaw City www.troopmackinaw.com
- 9 Historic Downtown Mackinac open for season
- 9-10 Soldiers of the King: The British Garrison of Michilimackinac Theme Weekend, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 – 7:00
- 9-10 Big Mac Spring Shoreline Scenic Bike Tour & Sunday Ride Across Mackinac Bridge – Mackinaw City
- 14 Taste of Mackinac- Mackinac Island
- 18 Crescent Moon Monday with Norbert Vance, EMU Astronomy at Headlands 9-10:30 pm
- 21 Native American Solstice traditions at Headlands 4-11 pm
- 22-23 Antiques on the Bay Classic & Antique Car Show – St. Ignace
- 23-24 Rendezvous at the Straits: Voyageur Culture Theme Weekend, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 – 7:00
- 23 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 11 pm-1 am
- 24 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 25-29 Discovery Camp – Heritage Village – Mackinaw City
- 28 First Full Moon of Summer evening cruise with Mary Stewart Adams and Shepler's 9:15-10:45 pm
- 28-30 St Ignace Car Show Weekend (Friday, 7 pm, parade) – St. Ignace
- 30 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 11 on-1 am
- 30-Jul 1 Premier Arts & Craft Show, Saturday 8-7, Sunday 10-3 – Mackinaw City

July 2018

- Fireworks at Dusk Every Friday Memorial Day through Labor Day- Conkling Heritage Park***
- Music in Mackinaw- July and August Tuesday's, Saturday's and Select Fridays 8pm- FREE at Conkling Heritage Park***
- Lunch at St. Helena Island Light- www.gllka.org July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 1 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2pm
- 4 Independence Day Parade in St. Ignace—St. Ignace
- 4 Waterfront Events, Music & Fireworks at Dusk – Mackinaw City
- 4 Mackinaw Woman's Club Strawberry Social 12:30- 4:30– Marina Lawn -*A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*

- 7 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 11 pm-1 am
- 7 Summer Day in Paradise – Carp Lake/Paradise Lake – Breakfast, 8-11; Street Parade, 1; Sponsored by the Paradise Lake Association- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 8 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 13 Seeing in the Dark summer sky program at Headlands 9-10:30 pm
- 14 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 11 pm
- 14 Port Huron to Mackinac Yacht Race
- 15 Goddesses of the Night Sky evening cruise with MSA and Shepler's 9:15-10:45
- 16 Crescent Moon Monday with special guest at Headlands 8:30-10 pm
- 21 5th Annual Mustang Stampede-Sat, Music- MAVB- Mackinaw City
- 21 Vintage Base Ball: Fort Mackinac Never Sweats vs Mackinaw City Boys, Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island, 6:30p
- 21-22 Diverse Entertainments: Historic Pastimes and Games Theme Weekend, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9am-7pm
- 21 Chicago to Mackinac Yacht Race
- TBA Mighty Mac Golf Outing – Mackinaw City call (231)436-5574 to register for this event
- 26 St. Anthony's Catholic Church BIG Garage Sale 9am-3pm – Mackinaw City
- 26 Full Thunder Moon Cruise with MSA and Shepler's 9-10:30 pm
- 28 Meet the Mackinaw; an "on board" nautical celebration with games, food, prestigious guests, and fun- Icebreaker Mackinaw Museum Ship- normal admission rates apply- 11-2 www.themackinaw.org
- 29 Geocaching fun at Headlands 10 am- 2 pm
- 29 Solar Observing at Headlands 12-2 pm

August 2018

Fireworks at Dusk Every Friday June, July, and August 2018- Mackinaw City
Music in Mackinaw- July and August-Tuesday's, Saturday's, and select Friday's 8pm- FREE at Conkling Heritage Park

- 2-5 Rendezvous & 18th Century Market Fair – Mackinaw City
- 3-4 Annual Heritage Festival by Mackinaw Area Historical Society at Heritage Village– *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 4 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 10 pm-12 am
- 4 Cross Quarter Day Fun Run at Headlands 2-4 pm
- 4-5 Griffing Art Show, Colonial Michilimackinac Visitor's Center, 9:00 – 7:00
- 5 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 7 49th Annual Mackinaw Woman's Club Antique Show, Sale, and Luncheon 10-4pm – High School – *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 9-11 Northern Michigan Astronomy Club Star Party at Headlands
- 9-11 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-3 pm
- 10 Midnight Meteor Shower Cruise with MSA and Sheplers 11 pm-1 am
- 10-12 Ironworkers Festival -Fri 3:00pm Walk of Iron inductee's- Parade Saturday at 10 am – Mackinaw City
- 11-12 Gardens and Good Things to Eat Theme Weekend, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 – 7:00
- 11 Annual LIGHTS OUT CHALLENGE and Perseid Meteor Shower program with Headlands 8-10 pm
- 12 Midnight Meteor Shower Cruise with MSA and Shepler's 11 pm-1 am
- 18 Case Knife Event – Coffman Hardware – Mackinaw City
- 18 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 10 pm-12 am
- 25 Corvette Crossroads Auto Show 29th Annual (7 pm, Parade) – Mackinaw Crossings Mall – Mackinaw City- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
- 25-26 Mackinaw Premier Arts & Craft Show, Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 10am-3pm – Mackinaw City
- 25-26 Pow Wow/Rendezvous- St Ignace
- TBA Troop Mackinaw #4 – Mackinaw City www.troopmackinaw.com
- 19 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 25 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 10 pm-12 am
- 26 Solar Observing at Headlands 12-2 pm

September

- 1-2 Arts & Crafts Dockside-St. Ignace
- 1 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 9-11 pm
- 2 DALMAC Bike Tour– Bridge Crossing 8-11am - Mackinaw City
- 2 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 3 State St. Bridge Walk - Cheboygan
- 3 61st Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk - St. Ignace to Mackinaw City
- 7-8 11th Annual Owosso Tractor Parts Antique Tractor Bridge Crossing Fri 10 am and St Ignace Show
- 8 Mackinaw City Wine & Beer Festival
- 8 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 9-11 pm
- 8-9 Michilimackinac at Work: Labor and Trades Theme Weekend, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9:00 – 5:00
- 9 Wandering Stars Cruise with MSA & Shepler's 7:45-9:15 pm
- 9 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2pm
- 14-16 23rd Annual Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show, Parade at Dusk Sep. 15th – St. Ignace
- 15-16 Big Mac Fall Shoreline Scenic Bike Tour & Sunday Ride Across Mackinac Bridge – *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!* Mackinaw City
- 15 Annual Big Truck Parade of Lights through St. Ignace & Mackinaw City at dusk
- 16 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 21-23 Troop Mackinaw #3 – Mackinaw City www.troopmackinaw.com
- 22 Harvest Moon Dance at Headlands 7-10 pm
- 22 The Coronation of Their Majesties Celebration, Colonial Michilimackinac, 9 – 5 pm
- 23 Solar Observing at Headlands 12-2 pm
- 25 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 9-11 pm
- 28-30 Troop Mackinaw #4 – Mackinaw City www.troopmackinaw.com
- 29 Trek the Mac- ATV/ORV Ride – St. Ignace

October

- 5-6 Fort Fright: Colonial Michilimackinac, 6:30-9:30 *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!* www.mackinacparks.com
- 5-7 Great Pumpkin Hunt- Chamber of Commerce – Mackinaw City
- 5-8 US 23 Lake Huron Discovery Tour www.us23heritageroute.org
- 5-14 Annual Fall Shopping Festival - Mackinaw City
- 6-7 Fall Fest at the Cheboygan Lighthouse, 9-5 Saturday and Sunday GLLKA- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event*
- 6 10th Annual Fall Colors Bridge Race- MAVB *Pre-registration required (231)436-5664*
- 6 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 8-10 pm
- 7 The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Colonial Michilimackinac and Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park last day of operation for 2018 season
- 14 Ghost Supper/Spirit Feast by Mackinaw Area Historical Society at Heritage Village 2-4pm
- 20 Orionid Meteor Shower viewing at Headlands 7:30-9:30 pm
- 21 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
- 27 10th annual Headlands Challenge 8-10 pm
- 27 Triple Fright Night –McGulpin Point Lighthouse, Heritage Village, Headlands Dark Sky Park – Mackinaw City
- 27 Great Turtle Trail Run- Mackinac Island

November

- TBA Mackinaw Community Cash Bash Raffle and Annual Meeting
 - 3 Cross Quarter Day Hike at Headlands 2-4 pm
 - 10 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 7-9 pm
 - 17 Leonid Meteor Shower and Lantern Walk at Headlands 4-7 pm
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December

- 1 Christmas in Mackinaw – by Mackinaw Area Historical Society at Heritage Village- *A Meet Mackinaw Showcase Event!*
 - 8 Public Observing at Headlands Observatory 6-8 pm
 - 13 Geminid Meteor Shower program at Headlands 7-10 pm
 - 21 Winter Solstice Under Starry Skies at Headlands 4-7 pm
 - 30 Solar Observing at Headlands Observatory 12-2 pm
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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

Odawa Casino Resort www.odawacasino.com 877-442-6464

Kewadin Casino www.kewadin.com 1-800-KEWADIN

Cheboygan Opera House

www.theoperahouse.org 231-627-5432

Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce – 231-436-5574 www.mackinawchamber.com

Village of Mackinaw City – (231) 436-5351 www.mackinawcity.org

Mackinaw Area Visitor's Bureau – 800-666-0160 or 231-436-5664 www.mackinawcity.com

Mackinaw Crossings Mall – (231) 436-5030 www.mackinawcrossings.com

Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Bureau – 800-968-3302 or 231-627-7183 www.cheboygan.com

Emmet County (Headlands International Dark Sky Park, McGulpin Point Lighthouse) www.emmetcounty.org or www.midarkskypark.org

Indian River Chamber of Commerce – 800-EXIT-310 or 231-238-9325 www.irchamber.com

Mackinac Island Visitor's Bureau – 906-847-6418 or 800-4-LILACS www.mackinacisland.org

St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce – 800-970-8717 or 906-643-8717 www.saintignace.org

St. Ignace Visitor's Bureau-1-800-338-6660 www.stignace.com

Mackinac State Historic Parks – www.mackinacparks.com

Paradise Lake Association – www.paradiselakeassociation.org

Calendar event postings as of 2-13-18

PLEASE CONFIRM DATES BEFORE TRAVEL (231)436-5574

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