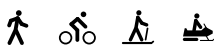


A rider pauses to take in a view of the Mackinac Bridge.



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Ride the 8-mile loop along the edge of Lake Huron and discover why Mackinac Island is one of America's most popular bicycling and tourist destinations. Touted as a biker's paradise, the entire island is closed to all motorized vehicles, making bicycles the most practical form of transportation. The island offers over 70 miles of natural and paved roads, streets and trails for you to explore at your leisure.

For nearly two centuries, visitors have flocked to Mackinac Island to enjoy its natural beauty and healthy, fresh air. Established three years after Yellowstone National Park, Mackinac Island State Park includes over 80% of the island's land mass and is open to all, free of charge. You will need to purchase passage to the island, which is available through three ferry services that operate out of both Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. All are well advertised and easy to find. You have the choice of bringing your bikes across on the ferry (for a fee) or renting bikes on the island. When you step off the ferry onto Main Street in downtown Mackinac Island, you will find several bike rental shops offering just about every kind of bicycle or pedal-driven mode of transportation you can imagine. Horse-drawn buggies and carriages are also available, if you prefer to kick back and take a guided tour of the island.

The 8-mile ride around the island on Lake Shore Drive (M-185) is one of Michigan's great summer traditions. Thousands of tourists ride this route every year, and many return year after year as an annual pilgrimage. The "loop" guides you along many of the island's most famous historic sites and natural wonders, including Fort Mackinac, St. Anne's Church, Arch Rock, British Landing,

Devil's Kitchen, the Grand Hotel, downtown Mackinac Island, and views of the Mackinac Bridge.

World famous for its handcrafted fudge, Mackinac Island boasts a wide range of lodging options, great places to eat, museums, and lots of gift, souvenir and confectionary shops. You will also find plenty of lodging and dining options in Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.



The 8-mile loop travels along the edge of Lake Huron.