

June Was Once an Unpopular Month for Mackinac Island Visitors

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from the plants that live in other parts of the southeastern quarter of Mackinac Island.

It was not possible for the Fort Mackinac soldiers to prac-

tice sharpshooting during times of the year when tourists were enjoying free access to the National Park. I've not found any explicit rules and instructions; everything seems to have

been done informally. Mackinac Island's chief tourism destination, Grand Hotel, was controlled by the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads, which had close ties

to the administration of President Benjamin Harrison (1889-93). June was informally set aside for sharpshooting and other field exercises that couldn't be performed in the presence of wandering travelers.

By and large, the cottagers didn't mind. June weather wasn't as warm then as it is now, and many of the cottagers had built their new summer homes for health reasons, as well as comfort. Mosquito-borne illnesses and autoimmune problems such as "hay fever" were worse in July and August, when the summer people had free access to the Island. Many of the older cottages were built on land leased from the National Park, in which the cottagers promised to obey all of the National Park's rules. These rules included keeping out of the Army's way.

After 1895, there was no reason for the tourists to avoid Mackinac Island in June any longer. The soldiers had shouldered their rifles and marched off to a new posting. Old habits laid down during the so-called "Golden Era" of Victorian travel to Mackinac Island died hard. The Great Lakes steamships that carried many of the Island's visitors had gotten into the custom of stopping at Mackinac during certain months and not stopping during other months,

and Grand Hotel had established its operations on a 60-day schedule.

Cottagers continued to put off coming up to Mackinac Island, often not arriving until early July. Young Lorna Puttkammer, born in 1933, recalls a typical schedule of those days. With two sets of grandparental relatives on the Island and in lower Michigan, she would often spend the first one-third of her summers in South Haven, and the second two-thirds on the Island.

Island business people worked hard during the first half of the 1900s to lengthen the Island's visitation season and encourage more people to come in June. Slowly, the season grew longer, but the Great Depression and World War II disrupted these efforts. It was not until after the war that Islander Stella King, founder of the Mackinac Island Medical Center, organized the Island's Lilac Parade in early June. Mackinaw City also developed its early summer festival, Fort Michilimackinac Days, at this time, and for much the same reasons.

These festivals gave birth to their desired results. Slowly at first, then in a big jump in the 1960s, Island visitation in June grew toward the levels enjoyed today.

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