

WHAT TO PACK FOR A FALL TRIP TO MACKINAC ISLAND

■ **Sweaters and light jackets**

Fall on Mackinac Island brings cooler weather and glorious fall colors as visitors wear sweatshirts and jackets.

■ **Coats and mittens**

Check the forecast before leaving home. If there's cold weather in sight, then a winter coat and mittens may be in order – at least on the ferry ride to Mackinac Island.

■ **Long pants**

You'll certainly want to pack jeans or other long pants for a spring or fall trip. Because there's so much opportunity for outdoor recreation on Mackinac Island, activewear is another thing to pack.

■ **Comfortable shoes**

Since there are no cars on Mackinac Island, you'll probably do more walking than you would at many other travel destinations. You'll want walking shoes that your feet appreciate. If you're going to explore some of the 70-plus miles of trails through Mackinac Island State Park, you'll want some tennis shoes or hiking boots.

■ **Sunglasses**

The historic landmarks and incredible sights of Mackinac Island aren't quite as glorious if you have to squint to see them.

■ **Camera**

Remember to bring extra batteries and memory cards for a camera or a charging cord and backup file storage for a phone. You might literally take a million pictures!

■ **Bug spray**

More than 80 percent of Mackinac Island is state parkland. If you plan to spend time hiking through the woods of Mackinac Island, bring some bug spray for yourself and some tick prevention for your dog.

■ **Bike**

Without any cars, the primary ways of getting around Mackinac Island are by horse-drawn carriage, on foot or by bicycle. You can bring your bike on the ferry ride for a small fee. And don't forget a bike lock, just in case.

■ **Golf clubs**

Although it measures only four square-miles, Mackinac Island is home to one of the most diverse collections of golf courses in the world. You can rent golf clubs on Mackinac Island, or bring your own on the ferry.

■ **Books**

There are lots of things to do on Mackinac Island. But if your favorite thing to do on vacation is relax, then Mackinac Island is perfect for that, too. There are tons of great places on Mackinac Island to escape and enjoy a good book.

