

Mackinac Island Walks – Y1851

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Driving Directions to Mackinac Island, Michigan – Y1851

To get to Mackinac Island you must take one of the ferries from either Mackinaw City or from St Ignace. These driving instructions are to the Mackinaw City Ferry Terminals and parking.

Traveling from the north in Michigan on I-75

1. From I-75 North, exit at 338 toward US 23 South. Turn left on S Huron and follow signs to city docks, parking and ferries. Look for day parking signs.

Traveling from the south in Michigan on I-75

1. From I-75 South, exit at 337 and drive north toward Mackinaw City. Turn left on S Huron and follow signs to city docks, parking and ferries. Look for day parking signs.

GPS Coordinates of the center of town near all parking (45.7814, -84.7255)

Proceed to either Star Line or Shepler's Ferry for a quick (15 minute) trip to the island. Be sure to use your AAA card for ferry ticket discounts OR look for packages online.

- a. <https://www.sheplersferry.com/>
- b. <https://www.mackinacferry.com/>

Information for Mackinac Island 6k and 13k Walks

- This is a seasonal event and may be walked from April 1st through September 30th. Check ferry websites above for availability and schedule of ferries.
- Trail Description: Rated 1A.

Note the lack of cars but the overabundance of horses and bicycles (watch your step please). Walk through or around historical and unique Mackinac Island. Town and trail walk. Historic Mackinac area. Shops, Mackinac Island ferries, historic Mackinac fort, world famous Mackinac Bridge, Haunted House and Butterfly House, Arch Rock and scenic view of the Mackinac Bridge. Be sure to sample the fudge shops. There are numerous restaurants and souvenir shops. The 6k walk will lead you past the shops, along a boardwalk, up to the famous Grand Hotel ("*Somewhere in Time*").

- See also <https://www.mackinawchamber.com/>

- See also <https://www.mackinacisland.org/>
- Water and restrooms are available throughout Mackinac Island (Downtown) and at British Landing (halfway through the 13k).
- Everyone is welcome. This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association – America’s Walking Club (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). It counts towards the acquisition of IVV Achievement Credit. No awards.
- Pets allowed, leash required and not inside buildings. Strollers and wheelchairs allowed.
- This event qualifies for the following AVA Special Program: Walking the USA A-Z.
- For additional information about this event contact: Rob Weaver, 616-745-9627, or gone2run@gmail.com .

Alternate Route – Mackinaw City 6k or 10k

- If you arrive in Mackinaw City and the ferries to the Island are not running or you do not wish to ride the ferry – inclement weather, choppy seas or so forth – then you may do the Mackinaw City alternate route. Same credit, same stamp, Y1851, but the two alternate routes are in Mackinaw City.
- To begin the alternate route, use any visitor parking lot within Mackinaw City, then proceed on foot to the alternate start point which is the front of Coffman Hardware, 227 E Central Ave in the center of the city. GPS coordinates = (45.78192, -84.728138).
- The alternate walking directions are included in this document.

Directions for Mackinac Island, MI 6K

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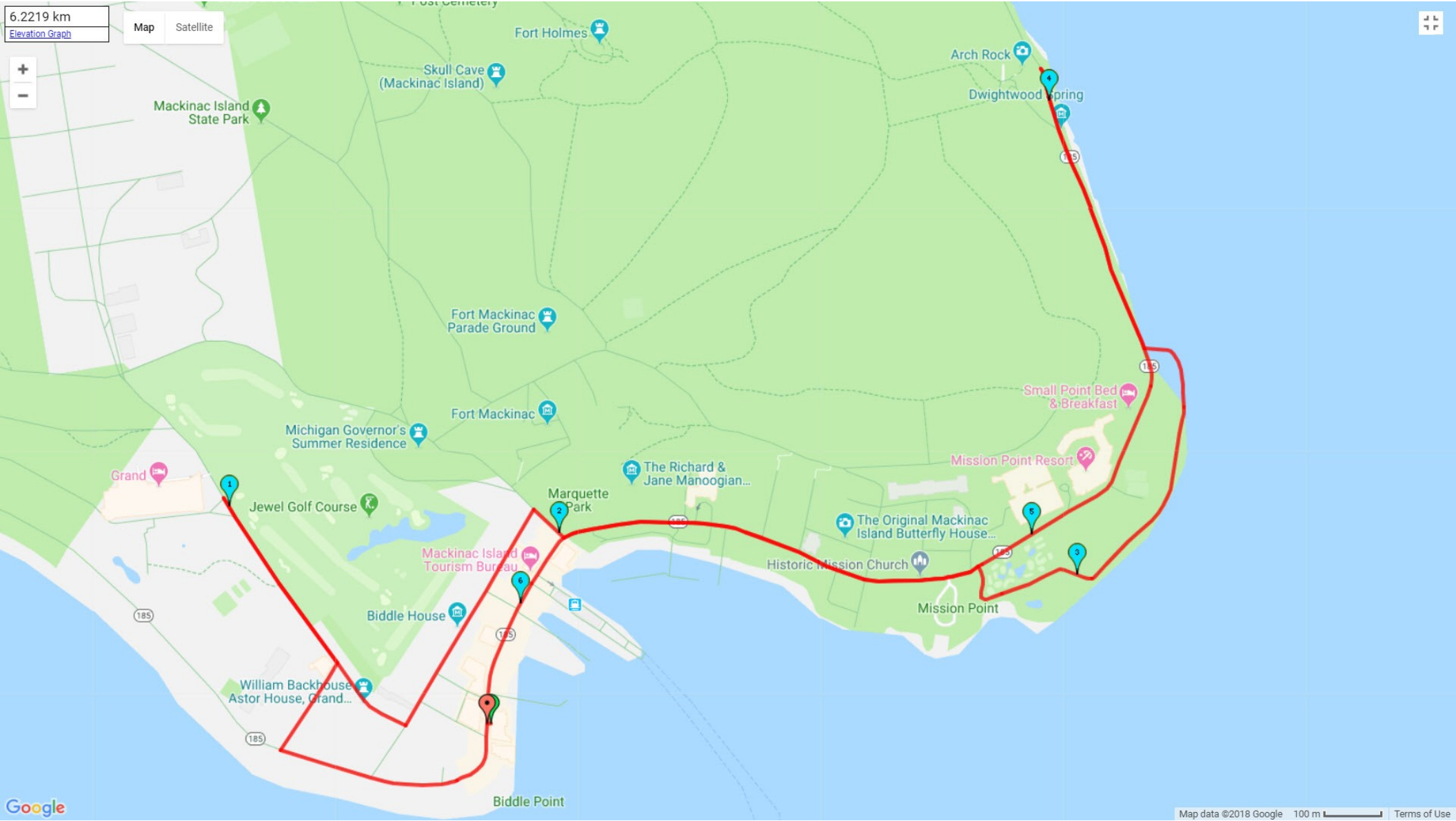
In case of emergency, please call 911.

Whichever ferry line that you use to cross over to Mackinac Island, whether it is Shepler or Star Line, the walk starts from exiting the dock.

1. Exit the dock and turn **LEFT** on Main Street (may also be listed as Huron Street). This is also the main shopping area.
2. Prior to the Public Library, walk on the Boardwalk until you reach Mahoney Avenue.
3. **RIGHT** onto Mahoney and proceed to Cadotte Avenue.
4. **LEFT** onto Cadotte and walk up the hill (it's a steep one!) to the Grand Hotel.
5. Turn around and continue past Mahoney to Market Street.
6. **LEFT** onto Market Street and proceed Fort Street.
7. **RIGHT** onto Fort Street and proceed to Main Street (also known as Huron or Lake Shore Drive)
8. **LEFT** onto Main street and proceed to the miniature golf course near Mission Point Resort.
9. **RIGHT** onto Shoreline Trail.
10. Follow Shoreline Trail until it exits back onto Lake Shore Drive. Google Map flaw shows you are walking on water. I assure you that your feet will remain perfectly dry on this route.
11. **RIGHT** onto Lake Shore Drive and proceed to Arch Rock.
12. Turn around and return to your ferry line.

6.2219 km
[Elevation Graph](#)

Map Satellite



Directions for Mackinac

Island, MI 13K

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1. Exit the dock and turn **RIGHT** on Main Street (may also be listed as Huron Street). This is also the main shopping area.
2. The street becomes Lake Shore Road just past Mission Point Resort. Continue around the island on Lake Shore Road.
3. Return to Main Street and your ferry line.

12.8623 km
[Elevation Graph](#)

Map Satellite



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ALTERNATE ROUTE USE ONLY WHEN
YOU CAN'T GET TO MACKINAC
ISLAND

MACKINAW CITY, MI

10k and 6k Directions

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In case of emergency, please call 911.

1. Begin in front of Coffman Hardware, cross median to other (South) side of Central Avenue.
2. RIGHT on Central, walk to South Nicolet Street in front of Big Hot Dog diner.
3. LEFT onto Nicolet Street, walk short distance to McTrailhead where bike trail crosses Nicolet.
4. *6K walkers turn LEFT then skip to step 8.
5. (10k walkers) RIGHT and cross over Nicolet Street to Petoskey/Mackinaw Trail.
6. Follow trail for 2K to where the trail emerges at Trails End Road.
7. Turn around and follow trail back to Nicolet Street and cross Nicolet.
8. Follow Gaylord/Mackinaw Trail (always paved) as it meanders South alongside Shepler's Ferry offsite parking.
9. Cross Lake Street and continue on the bike trail to US-23. Do not cross US-23.
10. Turn LEFT and follow sidewalk along US-23. Sidewalk becomes brick sidewalk and bends left (North) along South Huron Ave. Continue North, brick sidewalk becomes grass, then becomes paved sidewalk along Huron Ave. Pass hotels, shops, then Starbucks.
11. Just past Starbucks turn LEFT onto Mackinaw Crossings Dr, go a short way and RIGHT into Mackinaw Crossings Shopping Mall. Take some time, wander the mall (has rest rooms) and exit to the North onto Central Ave (main drag).
12. RIGHT on Central Avenue, cross Huron Ave. Continue straight until the sidewalk nearest the Shepler's Ferry Gateway.
13. LEFT and follow sidewalk to the park just past water tower and enter park. Straight ahead till dead end at Bridge View. Turn around and exit the park.

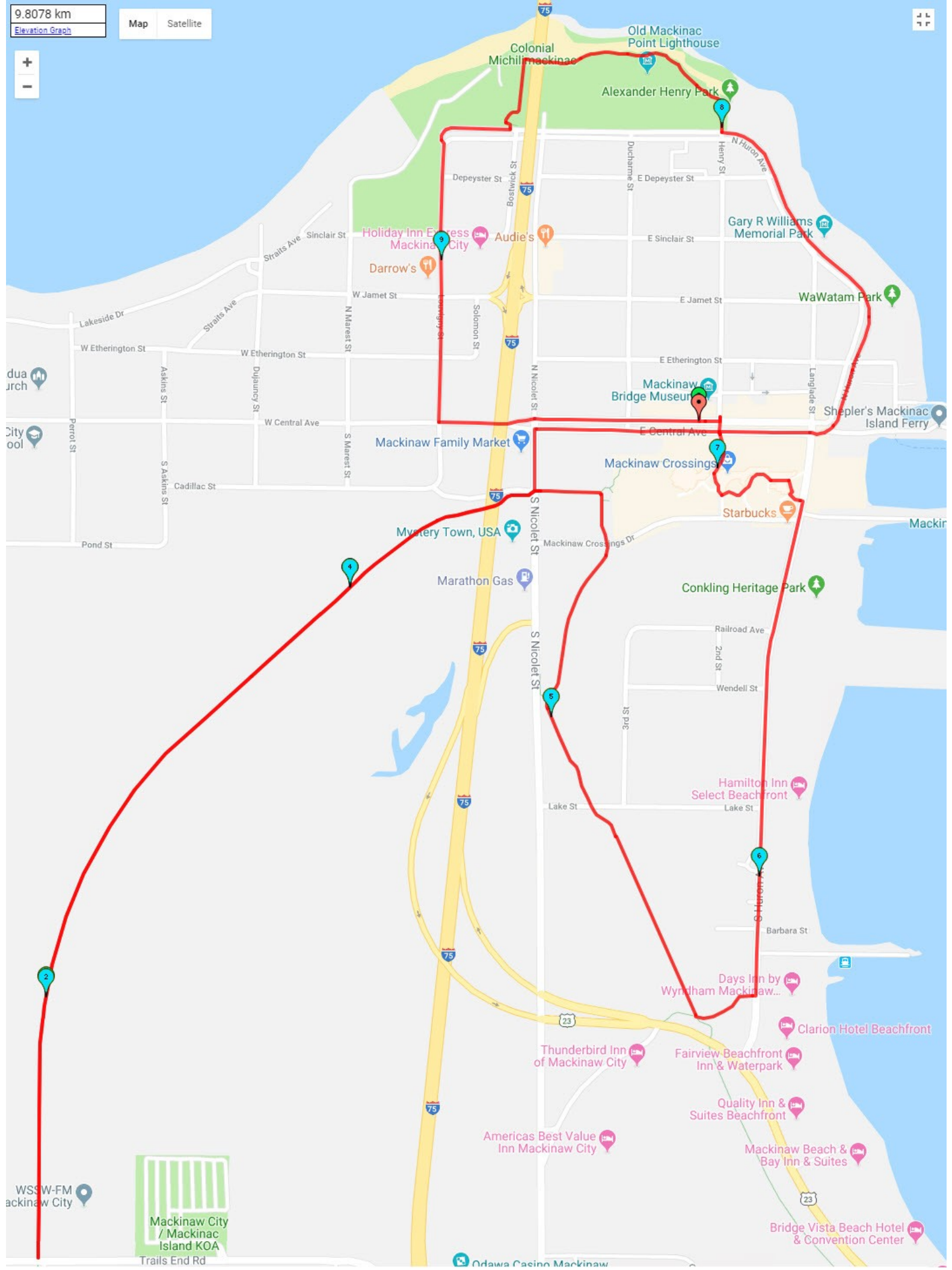
14. RIGHT and continue on sidewalk along the shoreline and past houses.
15. Between the last house and the first motel, RIGHT onto a path leading closer to shoreline, past the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse and finally past the Fort Michilimackinaw entrance (under the bridge).
16. Continue past the Fort (and gift shop) entrance to a historical marker.
17. LEFT along the parking lot until you come to North Huron Avenue (maybe also listed as West Straits Avenue).
18. RIGHT on North Huron/West Straits and straight ahead along sidewalk past a gated entrance/exit for the fort. Road becomes Louvigny Street.
19. Pick up the sidewalk again on other side and follow Louvigny until you come to Central Avenue.
20. LEFT and follow Central Avenue back to Start Point.

9.8078 km

Elevation Graph

Map

Satellite



Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse

Colonial Michilimackinac

Alexander Henry Park

Holiday Inn Express Mackinaw City

Darrow's

Audie's

Gary R Williams Memorial Park

WaWatam Park

Mackinaw Bridge Museum

Mackinaw Family Market

Mackinaw Crossings

Starbucks

Mystery Town, USA

Marathon Gas

Conkling Heritage Park

Hamilton Inn Select Beachfront

Days Inn by Wyndham Mackinaw...

Clarion Hotel Beachfront

Thunderbird Inn of Mackinaw City

Fairview Beachfront Inn & Waterpark

Quality Inn & Suites Beachfront

Americas Best Value Inn Mackinaw City

Mackinaw Beach & Bay Inn & Suites

Bridge Vista Beach Hotel & Convention Center

WSSW-FM Mackinaw City



Mackinaw City / Mackinac Island KOA

Trails End Rd

Odawa Casino Mackinaw

After Walking Mackinac Island, Michigan – Y1851

Be sure to log back into <http://my.ava.org> > my account > finish table to log your walk as completed

Information about Mackinac Island

- City Food and Lodging and Attractions <https://www.mackinawchamber.com/>
- Island Food and Lodging and Attractions <https://www.mackinacisland.org/>





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