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Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse

This light is opposite the turning point for ships making the difficult passage through the Straits of Mackinac, one of the business crossroads of the Great Lakes. McGulpin's Point Light, two miles to the west, had been established in 1856, but it was not visible from all directions. In 1889 Congress appropriated funds for the construction of a steam-powered fog signal here, which went into operation on November 5, 1890. Construction of the light tower and attached keeper's dwelling began, and the light was first displayed on October 25, 1892. Heavy iron and brass castings were used throughout the structure, and the light was visible to ships sixteen miles away. In operation until 1958, the lighthouse is now a maritime museum.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1972 **Erected Date:** 1972

Marker Location

Address: Michilimackinac State Park, East of bridge

City: Mackinaw City

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Cheboygan

Township:

Lat: 45.78745300 / **Long:** -84.72940000

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