

Historical Marker - S82 - Mackinac Straits (Marker ID#:S82)



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Mackinac Straits

Nicolet passed through the straits in 1634 seeking a route to the Orient. Soon it became a crossroads where Indian, missionary, trapper, and soldier met. From the 1600s through the War of 1812 first Frenchman and Englishman, then Briton and American fought to control this strategic waterway. In 1679 the Griffon was the first sailing vessel to ply these waters. The railroad reached the straits in 1882. Until the Mackinac Bridge was opened in 1957, ferries linked the north and south.

Significant Date:

Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year: 1956 **Erected Date:** 1958

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Marker Location

Address: I-75 Rest Area and Visitors Center

City: St. Ignace

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Mackinac

Township:

Lat: 45.84981700 / **Long:** -84.72227000

Web URL: