



GREAT LAKES ISLANDS ALLIANCE

2026 Great Lakes Islands Summit
Mackinac Island, Michigan
October 4-7, 2026

Sunday, October 4

Time	Session	Location
Afternoon	Arrivals & Hotel Check-in (confirm check-in time with your lodging)	Your hotel (variable)
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Participant sign-in and packet pickup	Conference Center (Mission Point Resort)
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Mackinac Island Welcome & Event Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">● GLIA Steering Committee and 2026 Mackinac Island Summit Host Team● <i>Invited:</i> Q&A panel with Mackinac residents (meet the locals)● Breakout session sign-up confirmations	Conference Center (Mission Point Resort)
5:30 – 8:00 pm	Group Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none">● “Meet the Locals” continues	Cypress Room (Mission Point Resort)

Monday, October 5

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 9:00 am	Rolling Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking time 	Mission Point Resort
9:00 – 9:45 am	Parade of Islands	Conference Center
9:45 – 10:00 am	<i>Break and move to Breakouts</i>	
10:00 – 11:30 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (pick one, repeat in afternoon)	
	1. Tourism & Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads: Tim Hygh, Liz Ware, Kelly Wolgamott 	2. Island Economics & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads: Mark Ware, Anneke Myers
		3. Historic District Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads: Rick Linn, Pete Olson, Lee Finkel
11:30 – 12:00 pm	<i>Break/Walk to Lunch</i>	
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Group Lunch	Mission Point Resort
12:45 – 1:00 pm	<i>Walk to Breakouts</i>	
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
	4. Tourism & Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads: Tim Hygh, Liz Ware, Kelly Wolgamott 	5. Island Economics & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads: Mark Ware, Anneke Myers
		6. Mackinac Island Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads: Mary Patay, Adrian Skazalski, Gretchen Johnson
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<i>Free time</i>	

3:00 – 3:30 pm	<i>Shuttle to boat tour</i>	
4:00* – 5:30 pm <small>*boarding begins at 3:30</small>	Educational Boat Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving Our Environment w/ Phil Porter, former director of Mackinac State Historic Parks 	Departs & Returns to Coal Dock
5:30 – 6:00 pm	<i>Shuttle back to Mission Point Resort</i>	
6:00– 7:00 pm	Group Dinner	Mission Point Resort
7:00 pm –	Explore downtown on your own	Downtown Mackinac Island

Tuesday, October 6

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 9:00 am	Rolling Breakfast	Mission Point Resort
9:00 – 10:15 am	GLIA Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of GLIA: Matt Preisser, GLIA Coordinator • Resource Directory & Navigator projects: Philip Rice, GLIA Communications Specialist 	Conference Center
10:15 – 10:30 am	<i>Break</i>	

10:30 – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions (pick one)	
10:30 – 12:00	<p>7. Field Trip – shuttle departs from Mission Point Resort Circle Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing: tour & overview of Forest Way & Edgewood Developments. Leads: Emma Chambers, Anne Ste. Onge, Philip Rice 	<p>8. Field Trip (in Mission district)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive species, insects, & preservation of the lilac tree. Leads: Trish Martin and Ruth St. Onge
12:00 – 1:00	Box lunches	
1:00 – 3:00	<p>(Breakout 7 continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment & Philanthropy: The Inn at Stonecliffe - pollinator gardens, sustainable horticulture, nonprofit business model, and historic preservation 	<p>(Breakout 8 continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Water Treatment Plant. Leads: Alan Burt and/or Jack Stack, Ayme Hoover • Running a year-round business at a historic property: Small Point B&B. Leads: Brian, Christina, and Liz Findley.
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<i>Break/Return to Conference Center</i>	
3:15 – 4:00 pm	<p>Reconvene for Group Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you learn? • What solutions or ideas can you provide from your island? • What could GLIA do to support islands in this space? 	Conference Center

4:00 – 6:00 pm	Networking/free time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional walking tour to Arch Rock Milliken Nature Center & Botanical Trail w/ Laura Eiseler 	
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Group Dinner	Mission Point Resort
7:30 pm -	Evening gathering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Island trivia • Live music 	Mission Point Resort

Wednesday, October 7

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 9:00 am	Rolling Breakfast	Conference Center
9:00 – 11:00 am	Summit Wrap Up (Matt, Angel, Christine, Philip, others) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group reflections, questions, discussion • GLIA Looking Forward • Participant survey • Next steps • Group photo 	Conference Center
11:00 am	Summit Adjourns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-out hotels • Explore on your own! 	

Thank you for joining us! Safe travels home!