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# ^ VISITOR'S GUIDE TO JONATHON ISLAND, MI

(aka, Mackinac Island, MI)



Visit the fictional island escape and its  
real-world inspirations

# HOW TO SPEND A DAY ON JONATHON ISLAND



Take Rampart's Ferry to the island



See the Grand Sullivan Hotel from the water



Grab a latte and pastry at Good Day Coffee



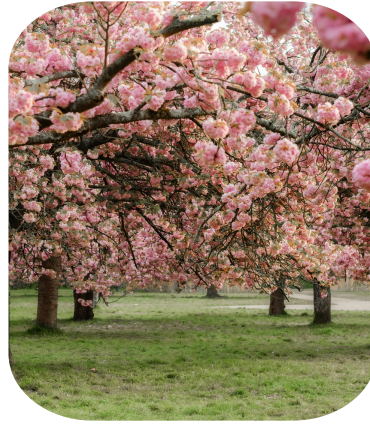
Take a carriage tour of the island



See the state park and learn about its history



Visit Archway Boulder for a photo-op



Stop by Blueberry Hill Park to admire the apple blossoms



Visit the Grand Hotel for a tour & ice cream



Go inside the Little Stone Bible Church



Rent a bike and ride around the island



Rent kayaks or book a guided kayak trip



Stay for the sunset before taking the ferry back

# JONATHON ISLAND SPOTLIGHT

## THE GRAND SULLIVAN HOTEL FIRE AND RECONSTRUCTION

With its Colonial Revival architecture, three story verandah, and the longest summer porch in the world at over 600 feet, the Grand Sullivan Hotel has been an iconic symbol of the island for decades until a partial fire forced it to close over ten years ago. Recent reconstruction efforts have begun to restore the hotel to its former glory, making Jonathon Island once again a premier tourist destination of Upper Michigan.

## THE ISLAND'S APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The apple trees on the island date back to the first settlements in the 1800s. People planted fruit trees, lilacs, and other flowers you'll see if you head down any street in town. While the earliest records of an apple harvest celebration date back to the twenties, the first official spring festival started in '71 to bridge the gap created by the Fudge Wars which were more of a professional dispute between friends, but enough to cause a rift in the town threatening tourism. The festival was the town council's solution..

## AN ISLAND WITH NO CARS

Lake Shore Drive is the only highway in the United States without cars. It circles all eight miles of Jonathon Island, providing one-hundred-eighty-degree views of the little spot in the middle of Lake Huron. In the sixties, a number of locals raised concerns as more cars began to populate the island, so they brought it to the town council to have them banned. Up to this day, the primary means of travel on island include walking, biking, horses, and golf carts and snowmobiles mainly for locals and during the off season.