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FORT HOLMES

Mackinac Island's lesser-known fort is not only a historical attraction, but also a spectacular spot for stargazing, picnics and incredible panoramic views.

1812

The British capture Fort Mackinac in the **War of 1812** by sneaking on the island in the middle of the night.

1814

In honor of their king, the British build Fort George to defend Fort Mackinac.

1815

US Armed Forces take possession of Fort George under the **Treaty of Ghent**. It's renamed Fort Holmes, in honor of Major Andrew Holmes, a casualty in the **1814 Battle of Mackinac Island**.

1936

Fort Holmes is rebuilt by the Works Progress Administration to the original 1817 American survey specifications of the structure.

2015

Diminished by weather and exposure, Mackinac Island State Park completes a second reconstruction to resume Fort Holmes original appearance.