



WHERE MACKINAC ISLAND

HORSES GO IN THE WINTER

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*Do you ever wonder where
Mackinac Island horses go and
what they do in the winter?*

WINTER DEPARTURE

While a couple dozen horses remain to deliver mail and transport workers, most of them retire in winter to farms in the Upper Peninsula.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Basically, the horses go on vacation. They frolic in the fields and snow and sunbathe.

WINTER FOOD

Mackinac Island horses eat a lot in winter. Before the season turns to winter, they graze on grass. Then, they move to various feed lots.

WINTER CARE

Farmers know each horse by name and care for them by putting feed and heated water out and providing TLC.

SPRING RETURN

Mackinac Island horses make a gradual return to the island beginning in April. By June, all the horses are back in action on the island.

