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### **APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL LAKESHORE PRESENTS** **Winter Life on Madeline Island**

Madeline Island is presently the permanent home for about 300 people. It also attracts thousands of visitors each year. In summertime, visitors reach the island by car ferry or boat. A winter visit to the island means crossing the ice. Even though winter means dealing with cold and snow, island residents look forward to the ice road and the freedom of access it allows to the mainland. This is just one of the unique aspects of life on the largest Apostle Island that summer visitors never experience.

On Monday, July 6th, join Steve Cotherman, director of the Wisconsin Historical Society's Madeline Island Museum, as he describes some of the positive and negative aspects of living on Madeline Island in the winter.

This is the first presentation in the national lakeshore's summer guest lecture series. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Apostle Islands and are offered free to the public on Monday evening's in July and August at 7:30 p.m. All programs are presented in the auditorium of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's headquarters visitor center. The visitor

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center is located in Bayfield's Old County Courthouse on Washington Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. Seating is available for 60 people and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Throughout the rest of the summer, the guest lecture series will feature a variety of fascinating lectures including Monitoring Bald Eagles for Environmental Contaminants, Bats of Northern Wisconsin, A History of the Ojibwe in the Chequamegon Bay area, Developing a "Real Time Wave Observation System", and "The National Parks: This is America"...a Ken Burns Film. For more information and a complete schedule of programs, call Apostle Islands National Lakeshore at (715) 779-3397, extension 399.