

# Ludington, Michigan

## Lighthouses

**Big Sable Point Lighthouse** – Built in 1867, Big Sable Point Lighthouse stands 112 feet above Lake Michigan. Visitors can tour the lighthouse and climb the tower daily from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**North Breakwater Lighthouse** – Located at the end of the north pier off Stearns Park public beach, this unique structure towers 57 feet high. Built in 1936, it replaced a wooden structure that served since 1914.

## Hamlin Lake

The largest artificial lake in Michigan at nearly 5,000 acres, Hamlin Lake was created when the Sable River was dammed during the lumber boom of the late 1800s. Today it is a recreation haven with a large selection of resorts, cabins and boat rentals from which vacationers may choose.

## Great Lakes Charter Fishing

Ludington is the top fishing port on Lake Michigan. With over 65 licensed charter boats, more fishing charters originate and more trout and salmon are caught out of the port of Ludington each year than any other port in the state.

## Pere Marquette River

Designated as a National Wild & Scenic River, the Pere Marquette River offers over 66 miles of clean flowing waterways. Anglers from across the nation travel to Mason County to experience the legendary steelhead and salmon runs in this river.

## Ludington Pumped Storage Plant

Located just south of Ludington along Lakeshore Drive, this manmade masterpiece looks from the outside like a grassy hillside topped by an inviting crystal blue lake. But at the base are huge turbines that generate electricity for thousands of Michigan consumers. Visitors may view the plant's 842-acre reservoir and Lake Michigan from an observation deck.

## Manistee National Forest

The Manistee National Forest provides endless recreation opportunities for visitors. It is home to the Lake Michigan Recreation Area, a significant section of the North Country Trail (one of the nation's premier hiking and backpacking trails), Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area and five Wild & Scenic Rivers that include the Pere Marquette, Pine and Manistee Rivers.

## Waterfront Sculpture Park

Located in the midst of Ludington's harbor front district, Waterfront Park features a harbor walk, a band shell for free concerts and events, a children's playground and an impressive and expanding collection of original bronze sculptures celebrating Ludington's rich heritage.

## Downtown Districts

**Ludington** – The port city of Ludington claims a first-rate public beach, an array of public parks and a downtown district full of unique gift shops, antique and collectibles stores, art galleries and souvenir shops and abundant dining options—from a fine waterfront restaurant to a retro-style ice cream parlor to a brew pub to pizza shops. A scenic waterfront walkway extends from Waterfront Park along the harbor to Stearns Park.

**Scottville** – The city of Scottville, a small community in the heart of Mason County, is home to West Shore Community College, Scottville Riverside Park, weekly summer concerts, the Western Michigan Old Engine Club and the world famous Scottville Clown Band. In 2003, the band celebrated 100 years of entertaining millions of music lovers across the Midwest.