

Ludington, Michigan

Ludington State Park



Located six miles north of Ludington on Lake Michigan, the Ludington State Park is considered by the thousands who visit to be one of the best, if not the best, State Park in Michigan. Nearly 750,000 visitors pass through the park each year making it one of the most "heavily camped" state parks in Michigan. The Ludington State Park offers year >round activities such as hiking, hunting, biking, picnicking, fishing, cross country skiing, canoeing, and camping.

Ludington State Park is comprised of nearly 5,300 acres of scenic sand dunes, seven miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, the Big Sable River, ponds, marshlands and forests. It is situated between Hamlin Lake and Lake Michigan with several miles of shoreline and beaches on both bodies of water. There are three modern campgrounds at Ludington State Park -- Pines, Cedar and Beechwood -- with a combined total of 355 campsites including three mini-cabins. These sites have electricity and modern shower and bathroom facilities in each campground. For backpack campers Ludington offers 10 remote tent sites in the Jack Pine Hike In only campground.

An outstanding feature of the park is its trail system. There are eight separately marked foot trails that wind for 18 miles throughout woods and over the dunes. There are three trail shelters for cookouts located along the trails. In addition to the hiking trails, the park is also home to a one-of-a-kind canoe trail which is a great means for visitors to explore portions of Ludington State Park not readily accessible on foot.

The Great Lakes Visitor Center, an outdoor interpretive facility, is a very popular attraction at Ludington State Park. It offers interesting displays, slide presentations, videos and live programs that provide visitors of all ages with a better understanding of the local wildlife, geology, and history unique to the Great Lakes.

During winter months, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are popular winter activities. There are 16 miles of cross-country ski trails located within the park. Be sure to check with the park for dates and times of their popular snowshoe hikes. A heated log shelter is available at the trailhead parking area.

The Big Sable Point Lighthouse is open for tours May–October and maintained by the non-profit Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association. Access to the lighthouse is obtained by walking 1.5 miles one way.

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