

Programs and events

August 9 - 15, 2026



Ludington State Park

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Sunday 8/9	Monday 8/10	Tuesday 8/11	Wednesday 8/12	Thursday 8/13	Friday 8/14	Saturday 8/15
Michigan's Mammals 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Get a hands-on opportunity to investigate the adaptations animals have to survive in Michigan. Drop in anytime. Ticks 101 2p.m.–3p.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Learn the myths and facts about one of Michigan's least understood creatures including how to best protect yourself from bites. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i>	Michigan's Geology 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Investigate a variety of rock samples to uncover clues about ancient environments, shifting continents, and powerful natural forces. <i>Drop in anytime</i> SandDunes 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Singing sands? What makes Ludington's sand so unique to other beaches. <i>Drop in anytime</i>	Tree ID and ME 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Warming Shelter Learn how identifying trees can benefit your understanding of both Michigan's Ecology and your local neighborhood. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i> Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Third Coast Swing Band - Swing era jass, hot club music</i>	Archery (Ages 9+) Arrive by 9:20 a.m. Start - 9:30a.m. End 11:30 a.m. Park Amphitheater Step into the range and test your archery skills. No matter what level you are at we will break down range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs. Great Lakes Fish 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Learn what some of the biggest threats are to the fish population and how the Michigan DNR manage these issues <i>Drop in anytime</i>	Roving Campgrounds in Morning Nature Journaling 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lake Michigan Beach House Stop by to learn techniques and grab materials to continue exploring nature in your life. <i>Drop in anytime.</i>	Park Pollinators 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Discover the main types of pollinators at Ludington State Park through hands on learning. Find out how they impact our lives, and what we can do to help them. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i> Guided Walk 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Join us for an interpreter-leading hike around lost lake. Come with any questions and see what we can discover together in our state park. <i>Roughly 2-mile hike</i>	Orienteering 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Bridge Across from Cedar Campground Learn a new skill or test your abilities. We will use a compass to navigate through our orienteering learning course. <i>All materials provided.</i> <i>Drop in anytime</i> 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Examine these animal indicators up close to gain a deeper understanding of the animals of Ludington State Park. <i>Drop in anytime.</i> Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Uneven Ground - Celtic music</i>

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Programs and events

August 16 - 22, 2026



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Sunday 8/16	Monday 8/17	Tuesday 8/18	Wednesday 8/19	Thursday 8/20	Friday 8/21	Saturday 8/22
Ticks 101 10 a.m.–11:30a.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Learn the myths and facts about one of Michigan's least understood creatures including how to best protect yourself from bites. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i> Michigan's Mammals 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Get a hands-on opportunity to investigate the adaptations animals have to survive in Michigan. Drop in anytime.	Michigan's Geology 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Investigate a variety of rock samples to uncover clues about ancient environments, shifting continents, and powerful natural forces. <i>Drop in anytime</i> Bugs, Insects, Spiders! 1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Get an up-close look at the unique structures of arthropods and test your observation skills. <i>Drop in anytime</i>	Fishing 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Hamlin Dam Bait and fishing poles will be provided. If 17+ then fishing license required. <i>Drop in anytime.</i> Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Canopy Space - Alt folk duo</i>	Archery (Ages 9+) Arrive by 9:20 a.m. Start - 9:30 a.m. End 11:30 a.m. Park Amphitheater Step into the range and test your archery skills. No matter what level you are at we will break down range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs. Roving Campgrounds In Afternoon	Orienteering 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Bridge Across from Cedar Campground Learn a new skill or test your abilities. We will use a compass to navigate through our orienteering learning course. <i>All materials provided.</i> <i>Drop in anytime</i> Discover the Dunes 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Explore the unique dune ecosystems of Ludington State Park. Discover why the shifting sands create homes for some of the most unique plants and animals in Michigan. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i>	History of Ludington State Park 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hamlin Dam Learn the history of the beloved Ludington State Park. Roughly 1 mile walk up and down light hills. Great Lakes Fish 1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Learn what some of the biggest threats are to the fish population and how the Michigan DNR manage these issues <i>Drop in anytime</i>	Birdging 101 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Practice the skills that can help you learn about the birds around you including how to use binoculars, field marks to look for, and sound identification. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk.</i> River Life 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Get a sneak peek at our walk later in the day by looking at some of the insects that can be found in the river. Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>The Magic of Kevin - Family favorite!</i>

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August 23 - 29, 2026



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Sunday 8/23	Monday 8/24	Tuesday 8/25	Wednesday 8/26	Thursday 8/27	Friday 8/28	Saturday 8/29
Michigan Turtles 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Learn about the turtles of Ludington State Park and how to spot them. Drop in anytime Tree ID and ME 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Warming Shelter Learn how identifying trees can benefit your understanding of both Michigan's Ecology and your local neighborhood. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i>	SandDunes 9:30 a.m.–11:30a.m. Michigan Beach House Singing sands? What makes Ludington's sand so unique to other beaches <i>Drop in anytime</i> The Power of the Sun 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Discover the incredible power we can harness from its rays. Dive into the science of sunlight. <i>Drop in anytime.</i>	Roving Campgrounds In Morning Fishing 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Hamlin Dam Bait and fishing poles will be provided. If 17+ then fishing license required. <i>Drop in anytime.</i>	Archery (Ages 9+) Arrive by 9:20 a.m. Start - 9:30 a.m. End 11:30 a.m. Park Amphitheater Step into the range and test your archery skills. No matter what level you are at we will break down range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs. Roving Campgrounds In Afternoon	Ticks 101 10 a.m.–11 a.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Learn the myths and facts about one of Michigan's least understood creatures including how to best protect yourself from bites. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i> Birds 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Beaks, wings, feathers, and more. Take a look at what makes birds so unique. <i>Drop in anytime.</i>	ČirdňňĀ01 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Practice the skills that can help you learn about the birds around you. including how to use binoculars, field marks to look for, and sound identification. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk. Binoculars Provided</i> Nature Journaling 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Stop by to learn techniques and grab materials to continue exploring nature in your life. <i>Drop in anytime.</i>	Roving Campgrounds In Morning Park Pollinators 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Hamlin Picnic Shelter Discover the main types of pollinators at Ludington State Park through hands on learning. Find out how they impact our lives, and what we can do to help them. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk</i> Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Lee Murdock - Songs of the Great Lakes</i>

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