

Ludington State Park

Programs and events August 18 - 24, 2025



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Monday 8/18	Tuesday 8/19	Wednesday 8/20	Thursday 8/21	Friday 8/22	Saturday 8/23	Sunday 8/24
<p>Roving Camp-grounds in Morning Pop-up programs</p> <p>Bugs, Insects, Spiders! 1:30p.m.-3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Using microscopes, visitors can get an up-close look at the unique structures of arthropods and test their observation skills by identifying body parts, textures and adaptations that help these tiny creatures survive.</p> <p>Drop in anytime. No need to arrive right at the start.</p>	<p>Archery (Ages 8+) 10 a.m. – Noon 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.</p> <p><i>Please come prepared at 10 a.m. with closed toe shoes.</i></p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Rin Tarsy - Folk-pop vocalist songwriter</i></p>	<p>Roving Camp-grounds In Morning Pop-up programs</p> <p>Dune Ecology 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House</p> <p>Discover why the shifting sands create homes for some of the most unique plants and animals in Michigan. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk on paved surfaces.</i></p>	<p>Roving Camp-grounds In Afternoon Pop-up programs</p> <p>Night Life Adaptations 9 p.m.-10 p.m. Park Amphitheater</p> <p>Discover the world of nocturnal animals and their survival adaptations. Use tools and techniques that the Michigan Department of Natural Resource utilize to survey nocturnal life in the park</p>	<p>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></p> <p>Michigan's Mammals 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Get a hands-on opportunity to investigate the adaptations animals use to survive in Michigan. Drop in anytime.</p>	<p>History of Ludington State Park 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Hamlin Dam Learn the history of the beloved Ludington State Park. Once home to the old town of Hamlin and later was improved upon by the CCC, the area has transformed over time into a cherished destination for outdoor recreation and conservation.</p> <p>Roughly 1 mile walk up and down light hills.</p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Eric Engblade - "Folk rock with teeth"</i></p>	<p>Michigan Turtles 9:30 a.m. – 11:30am Michigan Beach House From protective armor to powerful jaws, what helps turtles thrive in ever changing environments?</p> <p><i>Drop in anytime</i></p> <p>Scat & Tracks 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></p>

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Programs and events Aug. 25 –Sep. 1, 2025



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Mon 8/25	Tues 8/26	Wed 8/27	Thurs 8/28	Fri 8/29	Sat 8/30	Sun 8/31	Mon 9/1
<p>Great Lakes Fish 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Learn what some of the biggest threats are to the fish population and how does the Michigan DNR manage these issues? <i>Drop in anytime</i></p> <p>Sands of the World 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Singing sands? what makes Ludington's sand so unique to other beaches Drop in anytime.</p>	<p>Bugs, Insects, Spiders! 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Identify body parts, and adaptations that help these tiny creatures survive. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p> <p>Michigan Turtles 1:30p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House From protective armor to powerful jaws, what helps turtles thrive in ever changing environments? <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p>	<p>Roving Campgrounds In Morning Pop-up programs</p> <p>History of Ludington State Park 2p.m.–3:30 p.m. Hamlin Dam Learn the history of Ludington State Park and it's influence to this day. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk.</i></p>	<p>Roving Campgrounds In Morning Pop-up programs</p> <p>River Life 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Hamlin Dam Looking at mayflies, dragonflies and more we will unlock their secrets and learn about Ludington's aquatic ecosystem health. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk.</i></p>	<p>Michigan Trees and Forestry 10 a.m. – 2pm Michigan Beach House Learn firsthand from scientists working for the Department of Natural Resource(DNR) Forestry Division. Discover what future threats to the forest are and how the DNR manages our forest. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p> <p>Michigan Tree ID and ME 3 p.m.–4:30 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></p>	<p>Dune Ecology 2p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Discover why the shifting sands create homes for some of the most unique plants and animals in Michigan. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk on paved surfaces.</i></p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Salt City Jazz Band, a crowd pleaser</i></p>	<p>Scat & Tracks 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.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></p> <p>The Power of the Sun Discovery Table 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Discover the incredible power we can harness from its rays. This interactive table invites visitors to dive into the science of sunlight. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p>	<p>Roving Campgrounds In Morning Pop-up programs</p> <p>Microscope Exploration 1:30p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Look up closely what makes up the natural world around us. Minerals that make up rocks, parts of plants, and more. Use our samples or bring your own samples to investigate under the microscope. <i>Drop in anytime</i></p>

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