



Public Programs October 2026

Ludington State Park

History of Ludington State Park

Saturday, October 3rd at 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Starting at the 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.

Roughly 1 mile walk on paved paths.

Budding Naturalists Preschool Program – Fall Book Walk

Wednesday, October 21st 2p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Starting at the Warming Shelter ending at Hamlin Picnic Shelter (1 mile walk one way. Strollers recommended for younger participants)

Nature programs designed for preschool aged children (2-5 years old) and their adult(s) on a different nature topic each month. Programs will include story time, a hike or outdoor activity, and a craft.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman: Waterfowl Identification

DNR Muskegon Field Office

Friday, October 23rd (Registration Required)

Hone in your bird identification skills by focusing on how to identify Michigan's native waterfowl. Take a deep look into the diving and dabbling ducks and learn the key features to easily ID them. Whether you are a hunter or bird enthusiast, learn how these waterfowl impact our lives and what we can learn from them.

The cost for the class is \$30, which includes an identification book and a boxed lunch. To register, go to [Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses](https://www.michigan.gov/DNRLicenses) and click on the "Purchase a license" button. Sign in (using either a username and password or your ID and birthdate), and find the class under the Becoming an Outdoors Woman tab.