# Programs and events July 1 - 5, 2025



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| Tuesday 7/1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Wednesday 7/2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thursday 7/3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Friday 7/4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Saturday 7/5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Great Lakes Fish<br>Discovery Table                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sands of the<br>World<br>Discovery Table                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dune Ecology –<br>Michigan's Center<br>of Biodiversity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Michigan's<br>Mammals<br>Discovery Table                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Bugs, Insects,<br>Spiders!<br>Discovery Table                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Michigan has over 150<br>species of fish living in<br>our abundant<br>freshwater. What are<br>some of the biggest<br>threats to the fish<br>population and how<br>does the Michigan<br>DNR manage these<br>issues?<br>Drop in anytime. No<br>need to arrive right at<br>the start. | Compare samples of<br>sands from different<br>sides of the globe<br>helps visitors discover<br>the wide variety of<br>textures, colors,<br>origins and highlights<br>what makes<br>Ludington's sand so<br>unique.<br>Drop in anytime. No<br>need to arrive right at<br>the start. | Explore the unique<br>dune ecosystems of<br>Ludington State Park<br>with a guided walk<br>with park staff.<br>Discover why the<br>shifting sands create<br>homes for some of the<br>most unique plants<br>and animals in<br>Michigan.<br><u>Roughly 1.5 mile walk up</u><br><u>and down light dune</u><br><u>hills</u> . | Ludington State Park<br>is full of wildlife, but<br>many animals are hard<br>to spot as they move<br>quietly through forests<br>and dunes. Get a<br>hands-on opportunity<br>to investigate the<br>adaptations animals<br>have to survive in<br>Michigan.<br>Drop in anytime. No<br>need to arrive right at<br>the start. | Using microscopes,<br>visitors can get an up-<br>close look at the<br>unique structures of<br>arthropods and test<br>their observation skills<br>by identifying body<br>parts, textures and<br>adaptations that help<br>these tiny creatures<br>survive.<br>Drop in anytime. No<br>need to arrive right at<br>the start. |
| 1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.<br>Michigan Beach House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1:30 p.m. through 3:30<br>p.m. at Michigan<br>Beach House                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at<br>Michigan Beach House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1:30 p.m 3:30p.m.<br>Michigan Beach House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1:30 p.m 3:30p.m.<br>Michigan Beach House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>River</b><br><b>Investigation</b><br>There is a library                                                                                                                                                                       | Archery<br>Experience<br>(Ages 8+)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | History of<br>Ludington<br>State Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Scat & Track<br>Discovery<br>Table                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Michigan's<br>Geology<br>Discovery                                                                                               | The Power<br>of the Sun<br>Discovery                                                                                                                                       | Bugs,<br>Insects,<br>Spiders!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| of knowledge<br>lurking under<br>water at<br>Ludington State<br>Park. Looking at<br>mayflies,<br>dragonflies and<br>more we will<br>unlock their<br>secrets and learn<br>about<br>Ludington's<br>aquatic<br>ecosystem<br>health. | Step into the<br>range and test<br>your archery<br>skills. No matter<br>what level you<br>are at we will<br>break down<br>range safety,<br>steps of<br>shooting and<br>the importance<br>of archery<br>programs.<br>Please come<br>prepared with<br>closed toe<br>shoes. All | Learn the<br>history of the<br>beloved<br>Ludington State<br>Park. Once<br>home to the old<br>town of Hamlin<br>and later was<br>improved upon<br>by the CCC, the<br>area has<br>transformed<br>over time into a<br>cherished<br>destination for<br>outdoor<br>recreation and<br>conservation. | Tracks, scat and<br>other subtle<br>signs left behind<br>tell the hidden<br>stories of animals<br>passing through,<br>offering clues<br>about their<br>behavior, diet<br>and movement.<br>Examine these<br>signs up close to<br>gain a deeper<br>understanding of<br>the animals of<br>the park. | Investigate a<br>variety of rock<br>samples to<br>uncover clues<br>about ancient<br>environments,<br>shifting<br>continents, and | Table<br>Discover the<br>incredible power<br>we can harness<br>from its rays.<br>This interactive<br>table invites<br>visitors to dive<br>into the science<br>of sunlight. | Discovery<br>Table<br>Using<br>microscopes,<br>visitors can get<br>an up-close look<br>at the unique<br>structures of<br>arthropods and<br>test their<br>observation<br>skills by<br>identifying body<br>parts, textures,<br>and adaptations<br>that help these<br>tiny creatures<br>survive. |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | archery<br>equipment<br>provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Roughly 1 mile</u><br><u>walk up and</u><br>down light hills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Drop in anytime.<br>No need to arrive<br>right at the start.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Drop in anytime.<br>No need to<br>arrive right at<br>the start.                                                                  | Drop in anytime.<br>No need to<br>arrive right at<br>the start                                                                                                             | Drop in anytime.<br>No need to arrive<br>right at the start.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.<br>at Hamlin Dam                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10 a.m. – Noon<br>At Park<br>Amphitheater                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 p.m. – 2:30p.m<br>at Hamlin Dam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.<br>Michigan Beach<br>House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 p.m. – 2:30<br>p.m.<br>Michigan Beach<br>House                                                                                 | 1 p.m 2:30 p.m.<br>Michigan Beach<br>House                                                                                                                                 | 1 p.m. – 2:30<br>p.m.<br>Michigan Beach<br>House                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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