

Ludington State Park

Programs and events July 28 - Aug 3, 2025



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Monday 7/28	Tuesday 7/29	Wednesday 7/30	Thursday 7/31	Friday 8/1	Saturday 8/2	Sunday 8/3
River Life 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hamlin Dam Unlock the secrets of the river to learn about Ludington's aquatic health. Drop-in anytime.	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 for survival in Michigan. Drop-in anytime.	The Formation of Michigan 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Warming Shelter Uncover how glaciers, wind and water shaped the land and how to read the terrain like a story. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk up and down sandy dunes</i>	Archery (Ages 8+) 9:30 a.m. – 11:30am Park Amphitheater Learn range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs.. <i>Closed toed shoes needed. All archery equipment provided. Arrive 10 minutes early.</i>	Invasive Species 9:30a.m.–11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Learn Michigan's Invasives and what you can do to help preserve our natural resources from threats. <i>Drop in anytime</i>	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> Michigan Turtles 1:30p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Join DNR Staff and Wildlife Biologist with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to investigate our native turtle species. <i>Drop in anytime.</i>	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>
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.	Live Birds of Prey 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. At Park Amphitheater Learn firsthand about Michigan's Hawks, Eagles, Owls, and more with live demonstrations.	Dune Ecology 2 p.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>	History of Ludington State Park 2 p.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>	Scat & Tracks 1:30p.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.	Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Uneven Ground - Traditional Celtic Band</i>	Dune Ecology Table 1:30p.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>Drop in anytime</i>

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Programs and events August 4 - 10, 2025



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Monday 8/4	Tuesday 8/5	Wednesday 8/6	Thursday 8/7	Friday 8/8	Saturday 8/9	Sunday 8/10
<p>Invasive Species 9:30a.m.-11:30 a.m. Hamlin Dam</p> <p>Learn Michigan's Invasives and what you can do to help preserve our natural resources from threats. <i>Drop in anytime</i></p> <p>Sands of the World 1:30p.m.-3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House</p> <p>Singing sands? what makes Ludington's sand so unique to other beaches. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p>	<p>Archery (Ages 8+) 10 a.m. – Noon Park Amphitheater Learn range safety, steps of shooting and the importance of archery programs..</p> <p><i>Closed toed shoes needed. All archery equipment provided. Arrive 10 minutes early.</i></p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater</p> <p><i>Ruth and Max Bloomquist - Rootsy Acoustic Americana Folk</i></p>	<p>Fishing 9:30 a.m. – 11:30am Hamlin Dam Bait and fishing poles will be provided. 17+ require a Michigan Fishing License. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p> <p>Dune Ecology 2 p.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>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>History of Ludington State Park 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Hamlin Dam Learn the history of Ludington State Park and it's influence to this day.</p> <p>Night Life Adaptations 9 p.m.-10 p.m. Discover the world of nocturnal animals and their survival adaptations.</p>	<p>Archery (Ages 8+) 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Park Amphitheater Learn range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs.. <i>Closed toed shoes needed. All archery equipment provided. Arrive 10 minutes early.</i></p> <p>Michigan's Geology 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.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>Ground Truth: The Formation of Michigan 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Warming Shelter Uncover how glaciers, wind, and water shaped the land and how to read the terrain like a story. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk up and down sandy dunes</i></p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Plain Jane Glory – Americana</i></p>	<p>Michigan Trees 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Michigan Beach House Learn how identifying these trees can benefit your understanding of both Michigan's Ecology and your local neighborhood <i>Drop in anytime</i></p> <p>Michigan Turtles 1:30 p.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>

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Programs and events August 11 - 17, 2025



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Monday 8/11	Tuesday 8/12	Wednesday 8/13	Thursday 8/14	Friday 8/15	Saturday 8/16	Sunday 8/17
<p>River Life 9:30a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hamlin Dam</p> <p>Unlock the secrets of the river to learn about Ludington's aquatic health. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p> <p>Scat & Tracks 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House</p> <p>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>Archery (Ages 8+) 10 a.m. – Noon Park Amphitheater Learn range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs.. <i>Closed toed shoes needed. All archery equipment provided. Arrive 10 minutes early.</i></p> <p>Michigan's Mammals 1:30p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Get a hands-on opportunity to investigate the adaptations animals have to survive in Michigan. <i>Drop-in anytime.</i></p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>Miller and Merchant: The Guitars of Dutch Henry.</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's Geology 9:30 a.m. – 11:30am 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>Bugs, Insects, Spiders! 1:30p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Identify body parts, and adaptations that help these tiny creatures survive. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p>	<p>Archery (Ages 8+) 9:30 a.m. – 11:30am Park Amphitheater Learn range safety, steps of shooting, and the importance of archery programs.. <i>Closed toed shoes needed. All archery equipment provided. Arrive 10 minutes early.</i></p> <p>Michigan Tree ID and ME 1:30p.m.–3:00 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>History of Ludington State Park 10 a.m. – 11:30am Hamlin Dam Learn the history of Ludington State Park and it's influence to this day. <i>Roughly 1 mile walk.</i></p> <p>Power of the Sun 1:30p.m.–3:30 p.m. Michigan Beach House Dive into the science and power of sunlight. <i>Drop in anytime.</i></p> <p>Summer Guest Presenter Series 7p.m. – 8 p.m. Park Amphitheater <i>The Magic of Kevin - A family favorite</i></p>	<p>Invasive Species 9:30a.m.–11:30 a.m. Hamlin Dam Learn Michigan's Invasives and what you can do to help preserve our natural resources from threats. <i>Drop in anytime</i></p> <p>Great Lakes Fish 1:30p.m.–3:00 p.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>

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