

Ludington, Michigan

Attractions

Favorite local pastimes include gathering at the shoreline and the North Breakwater Lighthouse to watch the S.S. Badger carferry enter and leave port. At dusk, attention turns to the setting sun over Lake Michigan. Night after night and season after season breathtaking sunsets offer spectacular color displays and beautiful backdrops for treasured family photos.



Ludington's Sandy Shoreline & Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area

Ludington offers over 8 miles of pristine sandy public beaches. The Lake Michigan shoreline actually extends for 28 miles along Mason County, part of which includes the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area, the only federally designated wilderness in Michigan's Lower Peninsula which features one of the largest tracts of unspoiled freshwater dunes in the world.

S.S. Badger Carferry

Ludington is home port to the S.S. Badger, the only steam-powered cross-lake ferry service on Lake Michigan. The Badger carries up to 620 passengers and 180 vehicles per trip between Ludington and Manitowoc, Wisconsin mid-May through mid-October. Over 100,000 passengers ride the ferry each season.

Ludington State Park

Situated between Hamlin Lake and Lake Michigan with several miles of shoreline and beaches on both bodies of water, Ludington State Park is comprised of nearly 5,300 acres of scenic sand dunes, ponds, marshlands and forests. It is one of the most popular state parks in Michigan with over 350 campsites. The park also boasts a canoe and kayak trail, two cross-country ski trails and 18 miles of hiking trails that include a 1.5-mile path that leads to Big Sable Point Lighthouse.

Historic White Pine Village

Nestled on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, White Pine Village features a rare sampling of over 25 carefully restored or recreated buildings that preserve Mason County's long history. Guests of the village have the opportunity to "step back in time" and experience life in West Michigan in the late 1800s through exhibits, museums, special historic events and festivals.