

# Ludington, Michigan

## *Downtown Districts*

*The North Country is known for its small town friendliness and nowhere is that more apparent than in Ludington and Scottville, Michigan. Away from the crowds found at big city malls, our downtowns provide an assortment of excellent restaurants, quaint shops where you will find items that are unique to our area and entertainment that will delight you.*



### **Discover downtown Ludington on the Lake**

Ludington is a Lake Michigan harbor community located at the mouth of the Pere Marquette River that is becoming home to an increasing number of specialty shops and art galleries.

The downtown shopping district runs along Ludington Avenue and down James Street and Rath Avenues, both of which cross Ludington Avenue.

A short walk from Stearns Park Beach and the marinas, downtown Ludington is home to the famous House of Flavors Restaurant & Ice Cream Shop and Anna Bach's chocolates, as well as galleries, antique shops, a natural food store, a movie theater, a brew pub, a skateboard shop, a full-service music store, and specialty shops offering a range of gifts, new and consignment clothing, quilting, knitting and crocheting supplies, house wares, furniture, books and Ludington-made art and crafts items.

As you stroll, enjoy Ludington's murals on downtown buildings, admire the Victorian homes along Ludington Avenue, and marvel at the bronze sculptures in Waterfront Park, many of which reflect the lumbering and maritime history of Ludington. A beautiful walkway also connects the downtown district to the lakeshore where you can take in a spectacular Lake Michigan sunset.

### **Scottville—Home of the Scottville Clown Band**

The city of Scottville is a small community in the heart of Mason County, approximately eight miles east of Ludington and Lake Michigan.

Scottville is the home of the Mason County Central Spartans, West Shore Community College, the Scottville Riverside Park, the Western Michigan Old Engine Club and the world famous Scottville Clown Band.

Located at the intersection of US 10 and US 31 in the center of Mason County, Scottville was named, according to legend, by the toss of a coin in 1882. Hiram Scott won the toss from Charles Blain and the community was named Scottville and became incorporated in 1889.



The area surrounding Scottville has always supported many different agricultural endeavors with the climate being especially agreeable to large crops of fruit such as cherries and apples as well as vegetables such as asparagus, pumpkins and green beans. Common scenes from May to November are roadside farm markets where it's possible to sample homegrown products fresh from the field.