



Experience LUDINGTON STATE PARK

Named the #1 State Park in the Midwest, and for good reason! Within its 5,300 acres is everything you could desire in a fun and relaxing vacation. Soak up the sun in front of the Lake Michigan Beach House, tube down the Sable River, or play in the sand at Hamlin Beach. The park has an amazing diversity of terrain which can be explored while hiking shorelines, sand dunes, hardwood forests, and marshlands. Eight miles of marked trails allow you to experience wildlife in its truest form. You'll likely spot a fox or deer, and maybe an eagle soaring across the sky above.



Come enjoy all that the Ludington State Park has to offer year-round. Weekly summertime programs within the park feature musicians, magic shows, and animal exhibitions. The park is even open in the winter for guided snowshoe walks and cross-country skiing. ⚡

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PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Big Sable Point Lighthouse where one can climb to the top for a breathtaking view.
- Nearly seven miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, with beaches extending into the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area.
- Hamlin Lake Dam with handicap accessible hard surface walkways.
- Hamlin Lake Beach, featuring a play ground, picnic areas, grills, pavilion, concessions, and restrooms. Rent rowboats, canoes, and kayaks.
- 18 miles of eight marked hiking trails with information kiosks.
- Lake Michigan Beach House with concessions, restrooms, veranda, outside patio, and exhibits.
- Big Sable River, which winds through the park and is a favorite place to tube.



LUDINGTON STATE PARK TRAIL MAP

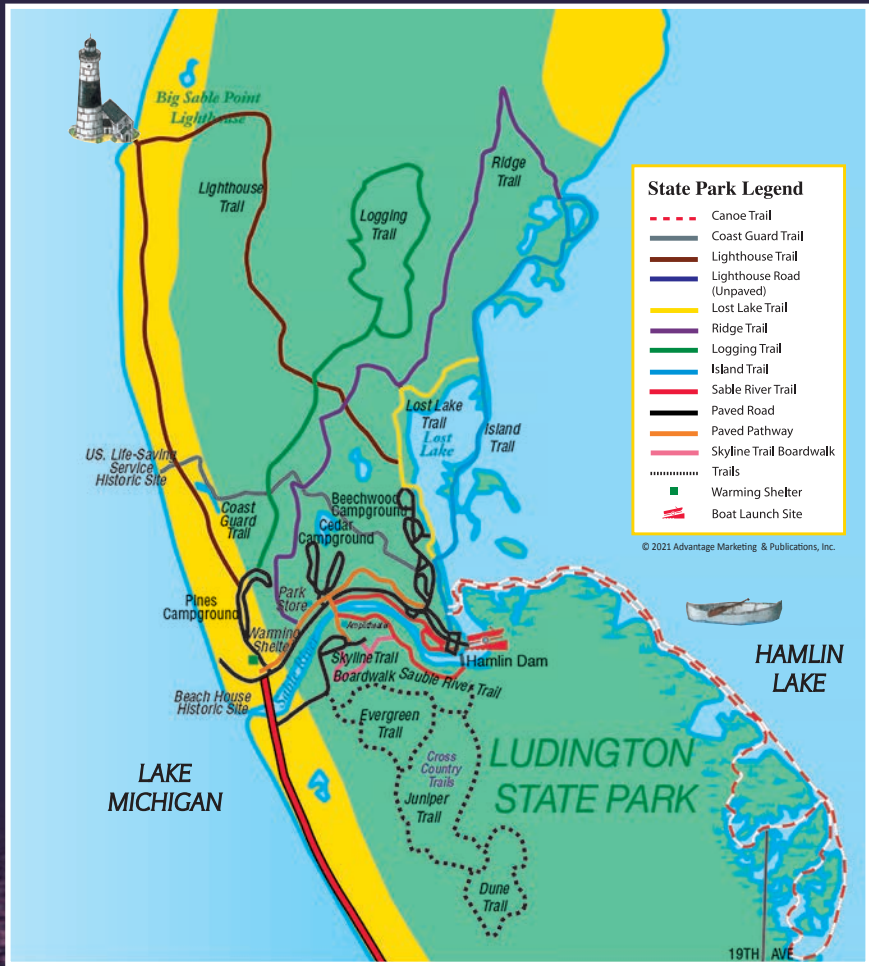


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Skyline: .5 miles, 30 minutes walking.

This completely elevated trail features an extensive boardwalk system. From the top of the trail, view Lake Michigan and miles of sand dunes.

Sable River: 1 mile, 30 minutes walking.

This relaxing walk goes across the Hamlin Dam and can accommodate people in wheelchairs. Interpretive panels point out historic sites.

Lost Lake: 1.5 miles, 1 hour walking.

Circling a watery cove off Hamlin Lake, it loops around, beginning and ending at Hamlin Lake Beach Concessions. Wildlife is seen in abundance so keep your eyes open!

Coast Guard: 1.5 miles, 1 hour walking.

Winding through the wooded dunes from the Lake Michigan Beach, this trail has one of the earliest Life Saving Stations on Lake Michigan.

Lighthouse: 3 miles, 2 hours walking.

Starting at the Beechwood Campground, walk through rolling sand dunes and end at Big Sable Point Lighthouse. The Lighthouse Road is a shorter, 1.8 mile walk from the main entrance parking lot and can be traversed in about 40 minutes.

Logging: 3 miles, 2.5 hours walking.

This historic trail loops around, beginning and ending at the north end of the Pines Campground and features plenty of shade.

Ridge & Island: 4 miles, 3 hours walking.

The Island Trail follows the sandy shoreline of Hamlin Lake, and the Ridge Trail follows the top of a tall wooded sand dune.

South End Ski: 6 miles, 3 hours walking.

Located in the southern part of the park, these are actually three looped trails tied together. They weave through sand dune valleys of thick jack pines and wetlands.

Canoe: 2-4 hours.

Enter Hamlin Lake near the beach area. Traveling close to the south shore, enjoy swampy areas, marshlands, and wildlife.

A person wearing a pink shirt and a life vest is kayaking on a river. The kayak is blue and has yellow paddles. The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

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