

# ENJOY A QUIET SEASON *Getaway*

When you feel the urge to get away during the colder months, don't forget the Ludington area. We offer a variety of up north activities that you and your family can enjoy.

## Fall

Fall color tours are very popular here along the lakeshore. October is peak season and a drive through the countryside is spectacular with trees ablaze in reds, oranges and yellows. This is also the time for the local Oktoberfest celebration, complete with good food, drink, and entertainment. The cooler air and thinner crowds make fall a great time to visit Ludington.

## Winter

Don't hibernate during the winter—celebrate the beauty of the snow in the Ludington area. The fun starts during the holiday season when Santa rides through town in the Aglow on the Avenue parade. Local stores are open, giving you an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Then on December 31st, Ludington has its one-of-a-kind lighted ball drop, and it's a sight to behold. What a festive

way to usher in the new year! Later in January, the Pure Ludington Brrrewfest brings visitors and locals together to sample some of the best in craft beer.

If you truly enjoy being out in the snow, you can head to the Ludington State Park all winter long. Snowshoe walks take place in January and February, and there are ski trails on the south end of the park for cross country skiing. Ice fishing on Hamlin and Pere Marquette Lakes is very popular. Once the ice hardens, anglers set up their shanties and catch fresh bluegill, walleye, perch and northern pike.

## Spring

As the temperatures begin to rise, Ludington gears up for the busy summer season. May is when the Petunia Parade plants the beautiful flowers that line Ludington Avenue. The S.S. Badger carferry begins sailing, and our lighthouses open their doors to visitors. There are plenty of motels, hotels, and bed & breakfasts that are ready to welcome guests—eager to share their wonderful Ludington hospitality! ⚓

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