



Think Snow!

Yes, it's cold during the winter months, but you can't deny the pristine beauty of new fallen snow as it clings to the trees and blankets the ground. And with all the open areas around Ludington, it's perfect for great winter outdoor activities, like sledding down a hill. Or curl up next to a toasty fireplace with a hot drink, and the season suddenly becomes not only fun but very cozy!

If you enjoy the vigorous exercise of cross country skiing, Ludington has the perfect setting. The Ludington State Park is very popular for its marked trails and beautiful landscape, plus there is a warming shelter. The school forest land off Bryant Road is an ideal place to cross country ski and is close to town. Scottville's Riverside Park, just a few miles east of Ludington, offers trails along the Pere Marquette River.

Ice shanties dot the surface of a frozen Hamlin Lake, with an abundance of bluegill, yellow perch, walleye, and northern pike. Try your luck at one of the many ice fishing tournaments offered in the area. Or if the exhilaration of snowmobiling is more your style, the nearby



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Huron-Manistee National Forest has 350 miles of trails just waiting for you.

Ice skaters can enjoy their sport at the West Shore Community Ice Arena, home to the West Shore Wolves Youth Hockey Association. Located across from the Rec Center at West Shore Community College, the Ice Arena offers public skating throughout the year—call 843-9712 for hours.

The Light up the Lake Celebration on New Year's Eve has thousands of people coming to downtown Ludington to see the beautiful Lighted Ball Drop at midnight. This annual event features an outdoor tent, drink specials, and entertainment.

Not every place is lucky enough to enjoy the snow—so take advantage of what Mother Nature has provided us. ❄️



FREE GUIDED SNOWSHOE WALKS are held at the Ludington State Park, weather permitting, every Saturday at 3pm & 7pm during January and February 2012. The park loans out 40 pairs of snowshoes (all sizes including children) on a first come, first served basis, or bring your own. A park vehicle permit is required. For more information, go to www.visitludingtonstatepark.com, or call (231) 843-9261.