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THE BEAUTY OF THE QUIET SEASON

We love our Ludington summers, but the off-season is equally enticing. Life slows down a bit, the crowds thin, and the crisp air is invigorating.

Autumn

This is the season for bonfires and cozy sweatshirts! The natural beauty of a Michigan fall is unmatched, with trees aflame in vibrant yellows, reds, and oranges. Take a relaxing drive on one of our many country roads and enjoy the scenery. The tastes of the season are abundant at local festivals, farm markets, and Oktoberfest celebrations. Warm cider, sweet doughnuts, and crunchy apples fill your senses with fall's goodness. Now is the time to take a hayride, hike at the Ludington State Park, or visit a local pumpkin patch. The fall salmon run at the Hamlin Lake Dam is especially fun to watch.



Winter

Christmas is a wonderful time in

Ludington, with its parade, craft shows, and holiday decorations, and the spectacular Lighted Ball Drop with fireworks display. The Ludington State Park is your winter headquarters, with its miles of marked ski trails—perfect for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. You feel part of nature as you glide across the snow and embrace the peaceful beauty of the park. Snowshoe making classes are offered in the fall and early winter, and guided snowshoe walks take place on Saturdays in January and February. When the ice freezes on inland lakes, put up your ice shanty and fish for bluegill, yellow perch, walleye, and northern pike. Even craft beer lovers have a reason to visit Ludington, with its Brrrewfest festival held every January. ☺