



## **Parks and Trails**

You will find parks and trails for your recreation pleasure within the community area of Escanaba.

Ludington Park is a 120-acre municipal park offering a children's playground, band shelter, picnic tables, and public beach. Four tennis courts, soccer field, six beach-sand volleyball courts and one basketball court. The Ludington Park Beach will be open from mid-June to mid-August. There is also a 165 slip marina and historical museum.

**Pavilion** – The Ludington Park Pavilion is located near the south end of the park. There is a 110-volt electric service, potable water for cooking/cleaning and a large capacity charcoal grill. The facility is capable of accommodating 10 eight-person picnic tables with ample green space in the surrounding area to facilitate additional tables/persons. Clean, modern restroom facilities are located conveniently close to the Pavilion. Parking accommodations are also close by at the tennis court lot, Jenkin's Drive or the Bandshell parking lot. Advance reservations are required for family socials, picnics and outings. There is a \$50.00 reservation fee per day/event. Please contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

There is also a pavilion located at the John D. Besse Park located on South 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. This pavilion is handicap accessible with electric service, drinking water fountain and three large charcoal grills. There is a \$50 registration fee per day/event. Please contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141 for more information.

**Ludington Park Gazebo** – The Gazebo is located across from the Sand Point Lighthouse near the east end of Ludington Park. The 20' x 20' Gazebo is equipped with both internal and external electrical outlets and external lighting for subtle nighttime illumination. Many people have found the Ludington Park Gazebo an excellent location for wedding ceremonies, wedding pictures and family reunion pictures. This facility provides beautiful views of the Ludington Park Fountain and the Harbor. On-street parking is available. Restrooms are nearby at the Municipal Marina. Advance reservations are required for wedding ceremonies, family/group pictures, etc. There is a reservation fee of \$30.00 per two-hour block. For reservations contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

**Ludington Park Bandshell** – The Bandshell is a multi-use facility capable of accommodating plays, concerts, religious functions and other ceremonies and social events. Located on the south end of Ludington Park, the facility is capable of seating 300 people with a large expanse of green area and hills to accommodate hundreds of other spectators. Support facilities for the Bandshell include parking for approximately 100 vehicles and restroom facilities immediately north of the Bandshell area. Advance

reservations are required for the use of the Ludington Park Bandshell. There is a \$50.00 reservation fee per day. The Escanaba City Band performs every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. from mid-June to mid-August. For reservations contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

**Harbor Hideout Playground** – Located in Ludington Park, Harbor Hideout is Escanaba’s own 22,500 square foot children’s adventure facility. The structure was designed by local community volunteers and area school children and built with volunteer labor. This facility is suitable for children of all ages. Consider this playground a “must see” for all residents and visitors alike. Playground is barrier-free and nearly all features are handicapped accessible. Slides, transfer points, swings and playground cover are suitable for the mobility impaired.

**Royce Park** – Located on South 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Two tennis courts and one basketball court. Outside ice rink available from January to February weather permitting with a warming shack. There is also a playground and ball diamond on site.

**Veteran’s Park** – Located on Lake Shore Drive and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Two tennis courts and one basketball court. There is also a playground and ball diamond on site.

**Webster Park** – Located on the North 1300 block and North 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Outside ice rink available from January to February weather permitting with a warming shack.

**Escanaba High School** – Located on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and South Lincoln Road. Four tennis courts. There is a walking/running track available on site.

**Stephenson Park** – Located on North 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. One basketball court. There is also a playground and ball diamond on site.

**Rose Park** – Located on Washington Avenue and Stephenson Avenue. One tennis court and playground area available.

**Ogden Avenue Park** – Located on Ogden Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Outside ice rink available from January to February weather permitting.

**John D. Besse Park** – Located on South 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Disc golf course, pavilion and playground.

**DNR Pocket Park** – Located within the fairground facility. Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The pocket park is available for fishing, archery and pellet guns. Contact number is 789-0714.

**Family Fun Park** – Located at 2929 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North. This facility has bank-shot basketball, go-karts, adventure golf, batting cages and bumper boats for a fee. Contact number is 789-9386. [www.eskyfunpark.com](http://www.eskyfunpark.com).

**Northern Lights YMCA** – Located at 2001 North Lincoln Road. The YMCA has various programs to include aquatics, ask the experts, cycling, day camp, group fitness, make it personal, organized sports, seniors, wellness and youth/teen. Contact number is 789-0005.  
[www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com).