

PARKS

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

Ludington Park - A 120-acre municipal park offering a children's playground, band shell, picnic tables, public beach, four tennis courts, a 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 a historical museum.

<u>Pavilion</u> – 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 reservation fee per day/event. Please contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

<u>Ludington Park Gazebo</u> – 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. For reservations contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

<u>Ludington Park Bandshell</u> – 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. The Escanaba City Band performs every Wednesday at 7:30pm from mid-June to mid-August. Advance reservations are required for the use of the Ludington Park Bandshell. For reservations contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141.

<u>Harbor Hideout Playground</u> – 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 handicap-accessible. Slides, transfer points, swings, and playground cover are suitable for the mobility impaired.

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

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

Webster Park – Located on the 1300 block of North 19th Street. Outside ice rink with a warming shack available from January to February weather permitting.

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

Stephenson Park – Located on North 19th Street and 15th 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.

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

<u>Pavilion</u> - This pavilion is handicap accessible with electric service, drinking water fountain, and three large charcoal grills. There is a registration fee per day/event. Please contact the Recreation Department at 786-4141 for more information.

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 3rd 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.

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