

Ludington State Park

Track Chair Program

Use and Safety Guidelines

- Only one person may be on the Track Chair at any time. No riders are allowed.
- Make sure controls are in the off position before sitting in the Track Chair, and before getting out of the seat. The seat can be tilted down, and the arms raised, to help with transferring to the chair. Park staff or volunteers are unable to assist with transfers.
- The safety harness must be worn while operating the chair. The use of the leg harness is recommended.
- If you have issues with using the right-handed joystick control, the attendant control can be placed on the left side for use. If you are unable to use the right- or left-hand placed controls, a companion may walk alongside the chair and control the movement of the chair with the attendant control.
- **Do not** navigate Track Chair on greater than a 20-degree slope and **do not** attempt to climb stairways.
- Track Chair will climb inclines but could tip over in any direction if you are not careful with its use.
- When climbing over small logs or curbs approach at an angle, **not** directly straight on at 90 degrees. Use the tilt feature of the seat to maintain balance and control of the chair.
- Track Chair is designed to operate on most surfaces including pavement, sand, dirt, gravel, and mud but must **not** be operated in water over 4 inches.
- **For the above stated reasons, only use the Track Chair on the following trails – the road portion of the Lighthouse Road, Logging Trail, Sable River Trail and Paved Pathway areas throughout the Park. The Track Chair can also be used on public beaches in the Park.**
- If you take the Track Chair to Big Sable Lighthouse, do not operate the Track Chair on the wooden plank walkways.
- Track Chair operators are not permitted to have nonservice pets with them while operating the Track Chair. If possible, an accompanying companion should hold the leash of service animals.
- When not operating the chair turn it off to conserve power. You should monitor, via the screen, the amount of battery you have used. Remember you need to be able to have enough battery power to return the chair to the Park office. You should plan on using the chair no more than six miles in total distance and three hours.

- **For safety reasons you must provide an itinerary explaining where you intend to use the track chair.**
- Always have a backup plan, “What if ...?” As a reminder, cell service is **poor to non-existent** in the Ludington State Park and should not be relied on in the event of an emergency. **For your safety, you are encouraged to have someone who does not have a disability with you while you are using the track chair.**
- Failure to know the limits of the Track Chair can cause personal injury or equipment damage. The Ludington State Park may deny future use of the track chair to those individuals that have used the chair in an unsafe manner or not in accordance with these guidelines.
- **In case of issues with the Track Chair contact the Ludington State Park at (231) 843-2423 extension 0.**