

## **Cartier Park Pathway**

Named after one of Ludington's most famous founding families, Cartier Park is a natural area located on Lincoln Lake within the city of Ludington with a campground, picnic area, fishing docks, dog park and the Cartier Park Pathway.

The Cartier Park Pathway consists of two different, intermingled trails, both starting at the trailhead on the corner of Bryant and Rath Avenues. The 1.36-mile paved asphalt trail is relatively flat with a circular inner loop; ideal for a leisurely bike ride, an evening stroll or those looking for a scenic running route.

The mountain biking trail, also known as "The Dragon," is 3.5 miles of pure fun. Void of steep hill climbs, this natural surface single-track zigzags through the contours of these gently rolling woodlands with lots of banked turns and clever obstacles to keep you entertained along its meandering loop. This is a two-way trail with ample space and enough visibility to allow oncoming riders to safely pass. After you've completed the loop, turn around, and ride the course in the opposite direction to double your fun.

The Dragon was named after the wild shape of the trail route. It was intentionally designed for cyclists of all skill levels. It's a great introductory trail for beginner and intermediate riders who are developing their mountain biking skills. For advanced riders, the curvy course is a great training route to help sharpen your reflexes, improve your endurance and clock your best time.

This popular trail is maintained by the Shoreline Cycling Club.

