



HISTORY TOUR

SS BADGER

Carferries have had a long history in the Ludington Area. At one time, as many as 9 carferries linked the Pere Marquette Railways to Wisconsin. By the mid-1950s, Ludington was the largest carferry port in the world!

The service continues today with the S.S. Badger, the last coal-fired carferry still operating in the United States. Today, the ship now catering to leisure passengers and their vehicles rather than railroad freight.



HISTORIC WHITE PINE VILLAGE



Historic White Pine Village opened in 1976 and is a historic village of over 30 museum buildings and sites of history dedicated to preserving and presenting Mason County's past. The buildings contain thousands of signs, artifacts and archives. A self-guided tour experience this is an exciting, cultural and educational visit for individuals or the entire family.

FATHER MARQUETTE

The area's earliest days are marked by the arrival of French missionary and explorer Father Jacques Marquette, in the mid-1600s. Marquette journeyed to this region to further his knowledge and understanding of the area's first settlers, the Native Americans. He died and was buried on the peninsula in 1675. A monument, the Father Marquette Shrine, now marks the site of his death on the south side of the channel, 760 S. Lakeshore Drive.