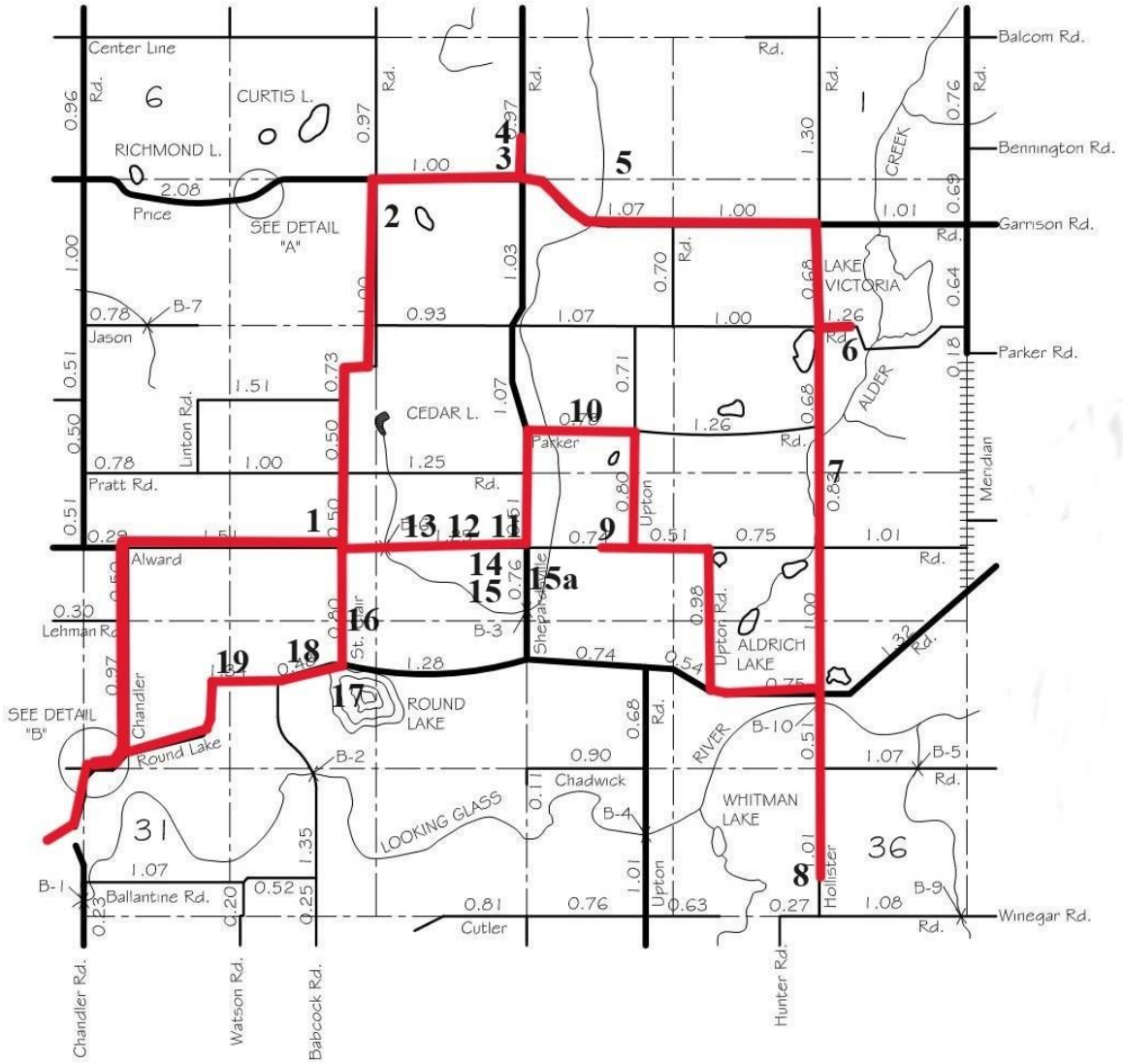
Victor Township Tour

This tour starts and ends at Round Lake Road and Chandler Road. (Note: Chandler Road runs along Alward for about ¼ mile. You want to take the section that goes north.) Turn left on Chandler Road and travel north to Alward Road and then turn right.



1	**Hewitt VanVelsor House** North side of E. Alward just west of St Clair This house was built in 1837 by Robert G. McKee from Vermont, who was a surveyor. Turn left on St. Clair Road. As you go by the intersection with Green Road, this was the site of the old Cedar Lake School.

2	**Stilson Cemetery** 6103 S. St. Clair Road This is the final resting place of many early settlers from this area. When you reach Price Road turn right and continue 1 mile to Shepardsville Road.
3	**Old Grove Church Site** Northwest Corner of East Price and Shepardsville Roads A small memorial marks the spot of the old Grove Church which was built in 1886 and sat on this site for over 100 years. Just across the road to the east is the site of the brick Grove School which was built in 1866 and closed in the 1960's. The school became part of Sleepy Hollow State Park and was demolished. Go north to the first house on your left.
4	**Maag House** 5814 Shepardsville Road This house was built in 1843 Turn around and go back to Price Road and go east.
5	**Sleepy Hollow State Park** 7835 E. Price Road This state park was created by damming the Little Maple River to create Lake Ovid. It opened to the public in 1976 and contains a campground, beach, and trails. Go to Hollister Road and turn right 1 mile and then turn left on Jason Road.
6	**Blood Cemetery** 9110 E. Jason Road The Blood Cemetery has been the subject of a false urban legend that the ghost of Dr. and Mrs. Blood are said to haunt the cemetery. The name of the cemetery is actually from early settler Rev. Daniel Harwell Blood. Also named for him is the nearby Blood Lake and former Blood Methodist Episcopal Church and Blood School. The Blood School, located on the southeast corner of Jason and Hollister Roads, was the first school in Victor Township and the site of the first town meeting in 1843. The school building was demolished in the 1990's after efforts to move the building to Bath fell through due its deteriorating condition. Just to the east of the school was the Blood Church. The church closed in 1927 and was moved and converted into a storage barn. Just to the east is man-made Lake Victoria, a private community. Go back to Hollister Road and travel south about a mile.
7	**Pino House** 7891 Hollister Road President Polk signed the land grant in 1846. Isaac Hollister was the original owner of this Georgian Colonial house. Continue south on Hollister Road a little over 2 miles.
8	**Showerman House** 10850 S. Hollister Road President VanBuren signed the land grant for this farm in 1837. A log house was home until 1864 when this Modified Victorian style house was built. Back track to Round Lake Road and turn left. In 1 mile turn right for a mile and then left past the intersection with Upton Road.

9	**Perkins Farm** 7553 Alward Road This farm was started in 1854. Back track to Upton Road and go north 1 mile to Parker and then turn left.
10	**Rann House** 7311 Parker Road This house was built in 1837 by John Parker of New York. Continue west on Parker to Shepardsville Road and turn left.
11	**Ray VanVelsor House** 6997 Alward Road This house was the Geary Post Office in 1857, named after Governor Geary of Kansas. It closed with the advent of Rural Free Delivery. The house was built by Ainsworth Reed of Massachusetts whose father was a hero of the Revolutionary War. Go south to Alward Road and turn right.
12	**Victor Township Hall** 6843 E. Alward Road The picnic shelters were moved from Sleepy Hollow State Park when the park decided to replace them. You may want to park here and walk to the neighboring sites.
13	**Old Dennison/Denison School** Just west of Victor Township Hall This brick school building was built in 1882 on the Ovid Township side of Centerline Road where the Sleepy Hollow campground is now located and closed in the mid-1960's. As the campground was being developed the building was moved to the east across the park road. In 1997 the park announced plans to demolish the building. A group of local citizens with the help of State Senator Mike Rogers and the Victor Township Board raised the money to move the building in December to the present location next to the township hall. The building is now owned by Victor Township and available to rent.
14	**Old Reed Church** 6770 Alward Road This building was constructed in 1877. At first it was a United Brethren and then a Methodist Episcopal Church. After the church disbanded, it fell into disrepair until a group of local citizens raised money and renovated the building. The building is now owned by Victor Township and is available to rent.
15	**Reed Cemetery** 6770 Alward Road This active cemetery with graves dating to the 1860's was named for Ainsworth Reed who donated the land for the cemetery along with the Reed School south of Alward and and Reed Church. To view the old stone Reed School (**15a**) which closed in 1963, it is located at 8970 Shepardsville Road just south of the intersection with Alward Road on the east side. Continue west on Alward Road to St. Clair Road and turn south.
16	**Arthur Farm** 8827 S. St. Clair This centennial farm was started in 1863. Go south to Round Lake Road and Round Lake.

17	**Round Lake** 5942 Round Lake Road Round Lake is notable for the dance pavilion built in the 1920's. Along with the dance hall, the bathing, boating, and picnic area on the north shore was a popular early 20th century hangout during warm summers days. The old pavilion is used today as a banquet and event center. Continue east on Round Lake Road.
18	**Sexton Farm** 5503 Round Lake Road This farm was established after the Civil War. The barn dates to 1876 and the house to 1890.
19	**Pontiac-Grand River Trail** You are traveling along Round Lake Road which was once the Pontiac-Grand River Trail. This was the route the early settlers took from Detroit to Clinton County. In turn it followed an old Indian trail which split near Round Lake with the main Grand River Trail heading in a northwesterly direction toward the Maple River at Lyons. The southern branch which followed the Looking Glass River to DeWitt was the one used by pioneers and is the route you are traveling on. Continue on Round Lake Road to US-127.