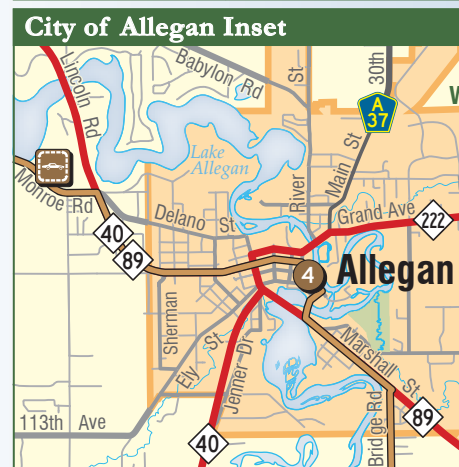
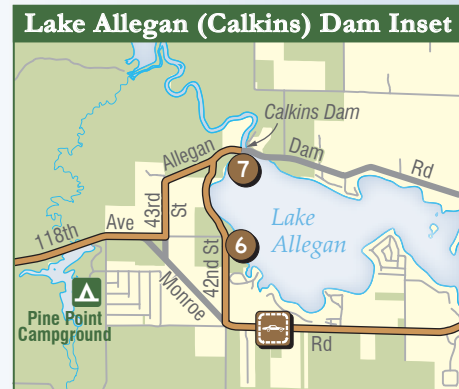
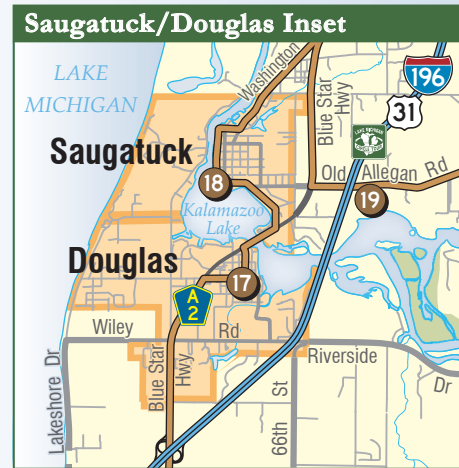
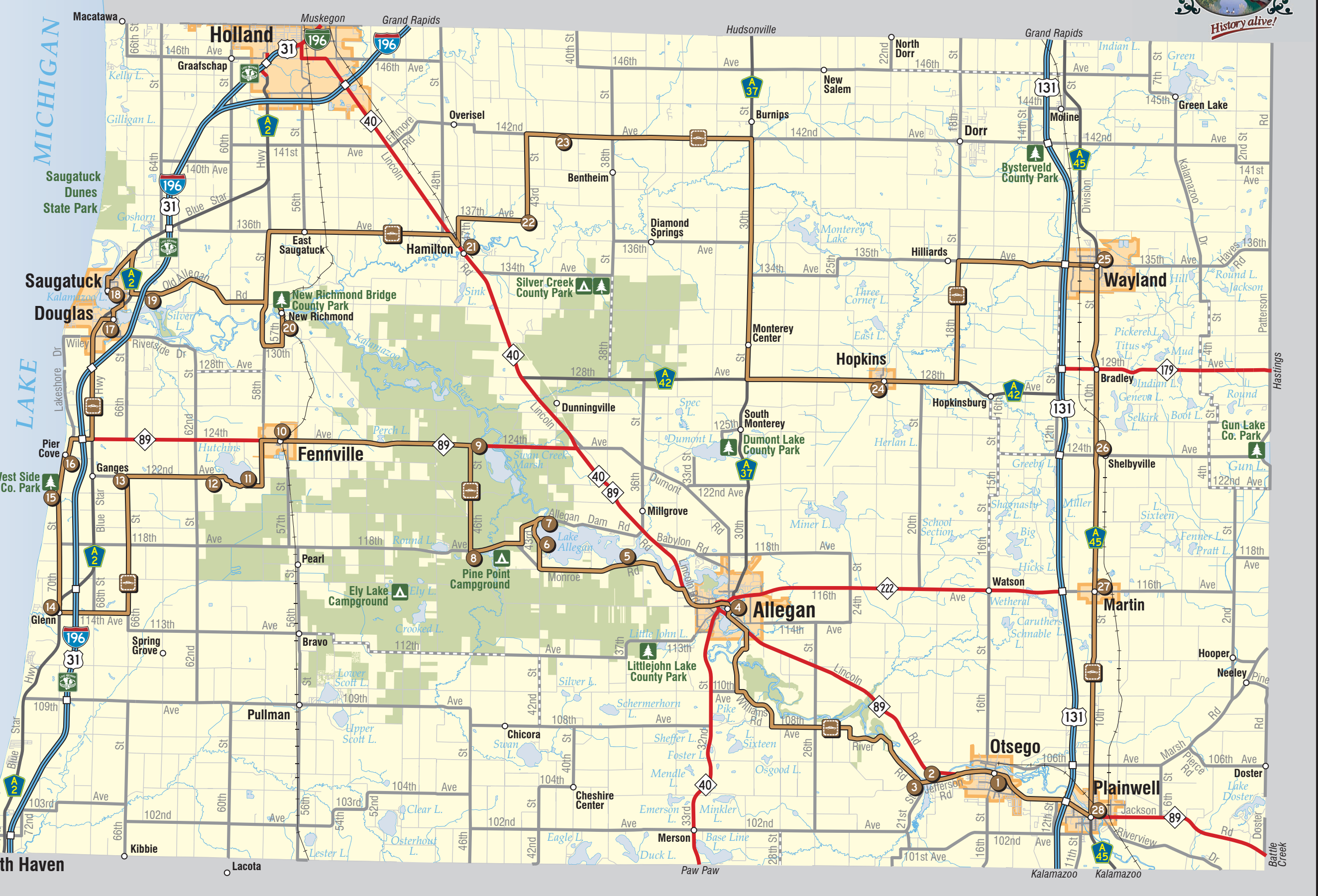


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ROUTE AND DIRECTIONS

In addition to the map on the reverse side, the following narrative of directions is provided. While the directions below begin in downtown Plainwell, the trail is designed so you can start from, or stop at, any site on the route. Simply jump down to the site number you are starting from and follow the trail in a clockwise direction. Each narrative begins at the previous stop and takes you to the next stop—the one noted in the left-hand column—on the Heritage Tour route. Have fun!

- No.1 From downtown Plainwell (Site No.28) at the corner of A-45/Main St and M-89/Allegan St., head north-west on M-89/Allegan St toward US-131 for 3¼ miles into downtown Otsego and Site No.1.
- No.2 From Site No.1 in downtown Otsego, follow M-89 west toward Allegan for approximately one mile. Turn left onto Jefferson Rd. and proceed for ¾ mile. Site No.2 will be on the right (north) side of Jefferson Rd. The town used to be where the pond on your left (south) is now.
- No.3 From Site No.1, continue west on Jefferson Rd. for ¼ mile. At 21st St. continue ahead (west) on Jefferson Rd. for a short distance. Turn right (north) onto River Rd. Site No.3, the remnants of the Pine Creek Dam and spillway, is on the right (east).
- No.4 Continue west from Site No.3 on River Rd for 2½ miles. Turn right (north) onto 24th St. for ¼ mile, then left (west) onto 108th Ave for 2¼ miles. Turn right onto Williams Rd for 1½ miles before turning right onto Bridge Rd. for an additional two miles. At the end of Bridge Rd., turn left onto M-89/Marshall St. for ¾ mile. Turn right onto 2nd St. and cross the historic 2nd Street Bridge into downtown Allegan.
- No.5 From Site No.3, continue northeast on State St from the 2nd Street Bridge, then left (northwest) onto Water St. for three blocks. Turn left (west) onto Cutler St for three blocks. At Cedar St., proceed straight ahead (west) onto M-40/M-89 westbound toward Holland for 1¾ mile. Outside of Allegan, turn left (west) at the blinker light onto Monroe Rd. and continue 1½ miles to Site No.5: the Lake Allegan Overlook.
- No.6 Continue west on Monroe Rd. from Site No.5 for 2¾ miles and turn right (north) onto 42nd St for approximately ½ mile. The World War II prisoner of war camp was located in the wooded area on your right (east) between the road and Lake Allegan.
- No.7 From Site No.6, continue north on 42nd St. for one mile to Allegan Dam Rd., and turn right (east) onto Allegan Dam Rd. for about ¼ mile to Site No.7: the Allegan Dam and Spillway.
- No.8 To proceed to Site No.8, head back the way you came (west) along Allegan Dam Rd. and 43rd St. for 1¼ mile. Turn right (west) onto 118th Ave. for 1½ mile. Site No.8, the Allegan State Game Area Headquarters, is located on the southwest corner of 118th Ave. and 46th St.
- No.9 From Site No.8, proceed north on 46th St. for three miles. (46th St. is a gravel road.) Site No.9—the remnants of a pine plantation—is located near the intersection of M-89/124th St.
- No.10 To reach Site No.10, turn left (west) onto M-89/124th Ave. toward Fennville. Proceed 5½ miles to Site No.10 in downtown Fennville.
- No.11 From downtown Fennville and Site No.10, continue west on M-89/Main St. for ½ mile to 58th St. on the west edge of the city. Turn left (south) and follow 58th St. for 1¼ mile, then curve west and continue on 122nd Ave for another ½ mile to Site No.11—a “drive-by” of Hutchins Lake.
- No.12 From Hutchins Lake, continue west along 122nd Ave for another mile. This area is the location of many orchards and berry fields.
- No.13 To continue to Site No.13, continue west along 122nd Ave. to 66th St. Site No.13—the Hudson Heritage Farm Vista—is located just north of 122nd Ave on 66th St. When departing, head south along 66th St. back to 122nd Ave., then continue straight through the intersection. (If not visiting Site No.13, simply turn left from 122nd Ave. onto 66th St.)
- No.14 From 122nd Ave., continue south via 66th St. for four miles, then turn right (east) onto 114th Ave. for an additional two miles to Site No.14, the community of Glenn.
- No.15 In Glenn, turn right (north) onto A-2/Blue Star Hwy. Just north of town, A-2/Blue Star Hwy. veers to the right. Keep left and proceed straight ahead (north) along 70th St. (also known as Lakeshore Dr.). Continue north on 70th St. (Lakeshore Dr.) for 3⅓ miles to Site No.15, the West Side County Park, on your left (west).
- No.16 Continue north along Lakeshore Dr. from Site No.15, West Side County Park, for approximately ¾ mile to Site No.16: Pier Cove. There is a small parking area available at the Pier Cove Township Park.
- No.17 From Pier Cove, continue north on Lakeshore Dr. There is a sharp bend in the road and you will need to turn left (north) at the 123rd Ave. intersection to continue via Lakeshore Dr. for another ½ mile. Turn right onto 124th Ave, which also becomes M-89 at the I-196/US-31 freeway interchange, for ½ mile. Turn left (north) onto A-2/Blue Star Hwy. at the four-way stop and follow it for 3½ miles into Douglas. Turn right (east) onto Center St and follow it into downtown Douglas, Site No.17.
- No.18 To reach Site No.18 from downtown Douglas, proceed north from Center St. via Main St. for four blocks. Turn right onto A-2/Blue Star Hwy. and cross the Kalamazoo Lake bridge. Just past the bridge, turn left onto Lake St. and proceed ½ mile into downtown Saugatuck, Site No.18. (Lake St. becomes Culver St. as you approach downtown.)
- No.19 Departing Site No.18 in downtown Saugatuck, continue west on Culver St. which quickly curves north along the Kalamazoo River and becomes Water St. Seven blocks later, Water St. curves inland and becomes Lucy St. After two blocks, turn left (north) onto Holland St., which turns into Washington Ave. as you leave the City of Saugatuck. One mile from Lucy St., turn right (south) onto A-2/Blue Star Hwy. and continue south for approximately 1¼ mile. Turn left (east) onto Old Allegan Rd. and continue east for ½ mile under the freeway to Site No.19—River Bluff Park on your right (south).
- No.20 From Site No.19, continue east (away from Saugatuck) along Old Allegan Rd. for four miles to 56th St. Turn right (south) onto 58th St. and continue for 1¼ mile to 130th Ave. Turn left (east) onto 130th Ave. for ½ mile, then turn north onto 57th St. for one mile to the community of New Richmond. Continue north through this small hamlet along Old Allegan Rd. to the end of the road at the New Richmond Bridge, Site No.20.
- No.21 Leaving New Richmond, retrace your route by heading south on 57th St. for 1¼ mile to 130th Ave., right (west) for ½ mile to 58th St., then right (north) on 58th St. for two miles. Turn right (east) and follow 136th Ave. for approximately 5¼ miles into Hamilton. There, turn right (southeast) onto M-40/Lincoln Rd. for less than ½ mile (one long block) to 47th St. Turn left (north) onto 47th St. for one block (less than 200 feet), then immediately right (southeast) onto Willyard St. Follow Willyard St. for two blocks to the the Heath Township Park and Site No.21.
- No.22 Leaving Heath Township Park, continue northwest along Willyard St. (the way you came in) for two blocks back to 47th St. Turn right (north) and follow 47th St. for about ¾ mile. Turn right (east) onto 137th Ave. and travel for two miles to Site No.22—the massive flower fields supplying commercial greenhouses nationwide.
- No.23 From eastbound 137th Ave. turn left (north) onto 43rd St. and continue north for 2½ miles. At 142nd Ave, turn right (east) and continue for approximately one mile to Site No.23, an area of Dutch Heritage farms and homes.
- No.24 Continue east on 142nd Ave. toward Burnips for another 5½ miles. Turn right (south) at the blinker light onto A-37/30th Ave. toward Allegan and continue for seven miles. Turn left (east) at the blinker light onto A-42/128th Ave. toward Hopkins for four miles into downtown Hopkins and Site No.24.
- No.25 From downtown Hopkins, continue east on A-42/128th Ave. for two miles. Turn left (north) onto 18th St. and proceed 3½ miles to Hilliards. Turn right (east) onto 135th Ave. for four miles into downtown Wayland and Site No.25. (135th Ave. is known as Superior St. within Wayland.)
- No.26 From downtown Wayland, turn right (south) onto Main St. and continue for 5½ miles. (Main St. becomes A-45/10th St outside of Wayland.) Site No.26—Shelbyville & Gun Lake—is at A-45/10th St. and 124th Ave. (“Downtown” Shelbyville is located ½ mile east on 124th Ave.)
- No.27 Continue south via A-45/10th St. from Shelbyville for four miles to Site No.27 in the Village of Martin.
- No.28 Leaving downtown Martin, continue south along A-45/10th St. for 6½ miles into Plainwell. (10th St. becomes Main St. in the City of Plainwell.) Site No.28 is located in downtown Plainwell.