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# Experiences Guide Book



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*Our Story. Through Our Lens.*

# Message From Ogimaa Duke Peltier

WIKWEMKOONG UNCEDED TERRITORY



The Anishinaabek people of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory have lived on Manitoulin Island since time immemorial. The village of Wiikwemkoong is on the eastern portion of the island and along the beautiful and pristine shores of Georgian Bay. Our vibrant community expresses its Anishinaabek culture through several events that draw visitors from all over the world. Some of those events include the annual cultural festival, fall fair, ice fishing derby,

traditional pow-wow, and aboriginal theatre in the ruins of a historic Church.

I invite you all to visit Wiikwemkoong and also our beautiful Point Grondine Park which is situated near Killarney, Ontario. Enjoy the wilderness through one of our many private and community operated tourism services. Our land base provides plenty of opportunities for both a wilderness experience and to enjoy the culture of our people.

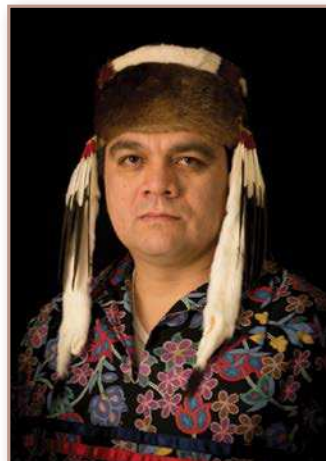
Point Grondine Park is operated as a recreational park and has over 7000 hectares of scenic natural wilderness landscape, old growth pine forest, stunning river vistas and eight interior lakes to explore. The picturesque water trails flowing along the coast of Georgian Bay invite you to many canoe routes, hiking trails and backcountry campsites located throughout the interior of the Park. Hike, canoe or sea kayak along the traditional routes of the Anishinaabek people and be ready to be captivated by this historic and majestic place.

We are conveniently accessible by road and by boat. Our Tourism Information Center is centrally located and provides travelers with in-depth information pertaining to Manitoulin Island. Take part in our guided historic experiences or stop in our gift center for authentic locally hand-made crafts.

We look forward to having you as our guests!

**Ogimaa Duke Peltier**

**Wiikwemkoong**  
Unceded Territory



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# Authentic Indigenous Experiences

## *Our Story. Through Our Lens.*

Wikwemikong Tourism offers an array of authentic Indigenous experiences that reflect the cultural lifestyles and traditions of the Anishinaabek people of the Three Fires Confederacy – Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi. As Manitoulin Island's largest First Nation community and Canada's only officially recognized Unceded Territory, we welcome you to delve into our rich culture and history through our nature based and cultural tourism experiences. Our guides will take you on a journey through time as you learn of the legends of our people while exploring the vast lands and waters of Wikwemkoong.

## Tourist Information Centre

Located in the Small Business Centre, the Tourist Information Centre serves as our centralized visitor centre and the launching point to your authentic Indigenous experience.



**Bicycle Rentals** ..... Full Day: \$40.00  
**Canoe Rentals** ..... Full Day: \$60.00  
**Authentic Native Crafts** ..... Gift Shop Open Year Round  
All prices subject to 13% HST tax



# Schools & Motor Coach Groups

Wikwemikong Tourism also offers customized group itineraries. Whether you're looking for experiential learning, soft-adventure land-based activities, or something a little more relaxed like storytelling or craft making, we offer it all. Our single to multi-day programs, designed for groups of all sizes and age ranges, meet your interests, budget, and time frame. Your tour can also include popular Manitoulin attractions, and/or local shopping. Our activities are delivered by local Indigenous knowledge keepers, and are developed in collaboration with Indigenous academics. Tell us what your interests and/or learning objectives are and we will make it happen! Contact Wikwemikong Tourism to book your customized experience today!



# Dewegan - Drum and Song

This intimate experience teaches you about Anishnaabek songs and drum teachings. It includes an exhilarating hand drum performance and an opportunity to participate! Beat the drum and learn the different styles of songs that can be heard throughout Turtle Island (North America).



**Duration**..... 1.5 hours  
**Cost** ..... Call for pricing  
**Includes**..... hand drums and sticks, water  
**Available**..... Group Tours Only

# Off-Road Adventure Through Time!!!

Motor through 30kms of dirt trails and explore the stunning vistas of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. This outdoor adventure will have you cruising along the Niagara Escarpment while taking in stunning views of Lake Huron and the La Cloche Mountains. Stops on the way share our knowledge of plants and medicines, intrigue you with oral stories and engage your senses along the Bebamikawe Memorial Trail. Get ready for an adventure of a lifetime!!!



**Duration**..... Full Day (6 hours)  
**Cost** ..... Call for pricing  
**Includes**..... ATV, gas, insurance, helmet, goggles, gloves, safety training,  
2 knowledgeable guides, trail-side refreshments, and lunch  
**Driver Skill Level** ..... Beginner to Intermediate  
**Available**..... September to June

*Minimum age for drivers: 16 years old • Minimum of 4 people*

*This tour is offered in partnership with Mukwa Adventures <https://mukwa.ca/>*

*Optional: add-on accommodations at Bayside Resort <http://www.baysideresort.ca/>*

# The Unceded Journey

Through our Unceded Journey Tour, experience the history of Odawa Mnis (Manitoulin Island) and Wiikwemkoong – Canada’s only officially recognized Unceded Territory. Our guide will take you to four historic sites to view plaques and monuments and recount the history of Manitoulin Island. This educational experience will share the 1836 and 1862 treaties of Manitoulin Island, intrigue you with the local lore and legend of Zhibzhii the underwater spirit, and take you back in time to the now infamous “Manitoulin Incident”.

## View Historic Sites and Craft Shop

Duration..... 3 hrs  
Cost ..... \$50.00 adults / \$45.00 Elders & \*Students +13% HST  
Available..... June - September  
Includes..... Water

*Minimum (2) - based on availability • \*Must present valid student card upon arrival*



# Bebamikawe “Making Footprints”

Hike a portion of the Bebamikawe Memorial Trail along the Niagara Escarpment while our guides share medicinal plant teachings, stories of encounters with voyageurs, battles with the Iroquois people, and our relationships with settlers. Manitoulin is known as being one of the most plant diverse areas in North America and we have designed our hiking trail to flow through this diverse ecological habitat.

*(Cancellations will be made in the event of inclement weather)*

Duration..... 4 hrs  
Cost ..... \$50.00 adults / \$45.00 Elders & \*Students +13% HST  
Includes..... Water  
Available..... June - September

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# Bay of the Beaver Canoe Tour

Paddle the canoe route of our ancestors and experience the history of the Wiikwemkoong fishing islands. This tour departs from Meeshkodewaang (Prairie Point), located at the northern shores of Wiikwemkoong, and leads you to the islands along beautiful Lake Huron. This tour will follow the shoreline of Prairie Point overlooking the La Cloche Mountain range. Your guide will captivate you with local legends and historical facts while you take in the picturesque scenery.



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## View Historic Sites and Craft Shop

Duration..... Half Day  
Cost ..... \$175.00 Adult / \$165.00 Elders & \*Students +13% HST  
Includes..... Water, Nutrition Bars & Fruit  
Available..... June - September

*Minimum (2) - based on availability • \*Must present valid student card upon arrival*

# Sunset Canoe Tour

Departing Meeshkodewaang (Prairie Point) you will paddle along the shoreline while enjoying the scenery at dusk. While on the water our guide will share information about the local plant and water life, ecology, and stories about the area. Your experience includes a tobacco teaching and an opportunity to practice what you learned with a tobacco offering.



*(Cancellations will be made in the event of inclement weather)*

Duration..... 2.5 hours  
Cost ..... \$125.00 Adult / \$115.00 Elders & \*Students +13% HST  
Includes..... Water, nutrition bars, hot tea  
Available..... June - September

*Minimum (2) - based on availability • \*Must present valid student card upon arrival*



# The Seven Grandfathers - Painting Experience

Immerse yourself in a cultural activity guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Listen to one of our oldest teachings and the lessons within as you create your very own piece of art. Expect to be surrounded by the beauty and sounds of nature in a sheltered outdoor environment.



**Duration**..... 2 hours  
**Cost** ..... \$60 Adult/ \$55 Elders & \*Students/ \$200 \*\*Family +13% HST  
**Includes**..... Art supplies  
**Available**..... June - September

**Minimum (2) - based on availability • \*Must present valid student card upon arrival**  
**\*\* Family: 2 adults+2 youth <18years**







# Point Grondine PARK



A First Nation owned and operated recreational park, Point Grondine has over 18,000 acres of scenic natural wilderness landscape, old growth pine forest, stunning river vistas and six interior lakes to explore. The picturesque water trails flowing along the coast of Georgian Bay invite you to many canoe routes, hiking trails and backcountry campsites located throughout the interior of the park. Hike, canoe or sea kayak along the traditional routes of the Anishnaabek people and be ready to be captivated by this historic and majestic place.



- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Coastal Camping
- Backcountry Camping
- Authentic Indigenous Experience
- Premium Campsites



Learn more at: [www.grondinepark.com](http://www.grondinepark.com)

## 2019 Park Rates (+ 13% HST)

Vehicle Permit.....	\$10.00 a vehicle/day
Backcountry Camping....	\$12.00 per person/night
Premium Site .....	\$18.00 per person/night
Group Camp Site .....	\$60.00 a night
Summer Pass .....	\$75.00 May to August
Annual Pass .....	\$100.00
Hiking & Paddling Guide .....	\$10.00

All Prices are Subject to Change.



## Merv's Landing- Anishinaabek Interpretive Trail

Join us on our new interpretive trail along Merv's Landing day hiking trail and experience the rich culture, history and medicines of the Anishinaabek. Hike through and view educational signage that will familiarize yourself with our deep connection to the land of Point Grondine.



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# Premium Camping

Come and explore Point Grondine Park at one of our premium campsites. These campsites include a wooden platform, a built up fire pit, and a picnic table. These campsites can be accessed along the Wemtagoosh Falls Loop Trail or by Canoe.



**Cost** ..... \$18.00 per person, per night  
**Maximum** ..... 6 people  
**Available** ..... May - September

## Georgian Bay-Coastal Camping

Come explore Point Grondine Park at one of our coastal campsites. These campsites include a Georgian Bay Coastal Style tent pad, fire pit, and a privy. These campsites can be accessed along the most southern tip of Point Grondine and complement any coastal trip to Phillip Edward Island or the French River. This is an amazing place with many waterways, rivers, inlets, and fishing holes to explore. These sites are accessible by canoe, kayak, or boat. We recommend calling the Park to assist with your coastal trip planning.



**Cost** ..... \$12.00 per person, per night + 13% HST  
**Maximum** ..... 6 people  
**Available** ..... May - September

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**Duration.....2 hours**  
**Cost ..... Call for pricing**  
**Available..... Group Tours Only**

*Minimum (6) - Based on Availability*



# Making Footprints in Point Grondine Park

This educational tour focuses on the Anishinaabek use of plants, their edibility and medicinal purposes. Our knowledgeable guides have absorbed the ways of our people, they will connect you with nature by showing you the traditional uses and sciences behind the teachings. Our guides teach the real, proven and definite side of plant based medicine not the mystical.

**Duration..... 4 hrs**  
**Cost ..... Call for pricing**  
**Available..... Group Tours Only**

*Minimum (6) - Based on Availability*





# Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival

Witness the finest dancers from across North America as they share their intricate dance styles and traditions at Eastern Canada's longest running pow-wow and Manitoulin's premier event.

In addition to the dancing, there is an array of authentic native food and craft vendors you can explore on the pow-wow grounds. Enjoy and explore the Cultural Pavilion that offers history, cultural etiquette, and traditional teachings of the Anishnaabek people. Complementing the festival, each year organizers invite an international group who shares their unique culture through performances, and workshops in the Cultural Pavilion.



**Wiikwemkoong 59th Annual Cultural Festival ..... August 3rd - 5th, 2019**





# Debajehmujig Storytellers



Debajehmujig Theatre Group is a multi-disciplinary arts group that is dedicated to the revitalization and sharing of the Anishnaabe culture and language in both local and global contexts. We create and present original artistic works and provide art services for the larger community. [www.debaj.ca](http://www.debaj.ca)

**Call the Creation Centre at 705-859-1820, 705-859-2317**

**Or email us at [storytellers@debaj.ca](mailto:storytellers@debaj.ca)**



Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is a full service 18 hole championship golf course, located 2 km off Hwy 6 in Manitowaning. Rainbow

Ridge Golf Course is a “must play” if you are in the area. It is a perfect location to meet with friends, or make some new ones, as you enjoy an unforgettable round of golf!

Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is 6,424 yards of golf from the longest tees, with a par of 72, although multiple tees ensure

you play from the length best suited for your enjoyment. The course features nine water holes as well as large well-groomed greens and several sand traps. Great conditioning is always part of the Rainbow Ridge experience.

**Awesome Golf, Exceptional Course, Great Value!**

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# Premier Events

## Wiikwemkoong Traditional Pow-wow

Wiikwemkoong is home to five satellite (rural) communities, and each year one of them hosts the Traditional Pow-wow that is held annually Father's Day Weekend in June. Pow-wow's are open to the public to enjoy a weekend of dancing, singing, visiting, eating, and shopping!

**2019 Hosted by Rabbit Island Community:  
June 15-16, 2019**



## Wiky Road Race

In its 47th year, the Wiky Road Race attracts racers from all over the region, competing for prizes. This 10km race is hosted by the Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre as an initiative to promote healthy lifestyles. Typically held in the fall, watch the Wikwemikong Tourism



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## ATV Poker Run

2019 marks the 2nd Annual Event that is held in May. Riders can expect a full day of cruising up to 50km of scenic Wiikwemkoong trails, for a chance to win cash and prizes.



## Manitoulin Ice Showdown

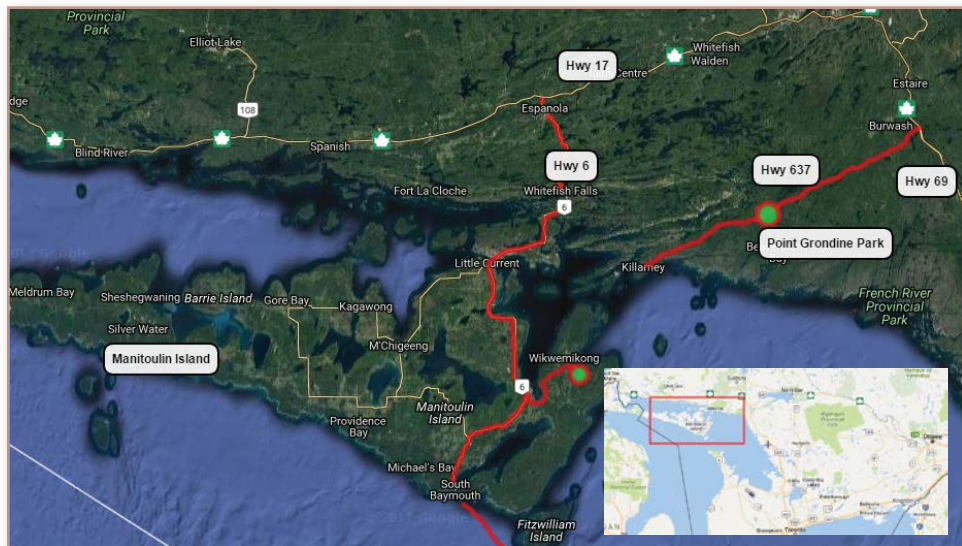
This annual event held every February is Manitoulin's premier winter event. Evolved from the Wiikwemkoong Ice Fishing Derby this new event takes place on two lakes over two days with over \$50,000 in cash and prizes.



**For a complete list of events visit us at  
[www.wiikwemkoong.ca](http://www.wiikwemkoong.ca) and  
Follow us on Facebook**



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