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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

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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: \$45.00
Canoe Rentals Full Day: \$65.00
Authentic Native Crafts Gift Shop Open Year Round
Available June - September (Monday to Saturday)
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!



Mukwa Adventures ATV Tour

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..... Spring & Fall
Minimum age for drivers: 16 years old • Minimum of 4 people

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 \$55 Adults / \$50 Elders & Students
Includes..... hand drums, water
Available..... June to September

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 \$75.00 adults / \$70.00 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 \$75.00 adults / \$70.00 Elders & *Students +13% HST
Includes..... Water
Available..... June - September

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



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.



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

View Historic Sites and Craft Shop

Duration..... Half Day
Cost \$175.00 Adult / \$165.00 Elders & *Students +13% HST
Includes..... Water & Nutrition Bars
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 Georgian Bay scenery at dusk and story time under the night sky. Our guide will share stories and legends of the water spirits, history of the trading routes and ancient battle sites with the Iroquois while learning about traditional aquatic plants and medicines. Complete your tour under the dark sky with ancient teachings of the star-world and the constellations that connect the creation stories and language of the Anishnaabek people.



(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*



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
- Group Campsites



Learn more at: www.grondinepark.com or call 705-859-2900

2020 Park Rates

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

Premium Group Camping...\$80.00 per night

Summer Pass\$75.00 May to August

Annual Pass\$100.00

Park Maps\$10.00

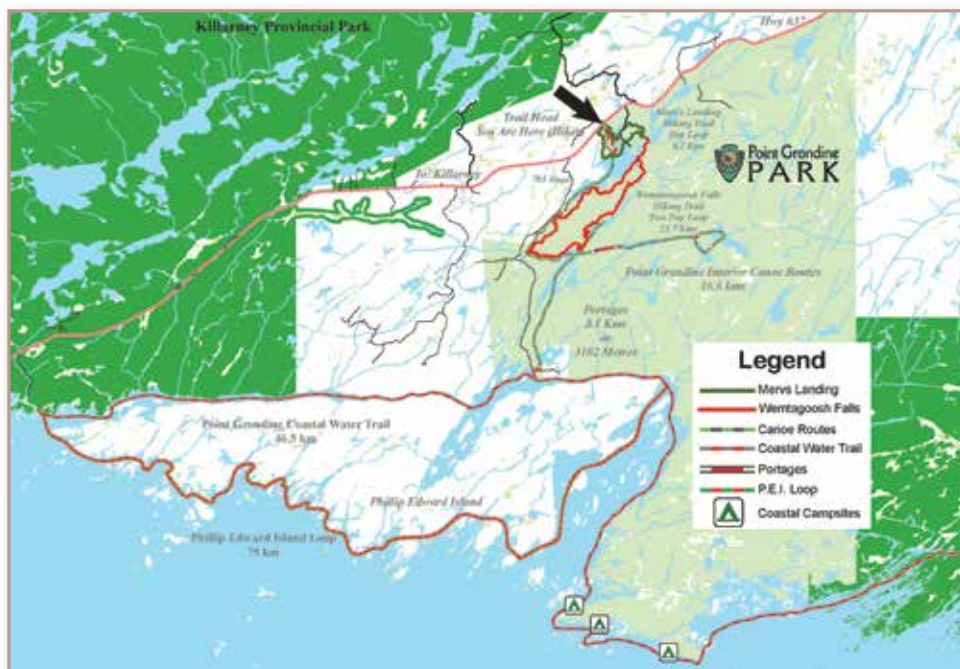
All Prices are Subject to Change. Processing Fee apply



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Point Grondine PARK



Amik Ziibing (Beaver River) - Interpretive Trail

Opening Summer 2020

Intermediate

Enjoy our enhanced interpretive trail along Merv's Landing and learn about the rich history, medicines and connection that the Anishnaabek have to the land.



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 through Kaa-Gaa-Gehns Water Trail.



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.



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

Group Camping

Our group camping sites are located throughout the interior canoe routes to the Tri Lakes. New for 2019 is our Premium group camping site located along the access trail on Mervs Landing hiking loop, this site is complete with two camping platforms, picnic tables, benches and fire pit. Most group camping sites can accommodate up to 16 people.



Cost \$60.00 per night + 13% HST
Premium Group \$80.00 per night + 13% HST

Heartbeat of the Drum

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..... 2 hours

Cost Call for pricing

Available..... Group Tours Only

Minimum (6) - Based on Availability

Amik Ziibing - Guided Hike

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

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.

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

Or email us at storytellers@debaj.ca

www.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.



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Wiikwemkoong 60th Annual Cultural Festival

August 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2020

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.



Summer Solstice North & Murray Hill Traditional Pow-wow

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June 19th to 21st, 2020

Produced in collaboration with Indigenous Tourism Ontario this event will bring the Culinary Arts to life in a multi-day event that will feature educational workshops, pre-colonial Indigenous culinary demonstrations and a celebration of culture at the Murray Hill Traditional Powwow. The program will be

headlined by a culinary event that will bring together Indigenous chefs from across Canada to compete in the INDIGICHEF Indigenous Chef Competition. **Join us for a weekend of food, arts and culture.**



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 and
Follow us on Facebook**

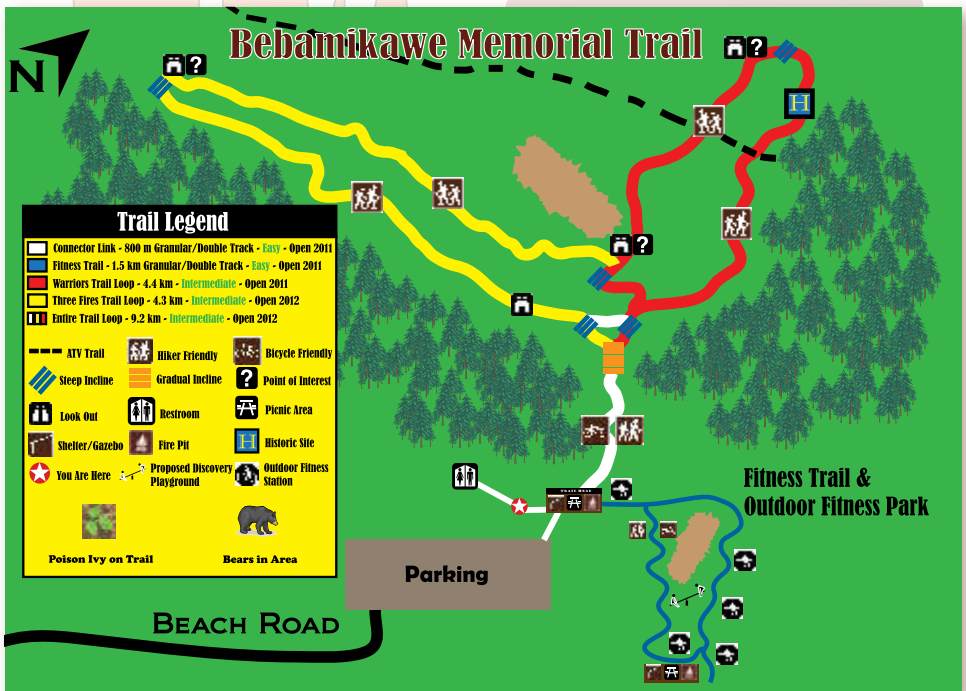


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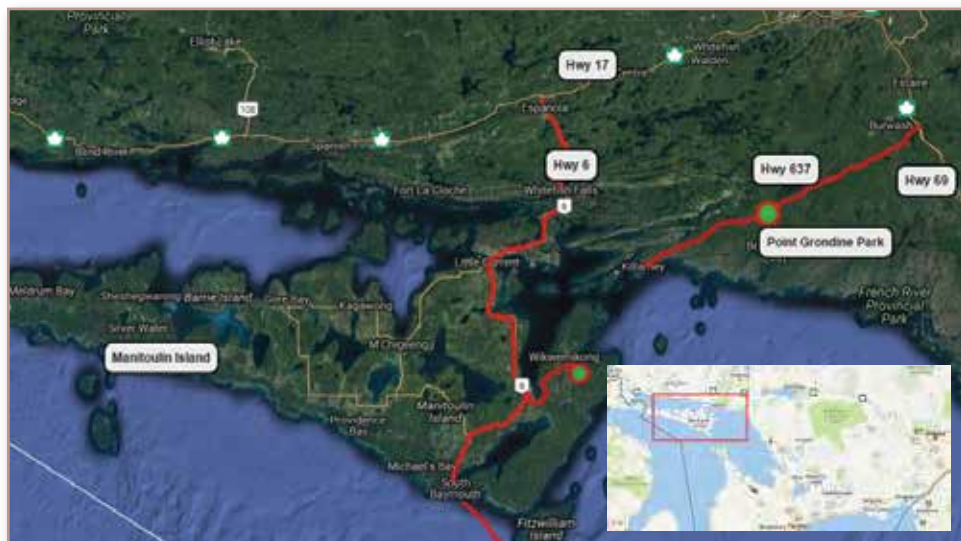
Bebamikawe Memorial Trail

Trail Features:

- Easy to moderate looped trail system along the Niagara Escarpment
- Spectacular lookouts capturing views of the La Cloche Mountains, North Channel and the Traditional Fishing Islands of Wiikwemkoong.
- Educational signage at each lookout.
- Outdoor Fitness Park - 1.8 km granular trail with five fitness stations.
- Manitoulin Island's first professionally built trail system.



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