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Our story, through our lens.

Anishinaabe Cultural Experiences

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.

We 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!



Wiikwemkoong
Unceded Territory



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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.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is home to 100% Anishinaabe made crafts, art work and more. Located in the Small Business Centre, the Gift Shop serves as the Tourist Information Centre and launching point to your authentic Indigenous experience.

Browse our E-Commerce at www.wikyours.com/shop



Gift ShopOpen Year Round
Cultural Tours..... April - November (Monday to Saturday)
All prices subject to 13% HST tax

School Groups & Motor Coach

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!



Anishinaabe Culinary Experiences

Stone Cooked Venison & Tea

Forage wild edibles that you will use to create your venison dish cooked on flat rock over the open fire, and enjoy hot or cold herbal teas made from local plants.



Cost \$200 Adults/\$190 Elders & Students/\$515 Family
*Minimum (2) - based on availability • *Must present valid student card upon arrival*

Clay Baked Trout & Tea

Harvest your very own ingredients to prepare fresh caught Georgian Bay trout stuffed with sage, mint, sumac and honey; that you wrap in plantain then bake in coals. Use your harvested plants to also make hot and cold herbal teas!



Cost \$200 Adults/\$190 Elders & Students/\$515 Family
*Minimum (2) - based on availability • *Must present valid student card upon arrival*

Cedar Plank Georgian Bay Trout & Tea

Use natural plants that you collect on a nearby hike to season fresh caught Georgian Bay trout cooked over a cedar plank drizzled with fresh locally-made maple syrup. Complete your dish with wild rice, and hot or cold herbal teas.



Cost \$200 Adults/\$190 Elders & Students/\$515 Family
*Minimum (2) - based on availability • *Must present valid student card upon arrival*

Paddle the Night Sky

Our guide will share teachings of traditional aquatic plants and medicines until the sunlight fades into the night sky, and then you will become engaged in the stories and legends of the water spirits, history of the trading routes and ancient battle sites with the Iroquois. Complete your tour under the dark sky with a relaxing tea composed of natural ingredients foraged from the land, as you sit by the fire and learn about the ancient teachings of the star-world and constellations that connect the creation stories and language of the Anishnaabek people.

Select Dates for August 2023

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



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”.

Duration..... 3 hrs
Cost \$75.00 Adults / \$70.00 Elders & *Students
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. **Culinary Add ons available.**



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

Duration..... 4 hrs
Cost \$100.00 Adults / \$90.00 Elders & *Students, \$325.00 Family
Includes..... Water

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

Bay of the Beaver

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)



Duration..... Half Day
Cost \$180.00 Adult / \$170.00 Elders & *Students, \$515.00 Family
Includes..... Water & Nutrition Bars

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



Point Grondine PARK



Owned and operated by the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, 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.

Campground Opening 2023

- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Coastal Camping
- Backcountry Camping
- Anishinaabe Cultural Experiences
- Premium Campsites
- Group Campsites

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

2023 Park Rates Available in January



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Point Grondine P A R K

2023 Cultural Experience Events

Amik Ziibi Guided Hike

Join others on the only Indigenous lead guided hike in the area, through the 3km loop on our Amik Ziibi Interpretive trail. Shift from an everyday hike to find yourself inspired by the many uses of plants and trees that you would encounter on any other day.

Your Anishnaabe guide will share centuries old knowledge of plants, their edibility, and healing properties. You will connect with nature by learning about the traditional uses and sciences behind the teachings. Enjoy stunning vistas, hear the history of Point Grondine, and take home a new found appreciation for Anishinaabe Culture. Dates and spaces are limited so book today!

Duration..... 3 hrs

Call 705-859-2900 to book!

Minimum (4) Maximum (20)



Paddle the Park

Get a glimpse of the backcountry as you paddle your way through ancestral waterways used by the Anishinaabe through the ages. Glide along Mahzenazing Lake while keeping an eye out for signs of wildlife and enjoy a shoreline lunch at Wemtagoosh Falls. Your Anishinaabe guides will share stories and our history that connects us to the land.

Disconnect from the modern world for an afternoon and revitalize your spirit to recharge, reconnect, and renew your appreciation for the world around you. Dates and spaces are limited so book today!

Duration..... 5-6 hours (depending on paddlers' experience)

Call 705-859-2900 to book!

Minimum (4) Maximum (8)



Anishinaabe Giizhgaad National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

June 21st, 2023

This one day event celebrates the vibrant culture of Odawa Mnis through Powwow, cultural workshops, culinary experiences and musical entertainment.



Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival

Civic Holiday Weekend 2023

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.

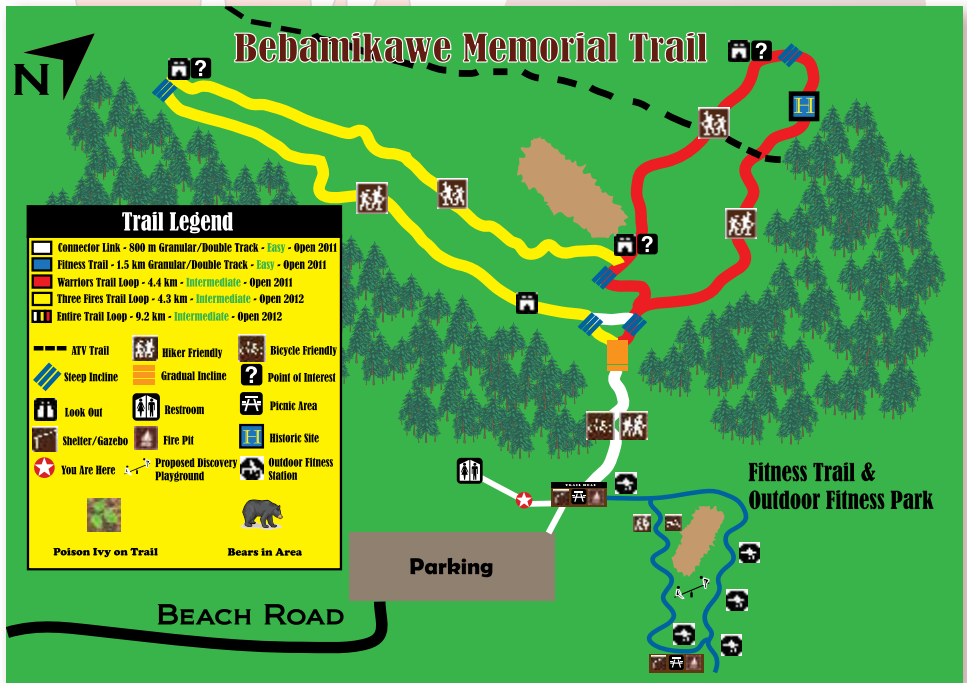
In addition to the dancing, there is an array of authentic native food and craft vendors you can explore on the pow-wow grounds. Enjoy and explore the Cultural Pavilion that offers history, cultural etiquette, and traditional teachings of the Anishnaabek people. Complementing the festival, each year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



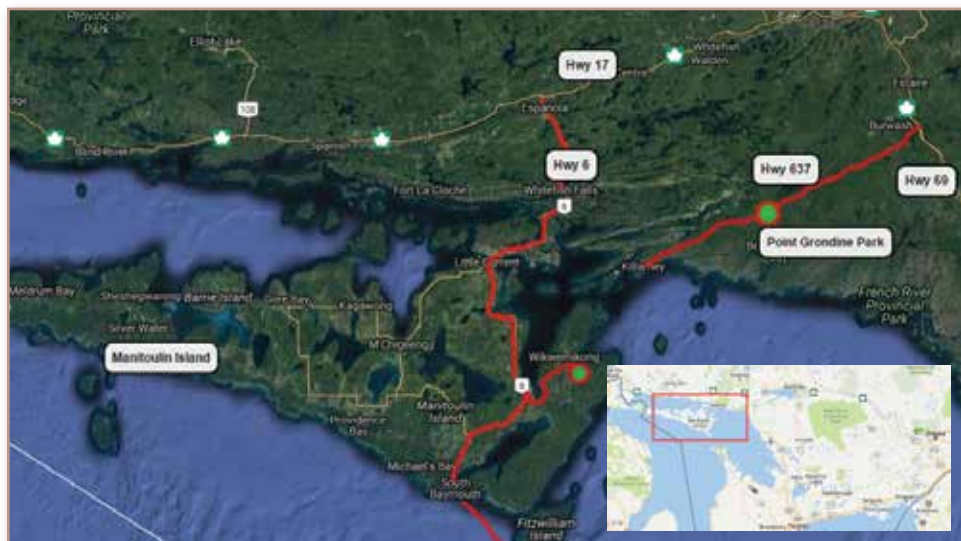
Bebamikawe Memorial Trail

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.
- Odawa Interpretive Trail- Educational signage & interactive tour via driftscape app
- Outdoor Fitness Park - 1.8 km granular trail with five fitness stations.
- Manitoulin Island's first professionally built trail system.



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