

Tawiscaron Educational Programs

The Tawiscaron educational programs have two main purposes. The first is to provide visiting groups with current and accurate information on seventeenth century Iroquoian culture. The second is to provide enjoyable and effective experiences to facilitate the interpretation of traditional Iroquoian culture to any audience in any season. Activities used throughout the interpretive program are designed to be highly motivating in order to enhance enjoyment while learning. This is accomplished through the use of active learning experiences, the discovery approach and the use of inquiry. Visitor participation is encouraged at every opportunity.

For the educator, an attempt has been made to incorporate learning objectives from the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains in each activity. Activities are designed to utilize out-of-door resources whenever possible.

An effort has been made to incorporate several disciplines (archaeology, geography, biology, etc.) into the interpretation of Iroquoian culture. This is essential as one cannot attempt to understand a people interacting so closely with their natural environments, unless one understands the environment itself.

Many activities have a high social component with participants often being required to work in small groups. This promotes interaction and co-operation among individuals and encourages participation. The programs offer something for everyone, in essence inviting any visitor to learn and to enjoy.

Tawiscaron and Frontier Landing

Just a step outside of Tawiscaron is Frontier Landing a one-of-a-kind fantastic place!

Offering year-round fun for kids of all ages.

Our 2 spring filled lakes provide sandy beaches, paddle boats, excellent bass fishing plus water access to Tawiscaron; and during the winter months are transformed into a winter playground and ice skating area.



And let's not forget the "Ranch Round-Up" where hayrides, stage coach rides year-round and sleigh rides (in the winter months).

And if you don't want to take advantage of our 2 acre free picnic grove then don't worry! There's plenty of food and fun available to tempt the old taste buds.

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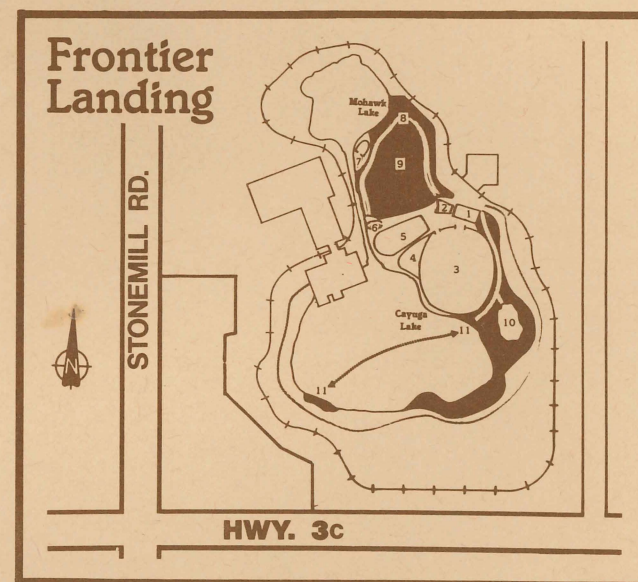
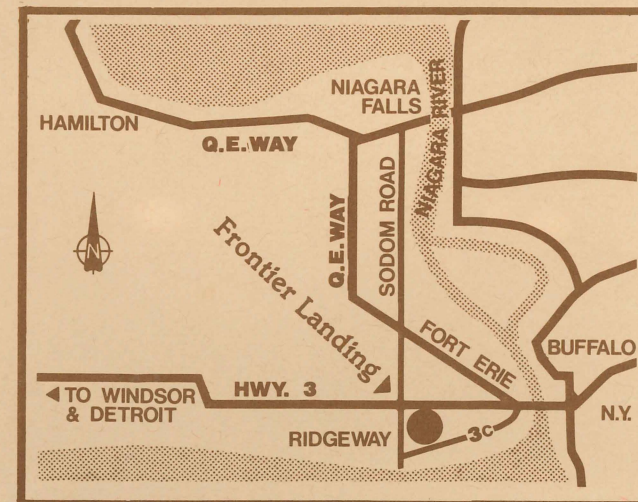
Remember, its all happening at Frontier Landing: fun for the whole family.

Corners of Stonemill & Dominion
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

For further information call (416) 894-3923
Family Fun at Family Prices
Group Rates Available
Free Parking & Admission to Frontier Landing



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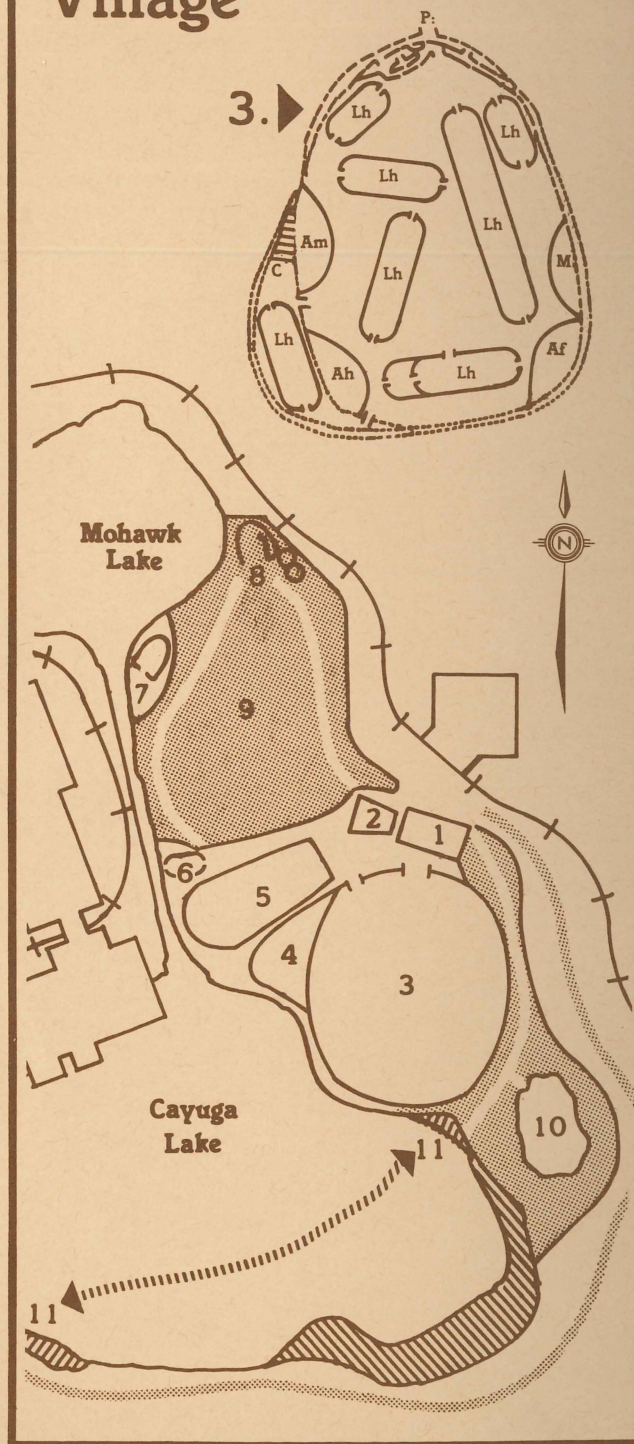
Frontier Landing and the Niagara Chapter of Ontario Native Women's Assoc. Inc. present "Tawiscaron"

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Tawiscaron Village



Tawiscaron Iroquoian Village

Gateway to the Past . . .

When Europeans first arrived in southern Ontario they discovered groups of Iroquoian-speaking peoples who were full-time agriculturalists and lived in large, semi-permanent, often palisaded villages. These prehistoric farmers grew beans, squash, and sunflower, as well as their mainstay corn. Game, fish, nuts, berries, and other wild plants complemented their diet.

An elongated bark-covered structure called a longhouse was the typical dwelling in an Iroquoian village. It was the home for an extended family and a focal point for the communal Iroquoian lifestyle where everything was shared, including food and labour.

Tawiscaron is a recreated seventeenth century Iroquoian village erected and staffed by native people, and designed to provide for visitor participation in traditional lifeskills. Several cultural features of Iroquoian settlements are represented and arranged to depict the organization of Iroquoian society.

The arrival of the European brought irrevocable changes to many aspects of traditional Iroquoian culture. Take this opportunity to witness a lifestyle in tune with the natural environment and learn to appreciate this important part of Ontario's past.

1. Resource Centre:

This serves as a supervised introduction and access to village visitation. It also provides an indoor classroom and staging area. Audio-visual presentations and environmental displays are available.

2. Outdoor Amphitheatre:

Outdoor staging area.

3. Tawiscaron Village:

An activity intensive, hands-on recreation of a seventeenth century Iroquoian Village.

4. Village Expansion:

An area for explaining the principles of Iroquoian demography and village growth.

5. Agricultural Field:

Agriculture provided the main base of the Iroquoian diet. Corn, beans, and squash were grown in fields, often hundreds of acres in size, surrounding large Iroquoian villages.

6. Agricultural Cabin Structure:

These temporary structures differ from those in the interior of a village because they also differ in function.

7. Fishing Area:

Iroquoians practiced several different techniques of fishing all of which are represented here. This house structure also differs from those of inner village.

8. Hunting Area; Deer Run:

Hunting, especially of deer, provided hides for clothing, bone for tools, and food. Hunting techniques included stalking and driving.

9. Natural Environment Wooded Area:

Important outdoor staging area for activities and plant use studies.

10. Lacrosse Field:

Natural Clearing in wooded area.

11. Canoe-Waterfront Program-Village Access:

Canoe access to village booked in advance for school groups. (Seasonal)

Legend

P:

Palisades encircled villages mainly for defensive purposes.

Lh:

The key to understanding the Iroquoian community was through its focal point — the longhouse. These were communal homes for families which included all blood relatives through the mother. They were bark-covered dwellings and also served as communal storage areas for food and firewood.

M:

This is a midden or garbage pit and has been formed in the prehistoric manner.

Af:

This area provides for on-site demonstrations and participation in food processing and food preparation activities.

Ah:

This area provides for on-site demonstrations and participation in hide processing and preparation.

Am:

This area provides for on-site demonstrations and participation in all manner of manufacturing crafts of the seventeenth century Iroquoians. The public is invited to try flint-knapping, pottery-making, hide-working, wood-working and other activities.

C:

This raised platform provides an optimal view of the natural setting of Tawiscaron.

TAWISCARON



The Indian Village, TAWISCARON, features cultural elements and traditional lifskills of the Iroquoians. Erected and staffed by native people, TAWISCARON allows the visitor to experience the past as it existed in harmony with nature and as an important part of Ontario's past.

How to get there . . .

FRONTIER LANDING is easily accessible from the QEW, the Peace Bridge, and Garrison Highway #3. Located in Fort Erie at the corner of Dominion and Stonemill Roads, Ontario, Canada.

For information call:
(416) 894-3923
(416) 894-3925

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for the Family
together . . .

FRONTIER LANDING

A recreational theme park featuring the great outdoors, with an emphasis on old fashioned family-together activities in a wholesome environment.



FREE

- Admission to Park
- Parking
- Swimming
- Picnic Area



FRONTIER TAWISCARON Indian Village LANDING

STEP BACK IN TIME . . .

Visit TAWISCARON, a recreated seventeenth century Iroquoian Indian Village, similar to the settlements discovered by the first Europeans when they arrived in southern Ontario in the early 1600's.

EXPERIENCE

TAWISCARON is not a museum under glass, but rather a living representation of the historical Iroquoian experience.

The Village is an on-going project that will continue to develop the same as a real settlement. All the basic lifeskills such as agriculture, food preparation, flint-knapping, hide-tanning, pottery, etc. are represented by living craftsmen.

ALL SEASON PROGRAMS

Special educational tours can be arranged by the **TAWISCARON** staff year-round. Many Fall and Winter programs are scheduled involving the lifeskills and awareness of the Iroquoian heritage.

For additional information call (416)-894-3923.

TAWISCARON is a cooperative project between Frontier Landing Recreational Park Inc. and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs by means of a grant provided through the Niagara Chapter-Native Women Inc., a chapter of the Ontario Native Womens Associaton.

FRONTIER LANDING



ENJOY

PICNIC PARK

Spread out a picnic feast, enjoy the view and relax.

SWIMMING

Swim in the refreshing water and sun on the clean sandy beach.

SADDLE HORSES

58 acres of trails for your horseback riding enjoyment.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

Powered by a real steam locomotive. Scheduled to begin service during the 1983 summer season.

PADDLE BOATS

Cruise the spring-fed lake or just sit back and drift.

FISHING

Old fashioned fishing pleasure with two well-stocked lakes.

And if that's not enough there are **GO-KARTS** for high speed thrills and **MINIATURE GOLF** to test your skill.

SPECIAL GROUP ARRANGEMENTS

Groups from 10 to 300 can take advantage of the varied activities and attractive rates. Call for additional information.