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WEST

SEND OFF

April 10 Olympia, Washington

States and provinces the western walkers walk through: Washington, Montana, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

- 63 overnights -

SOUTH

SEND OFF

April 20 Gulfport, Mississippi

States the southern walkers walk through: Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin

- 35 overnights -

EAST

SEND OFF

May 7 Machias, Maine

States and provinces the western walkers walk through: Maine, Quebec, Ontario, Michigan and Wisconsin.

- 36 overnights -

NORTH

SEND OFF

May 10 Churchill, Manitoba

States and provinces the northern walkers travel through: Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

- 20 overnights -

ALL WATERS CONVERGE

June 12 Bad River, Wisconsin



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ni guh Izhigay Nibi onji
I will do it for the water.
Lo voy a hacer por el agua.
Je le ferai pour l'eau.

As the northern snows begin to melt and further south spring rains fall, our Mother Earth awakens and new life begins. At this time of renewal Anishinaabe grandmothers, women, men, and youth from Canada and the United States will continue walking for our waters. The Mother Earth Water Walk began in 2003 in answer to question—"What will you do?"

The 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 Mother Earth Water Walks encircled Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, and Lake Erie respectively. In 2008 the water walk revisited Lake Michigan. The 2009 Mother Earth Water Walk stretched from Kingston, Ontario to the Atlantic Ocean along the St. Lawrence River.

The 11,525 miles or 18,549 kilometers were walked to call attention to the sacred gift of water, the source of our life, the source of all life. The past walks also raised awareness of the need to take care of the water, and to help our Mother Earth who is struggling to survive and to provide for all her children. Each of the 24,113,700 steps taken was a prayer for the water, for Mother Earth, for the animals, the birds, the insects, the trees and for us, all two leggeds. Together the walks were one prayer for life.

This spring the Water Walk returns and the prayer continues. The 2011 Water Walk unites all the Waters of our Mother Earth. Water from the vast Pacific Ocean, from the Gulf of Mexico, from the Atlantic Ocean and from Hudson Bay will be gathered in copper pails and carried by hand to the shores of Lake Superior. Ocean water from the four directions will travel the miles with Anishinaabe women and men walking side by side.

The Western water walk begins Sunday, April 10 in Olympia, Washington in Squaxin Island/Skokomish territory.

On Wednesday, April 20, the Southern water walk will leave the territory of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw and Gulfport, Mississippi.

Walkers from the East will leave Machais, Maine the territory of the Passamaquoddy, on Saturday, May 7.

Churchill, Manitoba is the beginning point for the Northern Water Walk. Water from Hudson Bay and the Water Walkers will travel, on Saturday May 21 by train from Churchill, Manitoba toward the south to Winnipeg, where they will begin to walk.

The walkers, journeying over 10,400,000 steps and carrying the healing and sacred salt Water from the four directions will converge June 12 in Bad River, Wisconsin. The water will then be united in Lake Superior, where the first Water Walk began.

The Anishinaabe, also known as the Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi, are the caretakers of the Eastern Woodlands and Great Lakes, the largest freshwater system on Earth. Anishinaabe women, as givers-of-life, are responsible for speaking for, protecting and carrying our water.

All people are encouraged and welcome to participate in and to support the 2011 Water Walk as it passes through their Provinces, States and communities.



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We encourage everybody on Turtle Island to:

- Be aware of the significance of clean water and react accordingly.
- Participate, and encourage our youth to take part.
- Spread the word through your networks, contact lists, facebook, etc.
- Make a cash donation, lead fund-raising drives, gather and donate supplies in comparison to the list found on **facebook**: [Water Walk 2011](#). Gift certificates for gas, groceries and drug marts are greatly appreciated. Stay informed at www.motherearthwaterwalk.com.

Communities along the routes can especially **help the Water Walkers** by becoming familiar with and using the **Water Walk MAP** found at www.emptyglassforwater.ca/map. Furthermore, if you can provide any of the following along the routes, please contact Joanne at waterwalk2011@gmail.com:

- Confirm if you want to be a support or youth walker by emailing waterwalk2011@gmail.com
- Identify volunteers or leads to coordinate local gatherings such as feasts, press conferences and events.
- Meals, sleeping quarters, Wi-Fi, shower facilities and laundry services. Provide gas fill-ups, mechanical repairs.
- Refill the walkers drinking containers with fresh water from sacred sources.

One ongoing fundraiser called "**I Support the Mother Earth Water Walkers One Step at a Time.**" was created since the participants will need to complete over 10,400,000 steps before arriving at their destination. To support these efforts, our goal is to raise one penny for each step taken.