

START DATE: APRIL 20, 2017.

We ask for cooperation and patience to the schedule below. Dates after the start are not included because we cannot ever say what time or when we will be at perceived destinations. We are like the water and go with the flow.

STOPPING PLACES on ROUTE:

1. Spirit Mountain, Duluth, MN
2. Madeline Island, WI
3. Sault Ste. Marie, ON
4. Wikwemikong, ON
5. Detroit River
6. Niagara Falls
7. Kahnawake, QC
8. Matane, QC

For more information, please see our website:

www.motherearthwaterwalk.com or our FB site: For the Earth and Water Walk 2017 where you can follow our GPS map and movement!

DONATIONS

Please send check or money order to: Mother Earth Water Walk c/o Joanne Robertson 724 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada P6A-2A9

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WATER WALK GLOSSARY:

- *Anishinaabe Original Peoples of North America
- *Miigwech Thank You
- *Ceremony Sacred Rites of Prayer
- *Asemaa/Tobacco Sacred Medicine for Communication with Creation
- *Offerings Certain Items to Give
- *Water Songs Convey Love to Water
- *Petitions Anishinaabe Prayers
- *On their Moon-time Menstruation Cycle
- *Eagle Feather Staff Spiritually Guides the Water Walkers
- *Nibi Water
- *Copper Vessel Carries the Water
- *Nga zhichige Nibi Onji Anishinaabe language for "I Will Do It For The Water" (a phrase we say when water is passed)



Art by Isaac Murdoch

For the Earth & Water: Water Walk 2017

Water Walks are based in Anishinaabe Ceremonial Water Teachings. We walk to honor all Nibi (water) and to speak to the water spirits so that there will be healthy rivers, lakes and oceans for our ancestors and the generations to come. Miigwech for joining us to honor Nibi and all of life!



Art by Joanne Robertson



When we are walking for the water, we are in an Anishinaabe **Ceremony** from the beginning of the day until day's end. We move like water, continuously all day long, every day until we reach our destination. We carry **asemaa/tobacco** with us to offer to any flowing streams or rivers we cross, and to honor any animals we may cross over along the roads or trails. When we walk, this is a time for prayer or songs for the water.

Women make **offerings** for the water, sing **water songs** and make **petitions** for our water to be pure and clean and continuously flow down to us. Because we are in a specific Anishinaabe Ceremony, women wear long skirts and men long pants to show our respect for our Grandmothers, for Mother Earth and for ourselves. Women **on their Moon-time** do not carry the water during this time, as they are already in Ceremony. Men carry the **Eagle Feather Staff**, but if there are no males in attendance, then women can carry the staff. Gchi'miigwech to Josephine Mandaamin for leading the many Water Walks and teaching us the protocols.

<Protocol>

Water Walk is an Anishinaabe Ceremony.

All are welcome.

No dogs. No

bikes/skateboards.

No Drugs or Alcohol.

Websites:

www.motherearthwaterwalk.com

FB Group: For the Earth and Water Walk 2017

Helpful Tips/ What to Bring:

A refillable water bottle, we do not want to purchase any bottled water.

- Bring 2 pairs of walking shoes, rain gear, boots/sunscreen/light gloves.
- A vehicle.
- Snacks/ healthy food.
- Bring first aid; moleskin and blister bandages!
- Respect the territory you are traveling through and the protocol of the Walk.
- Be prepared to camp and or share sleeping quarters with others.
- Be financially self-sustaining.

A Water Walk is Not:

- *a protest, activist action, or social event.
 - *about the individual or what you can gain
 - * sitting idle nor is it an easy journey.
 - *a place to look for your next partner.
 - *for boasting, social chatting, carelessly talking nor gossiping.
 - *for thrill seekers, nor is it a contest or competition, exercise, a work-out, or a game of "I can handle it" or "go the distance"
 - *for those that just show up at the end of the walk to be seen and to say they were there.
 - *a performance piece.
 - *for people who like to sleep/vacation
 - *for those who have romanticized ideas about Indigenous people
 - *for those who feel the need to force other cultural values onto protocols already in place
- Note: If anyone is disruptive/disrespectful, or abusive they will be asked to leave.

A Water Walk IS first and foremost about Water. It is a **ANISHINAABE CEREMONY**; from the time the pail is lifted to the time of set down the Walkers are in Ceremony.

