

## Awareness

The group will be walking to raise awareness concerning the importance of keeping our waters clean. This commitment to do this walk is for the protection of our waters and insures the everlasting use of the water for our children, our grandchildren and the next generations to come.

### Simple Facts

- Good drinking water is free from disease causing organisms, harmful chemical substances, and radioactive matter. It tastes and looks good.
- Less than 1% of the world's freshwater on earth is readily available for human world consumption.
- 90% of persistent organic pollutants come from the atmosphere.
- 70% of the world's surface is covered by water, only 2.5% is freshwater and of that over 1% is frozen in ice.

### Suggestions / Recommendations

- Keep your community clean
- Recycle and do not litter!
- When washing dishes by hand, do not let the water run while rinsing.
- Only run your washing machine and
- Dishwasher when they are full.

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## Mother Earth Water Walk



April 13<sup>th</sup> – Kingston, ON to  
Riviere-La Madelein, QC

*"Thirty years from now, an ounce of drinking water will cost the same as an ounce of gold, If we humans continue with our negligence."  
- Bawdwaywidun / Eddie Benton Banaise*

## Welcome

An Anishinabe prophesied that "In about 30 years, if we humans continue with our negligence, an ounce of drinking water will cost the same as an ounce of gold."

Water is essential to survival and health.

Everything is related to water. This is proportionate to Mother Earth. Our food sources use water to be nutritious. The medicine wheel teachings are about balance in life. A group of Anishinabe-quay and supporters have decided to take action regarding the water issue. They have taken the initiative to walk around the Great Lakes with a bucket of water to raise awareness:

1st Annual 2003 – Lake Superior  
2nd Annual 2004 – Lake Michigan  
3rd Annual 2005 – Lake Huron  
4th Annual 2006 – Lake Ontario  
5th Annual 2007 – Lake Erie  
6th Annual 2008 – Lake Michigan (Lower)  
7th Annual 2009 – St. Lawrence River

The 9th Annual Waterwalk begins April 13th, 2009.

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## Schedule

St. Lawrence River  
Water Walk 2009

April 13th – Send off at Kingston, ON, CA  
April 15th – Morristown, NY  
April 17th – Cornwall, ON  
April 18th – Longvevil, QC  
April 19th – Sorel-Tracy, QC  
April 20th – Nicolet, QC  
April 22nd – Donnacona, QC  
April 24th – Montmagny, QC  
April 25th – Riviere-Du-Loop, QC  
April 26th – Rimouski, QC  
April 28th – Matane, QC  
April 29th – Riviere-La Madeleine, QC



\*PLEASE NOTE: DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (Updated March 6, 2009)\*

## Our Sponsors

Mother Earth Water Walk would like to express our gratitude and many thanks to those who supported us in our past walks through in-kind contributions, sponsors and special donations. We would like to acknowledge the following for their generous contributions:

- Three Fires Society
- Ontario Native Women's Association
- Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)
- Union of Ontario Indians
- Volunteers
- All who participate in the walk

Ways you and your community can support the Mother Earth Water Walk:

- Be aware and raise awareness of the importance of our water
- Come out and walk with us
- Monetary gifts to help with expenses
- Communities can show their support through Feasts and gatherings along the way

Check out our website at

[www.motherearthwaterwalk.com](http://www.motherearthwaterwalk.com)

The support of you and/or your community would be greatly appreciated.