

Info sheet - about attending Faith Is Peace walk



Faith is Peace: Walk for our Sacred Site, Akikodjiwan

Algonquin Spiritual Elders invite you to join them and local faith leaders on a massive sacred walk with Indigenous Nations, faith groups & supportive Canadians. On June 23, 2017, protect Canada's most Sacred Site in Ottawa!

Thank you for joining us! We extend our gratitude and joy to all those taking the time to support the Sacred Site *Akikojiwan*. Migwech - Thank you - Merci!

Date and Time: 23 June 2017

10:00 AM - Gather at Victoria Island (upper level near Booth Street)

11:00 AM - Walk to Parliament Hill for speakers and community

12:00 PM - Reach Parliament Hill, gather for speakers!

What is taking place:

A massive Sacred Walk starting from Victoria Island, along Wellington Street, to Parliament Hill followed by closing speeches, drumming and prayer.

Who:

All ages, all people are invited. Children are welcome! Algonquin Grandmothers and Elders invite every Nation to attend in their traditional regalia with their sacred objects and/or tobacco. All faith and other groups are invited to attend in their traditional wear (if applicable) or brightest colours to show all nations, races and faiths joining together in unity. Wear your country or Nation's colours - carry a flag or banner.

What to bring:

- * **WATER:** There will be no water on site. Please bring your own water in a reusable bottle
- * For your own needs: sunscreen, hat, snacks, cameras, etc.
- * Flags of your nation & sacred objects
- * Prayers can be tied to strings and carried by your group (for example - ties of cloth with a few pinches of tobacco, or Buddhist prayer ties, or any version of prayers that represent you or your group.)
- * Placards - posters with messages of support
- * Banners or posters representing your group to help see the diversity of those at the Sacred Walk (this is so important!)

Note:

- * There are **no washrooms** on Victoria Island. Please plan accordingly. The closest restroom is at the War Museum. Washrooms are available along the walk and at Parliament Hill


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How to make strings of tobacco ties (prayer ties)

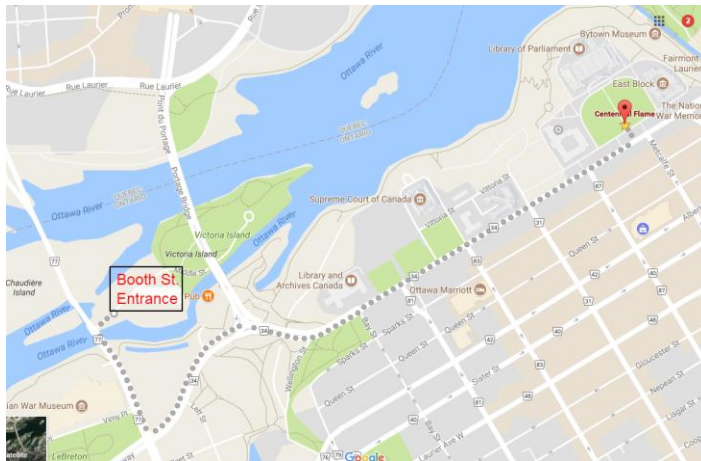
* If you are interested in making Indigenous prayer ties, they would be greatly appreciated as offerings at the end of the walk. The string of prayers can be extended in length like a long ribbon carried by those walking. They are tied to a long white cotton string and every few inches, small cloths holding a pinch of tobacco are tied to the string.

* Example videos about making indigenous prayer ties:

- A short version taught to children - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwKhSj5>

- Another version for making smaller ties - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Y> 

Map of the route: <https://goo.gl/maps/gSKVq8p8GRo>



Where to park:

There are pay parking lots in the area. The closest one to the island is at the War Museum. Or park close to our walking route. For ex:

- *War Museum* - 1 Vimy Place, K1A 0M8
- *World Exchange Plaza* - 45 O'Connor St, K1P 1A4 - (LPG cars not allowed)
- *Constitution Square* - 350 Albert St., K1R 7X7

**Note: There will be no parking on Victoria Island.

Do I have to register?

* You don't have to register - anyone and everyone is welcomed on the walk. However, to help our organizing committee, we greatly appreciate if you RSVP on our (30 second) online form at: www.itIsSacred.ca/rsvp/

* For groups of 10 or more an RSVP would be greatly appreciated.

More information:

Please see <http://albertdumont.com/faith-is-peace-walk/> and www.itIsSacred.ca. You can also email us at FaithisPeace2017@gmail.com

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* It Is Sacred (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1718291061762475>) OR

* Faith Is Peace: Walk for Our Sacred Site, Akikodjiwan (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1906106689612742>)