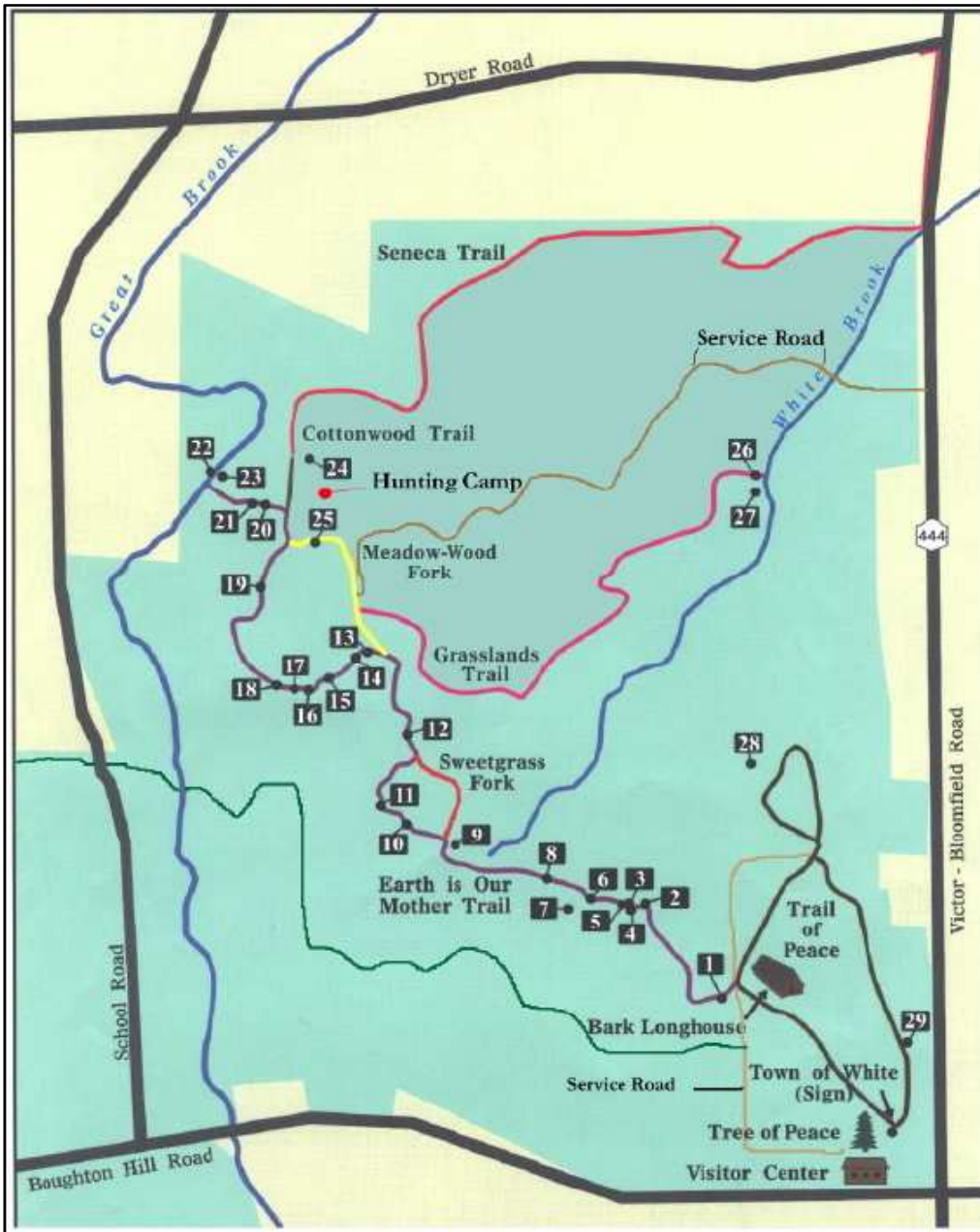


Ganondagan State Historic Site – The Earth Is Our Mother Trail



This trail introduces some of the plants central to Seneca culture for food, building materials and medicines. There are 29 signs along this almost 2 mile hike. The main trail's hills, twists, and turns require surefootedness and treaded footwear. As you head downhill, take the left forks (this is the main trail, purple blazes). When you reach the trail's end, by the Great Brook, retrace your steps uphill, EXCEPT take the forks to the left, yellow blazes for the Meadow-Wood fork, red blazes for the Sweetgrass fork. These forks are shortcuts designed to reduce your uphill journey.

Note: the Grasslands Trails can only be reached from the Meadow-Wood fork, adding 1.25 miles, 5/8 of a mile going out, and 5/8 returning.

Art of stainless steel signs by Carson Waterman and other signs by John Kahionhes Fadden.

The Creation of the original trail source map was a volunteer effort by Dr. Thomas T. Bannister and Heather McNeil.

Along the Earth is Our Mother Trail, the interpretive signs note both the English and Seneca names of each plant.

English

1. Ethnobotanical Trail
2. Sassafras
3. Wild Black Cherry
4. White Pine
5. Cattail
6. Pussy Willow
7. Wild Strawberry
8. Red-Veined Dock
9. Shagbark Hickory
10. Partridge-berry
11. Basswood
12. Cranesbill
13. White Oak
14. Witch Hazel
15. Tulip Poplar

Seneca

- O-NŌS-DA?-S:H
A:A
OSO:AH
OEOHGWA?
O-SĒH-DA?
SHE:SAH
I:-JE:D
JOGA:GA:S
OS-HÁIS-DA?WA:-YA:S
O:OSĀ?
GA-JÍS-DAH-GWA?
GAGA?DA?
DA-GWÁ?-SHŌ:-NIH
GA-NO?-GÄ?

English

16. Jack-in-the-pulpit
17. Sugar Maple
18. Prince's Pine
19. Dogwood
20. Spicebush
21. Wild Ginger
22. Bloodroot
23. Juneberry
24. Bitternut Hickory
25. Cucumber Magnolia
26. Boneset
27. Sweet Flag
28. Sumac
29. Jerusalem Artichoke

Seneca

- GE:Ō-SHÄ?
WAHDA?
O-NEH-DE:-SŌS
GAH-SI:-SADT
DA?JA?S
OS-GWÁI?-DA
O:-NE:-KHWA?
HĀ?-DŌNH
O:NYO?-GWA-JI-WA-GEH
GEŌ-DA-NE:GK-KHE:H
DE-GA?-NE-YA?-HŌNDT-TA?
A:-WE:Ō?-DA?
ODT-GŌ-DA?
ONENŌDAJI:H