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**Re: BIMOOSEYAANG GAGWEJIMIGO NMAMA AKI, SAUGEEN OJIBWAY NATION
WATER WALK 2023 SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023 TO MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

Please [click](#) here for route information.

The Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environment Office would like to share with you that members of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) will be exercising their Indigenous rights to practice their culture, customs and religion, by walking across their Territory between July 1st to July 17th, 2023.

The **Bimooseyayng Gagwejimigo Nmama Aki SON Water Walk** is a spiritual journey to pray for the Land and the Waters of the SON Territory. Since Josephine Mandamin, Biidaasige-ba completed the first water walk around Lake Superior in 2003, many communities and First Nations have taken up Water Walks as means to express sovereignty, demonstrate indigenous peoples unique connection to the earth, to help foster and encourage stewardship of the environment. Water walks are a good and useful tool to aid the development of nation building, building relationships, fostering reconnection to the earth and encouraging the value of stewardship amongst the membership.

The **Bimooseyayng Gagwejimigo Nmama Aki SON Water Walk** will be conducted as a relay with sets of three walkers per rotation. Walkers will be positioned six hydro poles apart along the route in preparation for carrying the eagle staff, water vessel and Asini Kwe. The Walkers will be escorted by support vehicles and they will camp in campgrounds, or as guests on private property throughout the journey.

The SON Territory is home to many leaders and communities. As the Water Walkers pass through your communities they will pray for the land and waters we all share. We welcome all leaders and community members to join our journey to learn more about the SON Territory and culture.

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Environment Office of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation