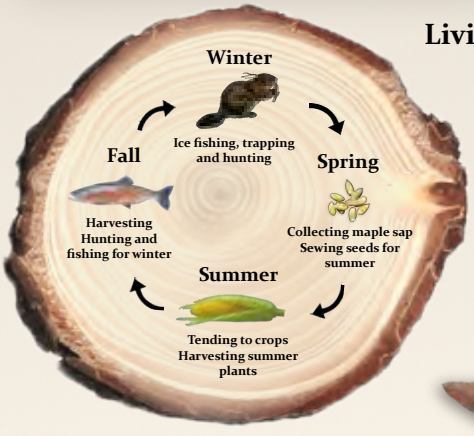
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The Anishinaabe

The **Anishinaabe** are the predominant Indigenous Peoples of Michigan and the surrounding Great Lakes Region. Three culturally related groups, the Ojibwe, the Odawa and the Potawatomi, are also known as the Council of Three Fires or the **Three Fires Confederacy** (Niswi-mishkodewinan).



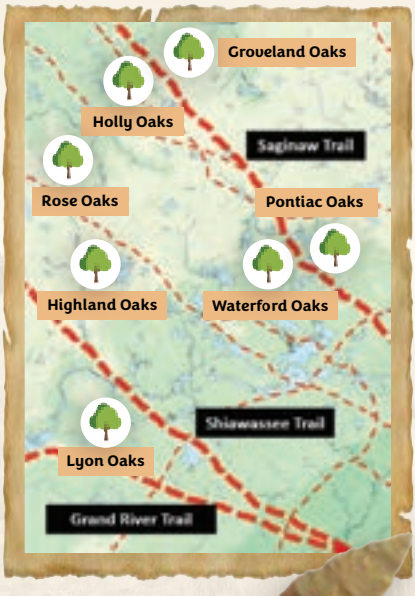
Living in Harmony

The Anishinaabe are very careful to live in balance with nature and only take what they need.

Each season they would rotate to different places where they performed different activities based on available resources.

Our Parks: The Land of the Anishinaabe

The Anishinaabe used trails to travel across the land. Many of these trails go through, or near, our Oakland County parks (shown as the red dotted lines.) Rivers were also used for transportation as well as a source of food like wild rice and fish. Three rivers important to the Anishinaabe, the Clinton, Shiawassee and Huron, can be found in several of our parks.





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From Anishinaabe Trails to Roads

Anishinaabe trails were so well planned out, we still use them as roads today. An example of this is the **Saginaw Trail** (*highlighted in red*) which is now a part of our modern-day **Dixie Highway**.





Snyder's Point
Found at Groveland Oaks

Remnants of the Anishinaabe in Our Parks

The Anishinaabe not only left behind trails, but also physical evidence that they were on the land that is now our county parks. This projectile point was found in the northeastern section of **Groveland Oaks County Park**. It is estimated to be around ***2000 years old***.

The 1807 Treaty of Detroit

The 1807 Treaty of Detroit was a written agreement between the United States and the Ottawa, Chippewa, Wyandot, and Potawatomi nations. This treaty ceded the land from these tribes. By 1850, Anishinaabe tribes no longer occupied any land in Oakland County.





The Anishinaabe Today

Today, the people of the Three Fires Confederacy carry on the same hunting, fishing, farming, and harvesting traditions. These traditions remain important to their way of life. We continue to celebrate the federally recognized and non-recognized tribes of the Anishinaabe.

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