

SACRED WATER WALK

SUNDAY MAY 06, 2018

THE BOATHOUSE - 116 GORDON STREET

10 AM—NOON

\$ FREE



*“Join us in ceremony and in prayer
for the health of our waters...”*



Portions of this walk are accessible. To learn more please email tworiversfest@gmail.com

Many of us have been inspired by grandmother Josephine Mandamin and her dedication to water protection through walking for the water. In honour of all that has been inspired in us through her walks, we feel called to walk for the health of the Speed and Eramosa rivers that we enjoy so freely. Join this Sacred Water Walk which is held in ceremony and in prayer for the health of our *waters...*

Because we are in **a specific Anishinaabe Ceremony**, women wear long skirts and men long pants to show our respect for our Grandmothers, for Mother Earth and for ourselves. Women on their Moon-time do not carry the water during this time, as they are already in Ceremony.

“A Water Walk is first and foremost about Water. It is an ANISHINAABE CEREMONY from the time the pail is lifted to the time of set down the Walkers are in Ceremony.”

A Water Walk is Not:

- * A protest, activist action, or a social event.
- * About the individual or what you can gain sitting idle.
- * A place to look for your next partner; for boasting, social chatting, carelessly talking nor gossiping.
- * For thrill seekers, nor is it a contest or competition, exercise, work-out, or a game of “I can handle it” or go the distance.
- * For those that just show up at the end the walk to be seen and to say they were there.
- * A performance piece; for those who have romanticized ideas about Indigenous people.
- * For those who feel the need to force other cultural values onto protocols already in place.

Note: If anyone is disruptive, disrespectful, or abusive they will be asked to leave.