

Onigamiinsing "at the little portage"



Duluth Indigenous Commission

Gichi-ode' Akiing (pronounced "gi-chee-oh-dayah-king") translates to "a grand heart place"

In 2015 the Indigenous
Commission requested to
change the name of what was
then known as Lake Place Park.
The Ojibwe name, Gichi-ode'
Akiing, was officially adopted
by Duluth City Council in 2018.
We will not forget the past, but
this park offers our city an
opportunity to create
reconciliation through
reclaiming the Indigenous part
of our history and to move
forward with a grand heart.

CHIEF BUFFALO MURALS

The murals were designed and painted collaboratively by a team of artists led by Moira Villiard (Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe direct descendent), including Michelle Defoe (Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe), Awanigiizhik Bruce (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe), and Sylvia Houle (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe), with assistance from Mana Bolton and Conor Fairbanks, as well as over 500 community volunteers. The walls feature both historical and contemporary depictions of Indigenous people connected to our region, maps of both treaty territories and Chief Buffalo's famous journey, Ojibwe stories and folklore, and traditional florals. This project was honored in a ceremony in 2019 and continues to serve as a space for reflection and gathering for both Indigenous and non Indigenous community members.



Scan to learn more about Chief Buffalo and the murals

OJIBWE WORDS

OJIBWE ENGLISH

Miigwech Thank you

Chi-miigwech Thank you very

much

Boozhoo Greeting/Hello/

Welcome

Aaniin Greetings etc.

Biindigen! Come in, or come

inside

Giga-waabamin I'll see you again

miinawaa (Goodbye)

Mino-giizhigad (be a or have a)

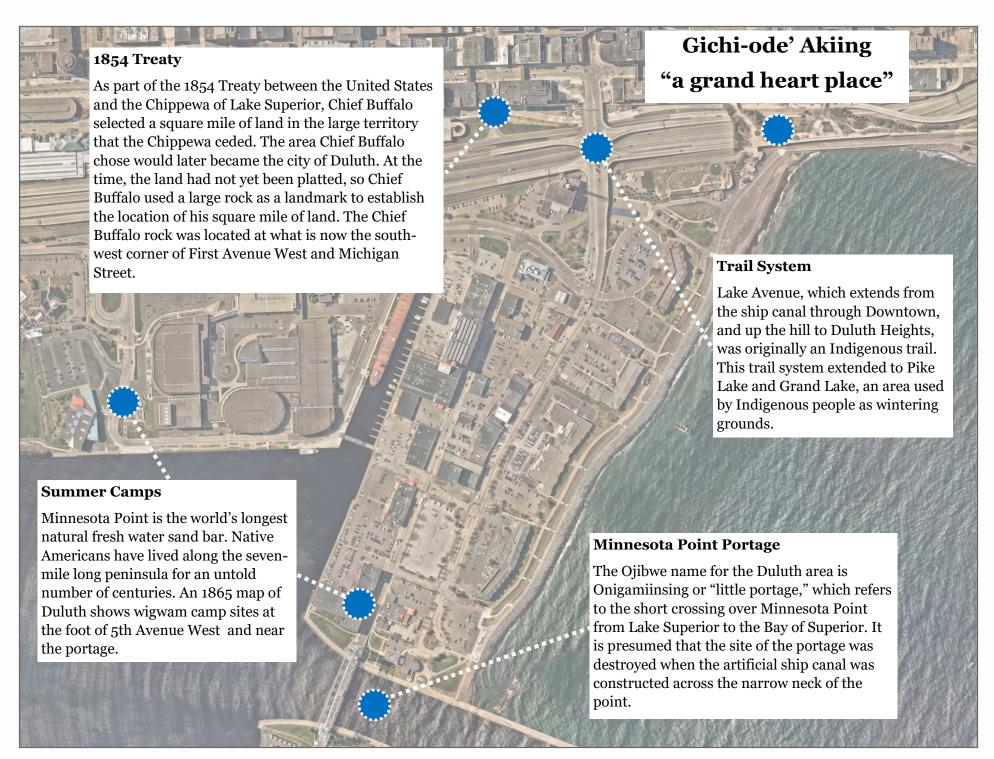
Nice Day



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Photo by Moira Villiard



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