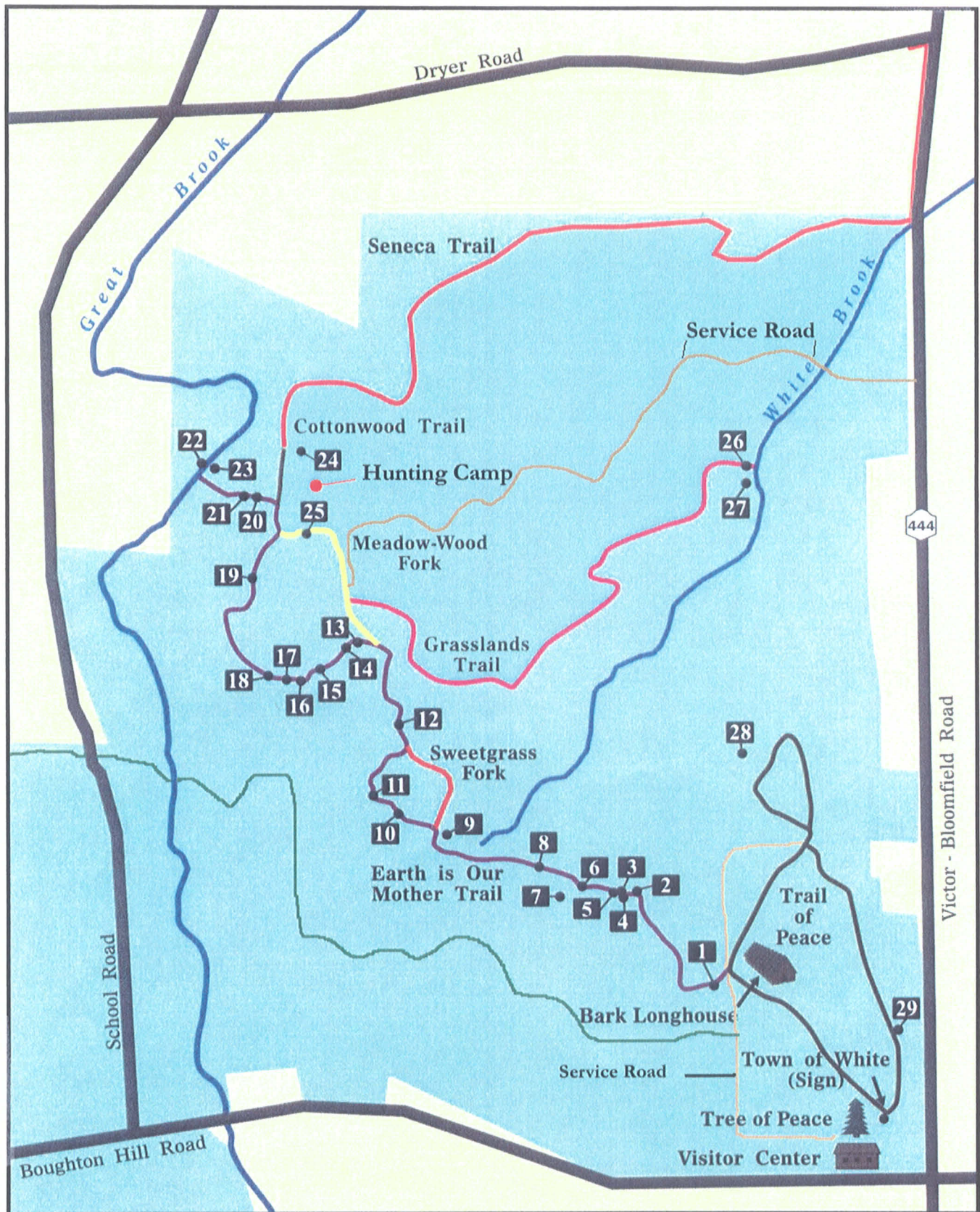


Earth Is Our Mother Trail



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

<i>English</i>	<i>Seneca</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Seneca</i>
1. Ethnobotanical Trail		16. Jack-in-the-pulpit	GĒ:Ō-SHÁ?
2. Sassafras	O-NŌS-DA?S:HÁ?	17. Sugar Maple	WAHDA?
3. Wild Black Cherry	AA	18. Prince's Pine	O-NĒH-DE:-SŌS
4. White Pine	OSO:AH	19. Dogwood	GAH-SI:-SAĐT
5. Cattail	OEOHGWA?	20. Spicebush	DA?JA?S
6. Pussy Willow	O-SĒH-DA?	21. Wild Ginger	OS-GWÁP?DA
7. Wild Strawberry	SHE:SAH	22. Bloodroot	O:-NE:-KHWA?
8. Red Veined Dock	I:-JE:Đ	23. Juneberry	HÁ?-ĐŌNH
9. Shagbark Hickory	JOGÁ:GA:S	24. Bitternut Hickory	O:-NYO?-GWA:JL-WA-GĒH
10. Partridge-berry	OS-HÁIS-DA? WA:-YA:S	25. Cucumber Magnolia	GĒŌ-DA-NE:GK-KHE:H
11. Basswood	O:OSÁ?	26. Boneset	DE-GA?-NĒ-YA?-HŌNDT-TA?
12. Cranesbill	GA:JÍS-DAH-GWA?	27. Sweet Flag	A:-WE:Ó?-DA?
13. White Oak	GAGA?DA?	28. Sumac	ODT-GÓ-DA?
14. Witch Hazel	DA-GWÁ?-SHŌ:-NIH	29. Jerusalem Artichoke	ONĒNŌDAJL:H
15. Tulip Poplar	GA-NO?-GÁ:?		

THE TRAILS AT GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE, A 17TH-CENTURY SENECA TOWN SITE

THE TRAIL OF PEACE is a flat, mowed path 3/8 of a mile in length roughly in the shape of a figure eight. Twenty-seven interpretive signs along this trail illustrate some of the physical, cosmological, cultural and historical aspects of life at Ganondagan, known as the Town of Peace to the Seneca people. In 1687, Ganondagan was destroyed by the Marquis de Denonville, who as Governor of New France, led an army of 3,000 men from Canada in a campaign to annihilate the Seneca.

THE EARTH IS OUR MOTHER 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 Trail can only be reached from the Meadow-Wood fork, adding 1 1/4 miles, 5/8 of a mile going out, and 5/8 returning.*

THE GRANARY TRAIL AT FORT HILL, located one mile west of the Visitor Center on Boughton Hill Road (County Route 41), is about 7/8 of a mile in length. To reach the trail, park in the grassy parking lot across from Murray Road. Follow signs leading to the top of the hill. The dirt path to the trailhead is steep, the mowed trail loop on top of the hill is on level ground. Forty interpretive signs on Fort Hill describe features of the picketed granary and include firsthand accounts of the mass destruction of the corn at Ganondagan and at three other Seneca communities targeted in the French campaign of 1687.

THE SENECA TRAIL is maintained by members of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. It is reached by a spur off the EARTH IS OUR MOTHER TRAIL, is approximately 6 miles in length and runs northeasterly, ending at the Fire House on High Street in Victor. *Note: It is NOT advisable to walk this trail during inclement weather as it includes a narrow ridge above the Great Brook.* Maps of the SENECA TRAIL can be obtained from Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. by calling (716) 924-7141 or by writing Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., 85 East Main Street, Victor, New York 14564.

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