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Indigenous Studies

Oakville, Ontario

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History



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Oakville is located on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabeg, including the Mississauga. The land is covered by Treaty 14, also known as the Head of the Lake Purchase.

Indigenous peoples have lived in the Oakville area for thousands of years, particularly near the Bronte River.

In 1806, Mississauga chiefs signed Treaty 14, known as the Head of the Lake Purchase. The purchase, originally agreed on in 1805 as an amendment to Treaty 13, ceded 85,000 acres (344 km²) of land to the Crown in exchange for fishing rights and £1,000 worth of goods. The treaty also reserved land for the Mississauga on either side of the lower portions of the Twelve and Sixteen Mile creeks.

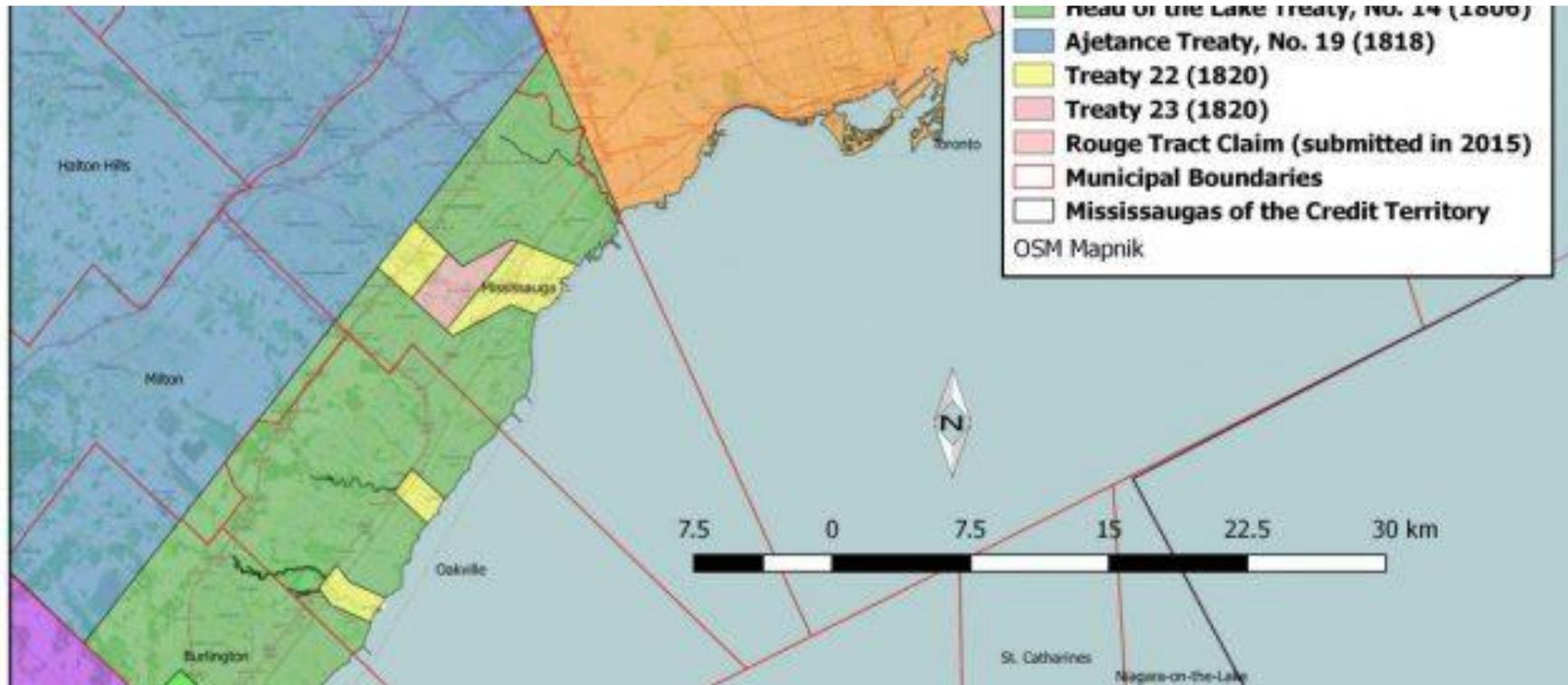
Notes: <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/oakville>

Treaty Maps



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First Nations Languages



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Languages traditionally spoken by these first nation groups:

- Wyandot language
- The six nations that comprise the **Haudenosaunee** speak Iroquoian languages. The Iroquoian language group comprises over ten languages including Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Tuscarora and Seneca
- Anishinaabemowin (also called Ojibwemowin, the Ojibwe/Ojibwa language, or Chippewa)

Notes:

<https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/HaudenosauneeGuide.pdf>

An Anishinaabe Creation Story



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When the Earth was young, it had a family. The Moon is called Grandmother, and the Sun is called Grandfather. This family is basis of all creation in the universe. This family was created by Gitchi Manitou, the Creator. Earth is said to be a woman. She preceded man and her name is Mother Earth because all living things live from her gifts. Water is her life blood. It flows through her, nourishes her, and purifies her.

Mother Earth, was given Four Sacred Directions – North, South, East, and West. Each direction contributes a vital part of her wholeness. Each direction and all things on Mother Earth have physical powers and spiritual powers.

When she was young, Mother Earth was filled with beauty. The Creator sent his singers in the form of birds to carry the seeds of life to all of the Four Sacred Directions. Life was spread across the land. The Creator placed the swimming creatures in the water. He placed the crawling things and the four-legged animals on the land. He gave life to all the plants and insects of the world. All parts of life lived in harmony with each other on Mother Earth.

Gitchi Manitou took the four parts of Mother Earth and blew them into a Sacred Megis Shell. From the union of the Four Sacred Elements and his breath, man was created. It is said that Gitchi Manitou then lowered man to the Earth. Thus man was the last form of life to be placed on Earth. From this Original Man came the Anishinaabe people. This man was created in the image of Gitchi Manitou. Man was part of Mother Earth. He lived in brotherhood with all life that surrounded him.

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