

HISTORIC SITE

Note: Replaced by City Interpretive Panels

Nogojiwanong

Nogojiwanong, at the foot of the long rapids falling 35 metres from Lakefield to near here, was an important point for an eight kilometre portage from the navigable Otonabee River, Rice Lake and Trent River to Chemung Lake. This centuries-old conjunction of navigation, rapids and portage was on the route of Samuel Champlain's exploration with the natives in 1613. Most significantly, the Nogojiwanong area was the site of a battle between the Mississauga and the Mohawks in the Late 1690s. Their rivalry was rooted in the Iroquois-Huron wars of the 1640s, and the inadvertent prelude to the Great Peace of 1701 signed in Montreal. The partners to this peace were the French and several of the First Nations, but not the Mississauga, the catalysts for the treaty.

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