



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

NATIONAL SHRINE & HISTORIC SITE

CAUGHNAWAGA-VEEDER NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Part of the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine



The Shrine's Native American Museum has been an important part of the ministry's mission since its founding in 1938. The Museum boasts a remarkable array of educational material. The opening section covers the history of this land from the Paleolithic era, through the development of Native nations in the area, up to the contact between Indigenous and European peoples. It features items on permanent loan from the Van Epps-Hartley Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association and the Fort Plain Museum.

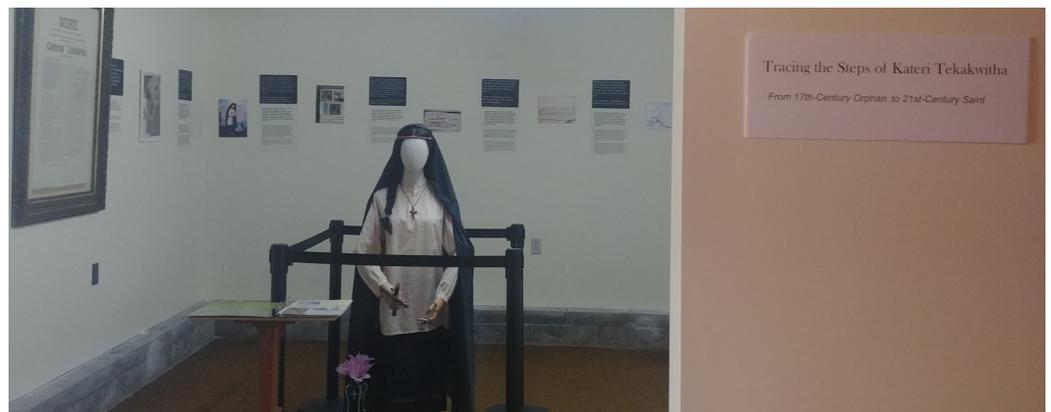
Reflecting Saint Kateri's role as patron of Indigenous peoples, the Museum also provides information on Native nations throughout the Americas. This includes an impressive display of Southwest pottery and Northwest basket-making, as well as a variety of items from Plains nations.

The Caughnawaga-Veeder Museum also features an exhibit highlighting the Caughnawaga village National Historic Site, which is just a short walk from the museum itself. This exhibit details the history of the village, from its founding by the Mohawk people in the 1600s through its excavation in the 1950s. It also provides an overview of the site's occupancy by the Veeder family following the American Revolution.



The most recent addition to the museum reflects on the life of Kateri Tekakwitha from a historical perspective. This exhibit draws from primary sources, predominantly 17th-century Jesuit records, to look at Saint Kateri's life and to discuss her enduring legacy.

Whether your interest lies in Native culture or local history, the Caughnawaga-Veeder Museum is an exceptional resource for people of all ages and backgrounds. Admission is free, and it's open to the public daily May through October.

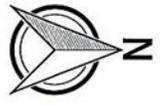


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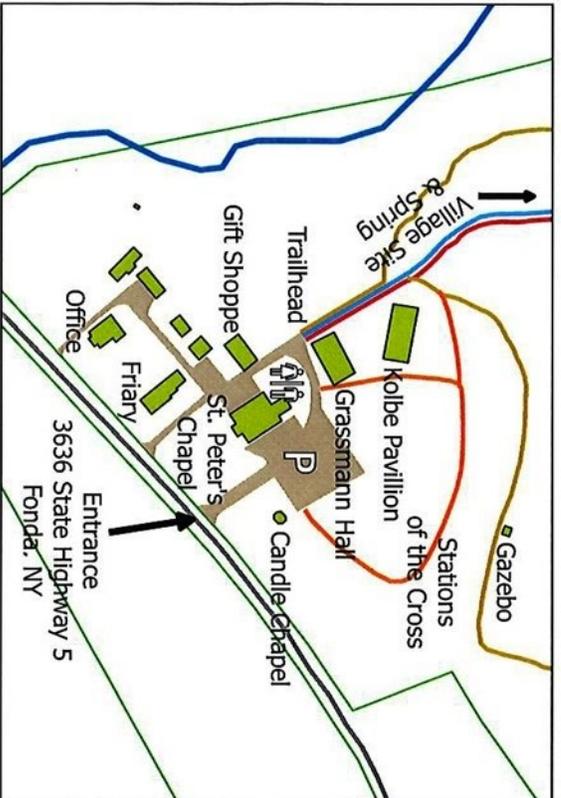


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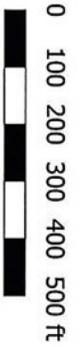
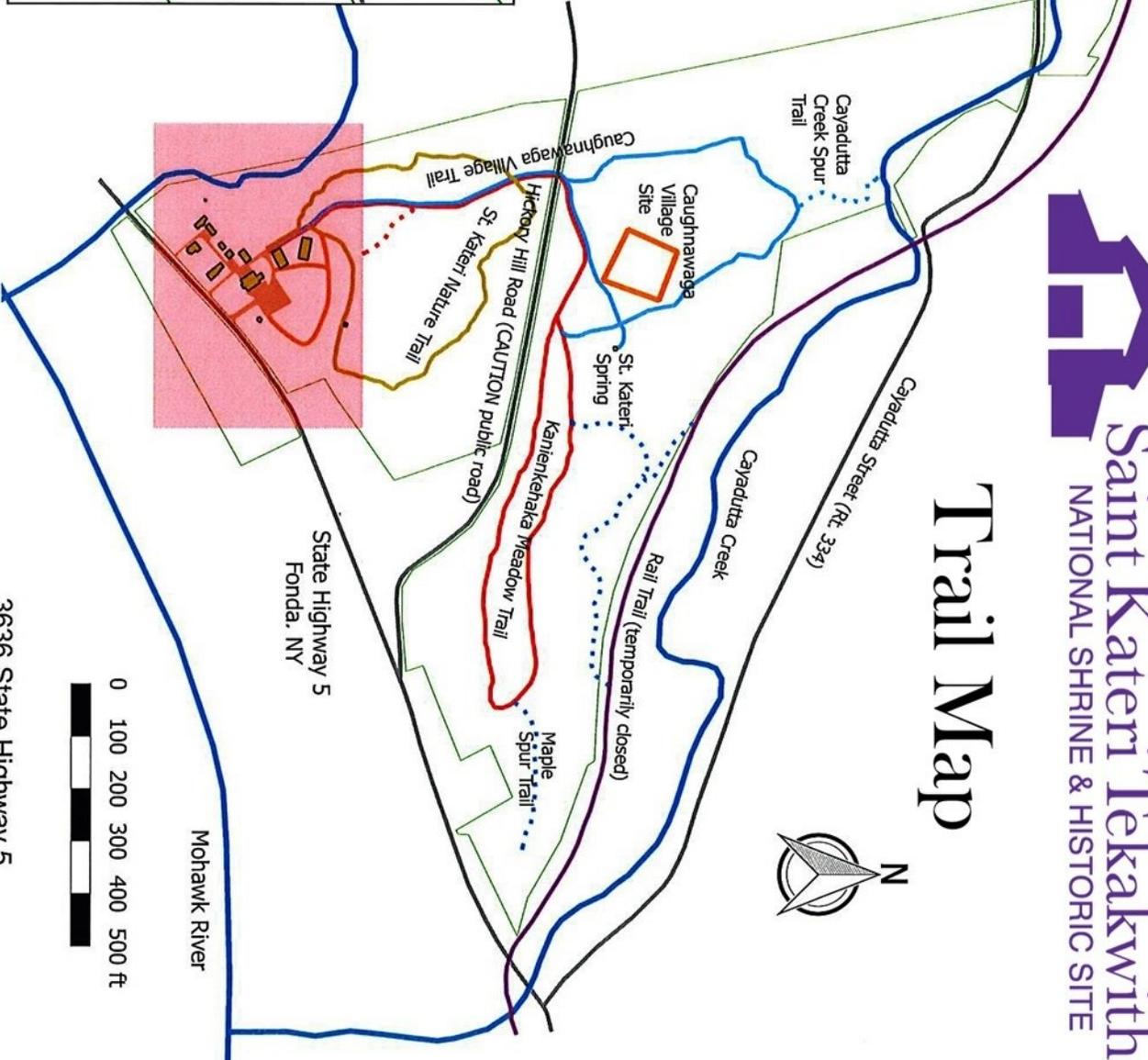
Trail Map



- Legend**
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Nature Trail (Yellow)
 - Kanienkehaka Meadow Trail (Red)
 - Caughnawaga Village Trail (Blue)
 - Caughnawaga Village Site
 - Maple Spur Trail
 - Cayadutta Creek Spur Trail
 - Public Roads
 - Buildings
 - Shrine Roads & Parking
 - Trail to Rail Trail (temporarily closed)
 - Rail Trail (off site, temporarily closed)



Main Grounds



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