

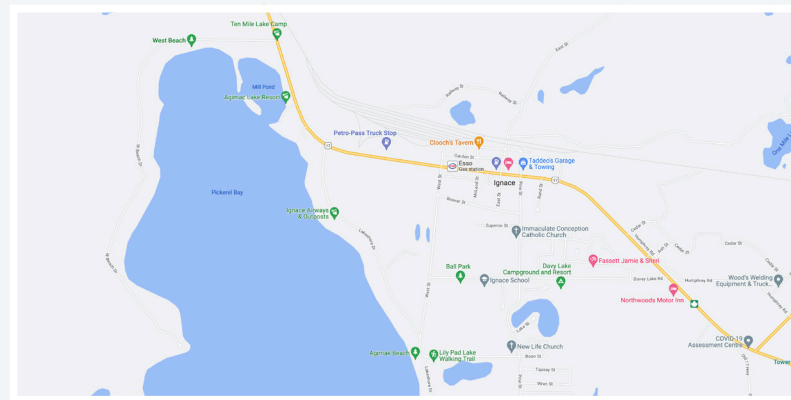
OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY NAME Ignace

Updated October 2022

MUNICIPAL WEBSITE www.ignace.ca

MAP WITH LOCATION



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Nestled in the heart of Northwestern Ontario’s Sunset Country, the Township of Ignace is halfway between Thunder Bay and Kenora on Highway 17 - the perfect place to take a break on a long drive, enjoy a picnic and stretch your legs.

You’ll find our small town of 1,200 is populated with friendly residents who smile and wave as they walk down the street. If you ask, they’ll point you to the float plane on Main Street or tell you about the historic White Otter Castle.

Ignace is the gateway to northern Ontario’s remote waterfalls, rivers and lakes – as well as the forests that surround them. It’s a popular destination for serious wilderness experiences – think fly-in fishing, hunting and camping. In fact, several outfitters use Ignace as their base.

In the winter, bring your snowshoes or skis and experience the peace of the area’s vast trail network! Quad and snowmachine trails can take you for miles into the Canadian wilderness. No matter the season, the sunsets are incredible!

Ignace is the perfect place to raise a young family or settle in for life’s golden years. New residents have come to Ignace to work in our private and public sectors, to enjoy an active retirement, to explore job opportunities in tourism or to open small businesses. Our small town is a rich fusion of cultures where people from varied nationalities and backgrounds share their heritage. Ignace



blends small town comforts and neighbourly folks who are always ready to lend a helping hand. We take pride in our northern hospitality combined with a wide range of conveniences and services that we have to offer. The beauty of the northern landscape surrounding a progressive and modern community makes Ignace a truly great place to live, work and play. The splendor of the stars in the clear night sky defines the spirit of the north, reflecting our spacious and abundant terrain. More demographic information can be found [here](#).

AMENITIES

Tourism is a staple of the area's economy with a number of fishing and hunting resorts in the vicinity. Transportation plays a key role with the CP railway, the Trans-Canada Highway and the Trans-Canada Pipeline running through the Township. The community is now promoting Highway 599 as the best route to the 'Ring of Fire' mineral wealth in the far north and is a prime candidate in the site selection process for a deep geologic repository for used nuclear fuel. The Township continues to explore this possibility with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO).

The Township of Ignace is now focused on strengthening its local economy through strategic approaches aimed at building the right capacity to accommodate the right type of investments. Ignace is positioning itself for long term sustainable growth and development. The Township is a forward-thinking, collaborative community that is re-inventing itself to attract new businesses and residents. Come, explore our possibilities.

Shopping:

Braggs

Braggs is a retail store located on Highway 17 in Ignace, Ontario. For fashionistas on a budget Braggs is a definite spot, offering brand name clothing items at an affordable price. Whether you're planning an event or special occasion, Braggs is a one stop shop for gifts, toys, decorations and much more.

K&S Bait and Tackle

If you are looking to fish in some of the best lakes in northern Ontario, look no further than K&S Bait and Tackle. Here you can find everything fishing related, from fishing and bow items to fishing and hunting boots and outerwear. Before you leave, be sure to look between the aisles to find that perfect gift or souvenir for family and friends back home.

Verns Minnows

At Verns Minnows you are guaranteed to get all your bait and fishing necessities, with its extensive collection of fishing gear, equipment and clothes.

Shoprite Fine Foods

Shoprite Fine Foods is the local grocery store here in Ignace. They offer fresh and affordable produce, meats, snacks, beverages etc. Located on Highway 17, Shoprite is the perfect grocery store to stock up on all your food supplies.



Schools and Daycares:

Ignace Nursery School

Operated by the Ignace Nursery School Parent Cooperative, the Ignace Nursery School provides pre-school programs that teach self-discipline, the promotion of self-esteem, and a positive self-image.

EarlyON Child and Family Centre

EarlyON Child and Family Centre offers a wide range of drop-in facilities with learning resources for parents, preschool children and families as well as a forum for social interaction among young people.

Ignace Elementary & Secondary Public School

Ignace Elementary and Secondary Public School takes a unique approach to small-town schooling: students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 share the facilities which include twenty-six classrooms, two large gymnasiums, a fitness centre, two science labs, two libraries, two video conference sites and an Adult Education Department.

École Immaculée-Conception

In a warm and safe atmosphere, Immaculate Conception School aims for academic excellence, the promotion of a cultural identity and the enhancement of the Catholic faith. They offer a wide range of French language education programs for children from kindergarten to Grade 8

Places of Worship:

Emmanuel Anglican/United Church

Emmanuel Anglican/United Church seeks to be a loving, friendly community that worships God and serves others. Teaching from the Bible and following the example of Jesus is a high priority. On Sunday, services begin at 10:00 am, while communion services are every 2nd Sunday of each month.

- Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 am
- Youth Group: Tuesdays 3:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

The Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church is served by Diocese of Thunder Bay.
Mass: Saturdays 10:00 am

Faith Lutheran Church

Worship Service: Sundays 11:00 am

Redemption Baptist Church

Redemption Baptist Church is an independent bible believing church. Sunday services begin at 11:00 am or 6:00 pm.



- Worship Service: Sundays 11:00 am and 6:00 pm
- Bible Study: Wednesdays 7:00 pm

New Life Church

New Life Church is a community of believers who are striving to follow Jesus by loving God and others. It is affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) and offers spiritual counselling and guidance. Sunday morning worship begins at 11:00 am, with Children's Sunday School for children ages 2-6.

- Bible Study: Sundays 6:30 pm
- Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays 6:30 pm

TRAVEL OPTIONS

Car

The Township of Ignace is easily accessible by all major modes of transportation. The Township of Ignace is conveniently located at the intersection of Highway 17 (Trans-Canada Highway) and Highway 599.

Bus

Visit Ignace by bus using [Kasper Transportation](#). The bus line provides daily and/or weekly service to neighbouring towns and cities.

Air

[Dryden Regional Airport](#) (YHD) and [Thunder Bay International Airport](#) (YQT) are in close proximity to Ignace served by major Canadian airlines. Visitors can also arrive by chartered float planes, operated by [Ignace Airways](#).

Distances from Ignace

- Dryden: 106.7 km (1 hr 12 mins)
- Kenora: 243 km (2 hrs 45 mins)
- Winnipeg: 457 km (5 hrs)
- Thunder Bay: 246 km (2 hrs 39 mins)
- Sault Ste. Marie: 927 km (9 hrs 52 mins)
- Sudbury: 1236 km (13 hrs 21 mins)
- Toronto: 1607 km (17 hrs 41 mins)

HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

Township of Ignace - Places to Stay:

Ignace White Otter Inn

Whether in Ignace for business or pleasure, vacationing with family or simply passing through, Ignace White Otter Castle welcomes all guests. Located in the middle of town, along the Trans-Canada Highway (Hwy 17), Ignace White Otter Inn invites guests to enjoy their clean and newly



renovated rooms, friendly staff and exceptional service at affordable prices. Feel free to call 807-934-6322 or email pchetan_007@yahoo.com for reservation details.

Amenities include:

- Complimentary high-speed internet
- Free truck and car parking
- In-room microwaves and refrigerators
- Open 6:00 am to 11:00 pm, 7 days a week
- No pets

Lone Pine Inn

Lone Pine Inn is situated on Agimak Lake, in the heart of Ignace, south of Highway 17. With ample parking and a quiet atmosphere, the Lone Pine Inn offers unparalleled serenity and scenery that the area has to offer, at an affordable rate. Frequently referred to as 'a hidden gem'- all 17 rooms face the lake and guests can swim, kayak or paddleboat in the shallow waters, enjoy the sandy beach, BBQ or campfire, all while relaxing against the backdrop of the most beautiful sunsets in Northwestern Ontario.

Visit the Lone Pine Inn on Facebook at [LedererLonePine](#)

Amenities include:

- High Speed Wireless Internet
- Satellite TV
- Pet Friendly
- Ample parking, including RV parking
- Fully equipped kitchen suites on lower level rooms and some upper level rooms (renovated)
- In-room refrigerators and microwaves (all rooms)
- Ice, drinks and snacks on sale
- Firepit, BBQ, kayak and paddleboat use (lifejackets provided)
- Fully enclosed fish cleaning hut
- Grocery and laundry services available

Northwoods Motor Inn

Northwoods Motor Inn is located on Hwy 17, offering customers clean and comfortable rooms at affordable prices. Special discounted rates are also extended to both seniors and truckers. Guests are free to dine at the Northwoods Motor Inn Restaurant with its coffee shop and dining room, offering exceptional meals and daily specials for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Hotel reservations can be made in person or online by visiting northwoodsmotorinn.ca

Other amenities include:

- Pet friendly
- Wireless Internet
- RV sites



- Free car and truck parking available
- Helicopter landing area
- Public washrooms
- Homemade pastries at the front desk for busy truckers and travelers

Westwood Motel

Westwood Motel is right in the heart of beautiful Ignace, Ontario. Located on the Trans-Canada Highway, it is a short distance from a number of recreational activities, including fishing, hunting, swimming, hiking, blueberry picking, flying tours and more. With friendly staff willing to serve from 5a.m. until 11p.m., 7 days a week, the Westwood Motel strives to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. Hotel reservations can be made in person or online by visiting westwoodmotel.ca.

Other amenities include:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Choice of smoking and non-smoking rooms
- In-room microwaves and refrigerators
- Robin's Coffee and Pastry location on site, open 6:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. every day.
- Ample parking for vehicles of all sizes, including semi-trucks.

In addition to the local hotels, the health centre owns two homes that are rented to our Locum Physicians and student learners if available. Both homes are three bedroom and fully outfitted. One is situated right on Agimak Lake and has beautiful lakeside property. The other is in the heart of our housing development.

SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

Main Sectors and Future Outlook

The Township has had a long, rich history in the mining and forestry sectors that still continue to play a significant role in the community's economy. Presently, Ignace continues to position itself to benefit from the Ring of Fire mining development (the most promising mining development in Ontario in a century). Resolute Forest Products maintains a striving operation, while the tourism sector remains the staple of the community. Currently, public administration employs the largest percentage of workers, while accommodation and food services, retail trade, educational services, construction and transportation and warehousing round out the popular industries.

With the development of the Ring of Fire accessed by Hwy 599 and the potential of becoming the host to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) for the construction and operation of a nuclear waste repository, Ignace is poised to become a successful launch point for economic development of the north.

Contact Details

- Township of Ignace - Economic Development Department
- Phone: 807-934-2202 ext. 1034 or 807-934-2202 ext. 1022



CLINICAL SERVICES

CATCHMENT AREA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Mary Berglund CHC serves the community of Ignace but also opens its doors to many tourists, residents of surrounding areas and workers in the area.

HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION / SERVICES

The nearest hospital is an hour drive away in Dryden. The Township of Ignace is concerned about the health, safety and well-being of all its residents. The Township of Ignace is equipped with:

Ambulance

North West EMS

Address: 301 Rand Street, Ignace, ON P0T 1T0

Phone: 807-934-6465

Fire Services

The Fire Department is comprised of volunteer fire fighters dedicated to delivering fire protection services to the Township of Ignace.

Address: 315 Front Street, Ignace, ON P0T 1T0

Non-Emergency Phone: 1-807-934-2211

Forest Fire Reporting: 1-888-284-3473

Ontario Provincial Police

Policing services in Ignace are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Address: #502 Hwy. 17, Ignace, ON P0T 1T0

Non-Emergency Phone: 1-888-310-1122

Website: www.opp.ca

Hospital

The Dryden Regional Health Centre includes a 24/7 emergency room

Address: 58 Goodall Street, Dryden, ON P8N 1V8

Phone: 807-223-8201

Website: www.drhc.on.ca

PRIMARY CARE MODEL / CLINIC SETUP / ALLIED HEALTH SUPPORT

Mary Berglund Community Health Centre provides primary health care and health care promotion services through a multidisciplinary team. Services are offered by a Health Promoter, Social Worker, Physicians, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurses, and a Physiotherapist. A regular foot care Nurse ensures a full range of foot care services. A certified Diabetes Educator provides exemplary diabetic care and counseling.



Our focus of care is based on “Community Wellbeing Where Everyone Matters”. We work as a team in an evidence-based design of primary care and community health and wellness programs which enable delivery of better integrated, consistent, client centered care and programs at the neighbourhood level. Using a grassroots approach, care and services are reflective of the need of the community members.

- Primary Care and Program Team work in collaboration with clients, families, caregivers and health care and community service providers to develop coordinated client care services, to truly provide the holistic and individual support required to meet each client’s needs.
- We work to reduce barriers that client’s may face such as access to care, health literacy, and social cognitive factors to create solutions that are developed in partnership with each client.
- Provide primary care and a variety of other health and human support services to people at the Health Centre, in their home and community, reducing usage of the ER for care that should be delivered at the primary care level, and to support local community growth and development.
- Grounded in community development through a community garden, food bank, and many community events, education and empowerment. Not just a clinical focus. The “whole” person is the heart of all programs.
- A client and family centered approach to the care provided to clients, valuing the importance of educating, engaging and empowering clients. There are frequent dialogues with the centre’s clients and families through home visits, phone calls and in person meetings.

OTHER CLINICAL VENUES AND SERVICES

Palliative care is provided in home by our Registered Nursing staff and in partnership with Home Care Services

SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY

TEACHING

We accept students and have offered placements to social work, nursing, nurse practitioner and physician.

LIVING: HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

There are several local hotels in town where accommodation can be arranged. The health centre also owns two homes in town that are rented out to our Locum Physicians and students if available.

TRANSPORTATION

Your own transportation is required.

FOOD OPTIONS

We have a grocery store which offers all of the amenities and a little bit more. Subway and Robin’s Donuts is on the main corridor and the Ignace Tavern also offers a full service menu.



COLLEGIAL SUPPORTS

A full multi disciplinary team is on site, along with our Locum Physician.

COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Redemption Baptist Church



- Faith Lutheran Church



- Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church



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