Mohawk's Printer for Grand River

Flint *and* Feather

A specimen of the icon library of the Mohawk Nation of Grand River



1,610 marks · two styles · 42 sets · November 2026

An icon library, drawn at the Grand River

Flint and Feather is a library of 1,610 marks for screens and for paper. Every mark is drawn twice: in flint, solid, and in feather, in line.

It is used the way a font is used. A mark sits in a line of words, takes their size and their colour, and prints as sharp as a letter at any size. On a website one line brings it in; in a document the fonts install like any other.

It takes its name from *Flint and Feather*, the poems of E. Pauline Johnson, Tekahionwake, of the Grand River (1912), who wrote that both flint and feather bore the mark of her Mohawk blood.

How the marks are drawn

- On one grid of 24 units, at one weight, with round ends and joins.
- Bare: no plate, no ring, no ground behind them.
- In one tone. Where depth is wanted, one thing hides part of another.
- Flint for small sizes and plain speaking; feather for long pages and quiet company.

1,610
marks, each in two styles

2,170
names they answer to

42
sets, from the land to the office

1,420
in the open sets, free to use with credit



Two styles

Flint, and feather

One drawing, made twice. Flint is the solid; it is the default and it holds at the smallest sizes. Feather is the line; it sits lightly beside long text. Use one through a piece of work.

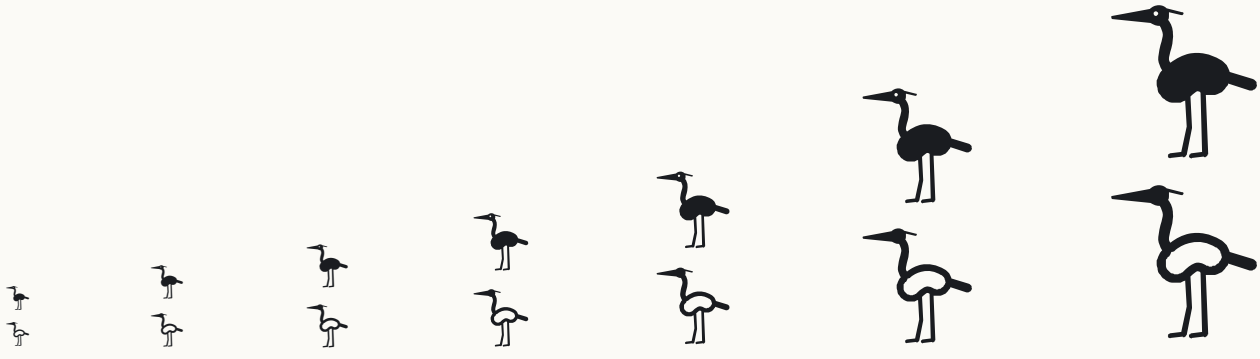
Flint



Feather



From ten points to sixty-four



In a line of words

Meet at the landing below the bridge at nine and bring a lunch . If it rains we go Sunday.

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Every set, in flint

Flint

23 marks



The Nation's own

23 marks



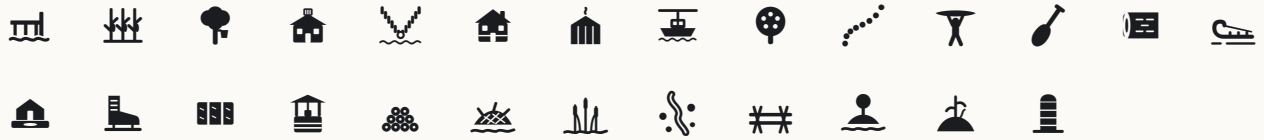
The Nation's life

52 marks



The land

26 marks



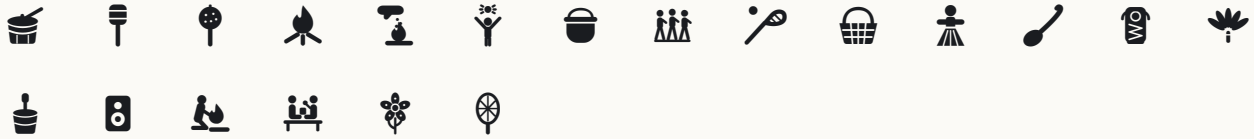
The people's dress

27 marks



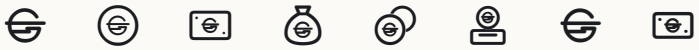
Ceremony

20 marks



Grand River Dollar

8 marks



Honours

11 marks



People

125 marks



People *continued*



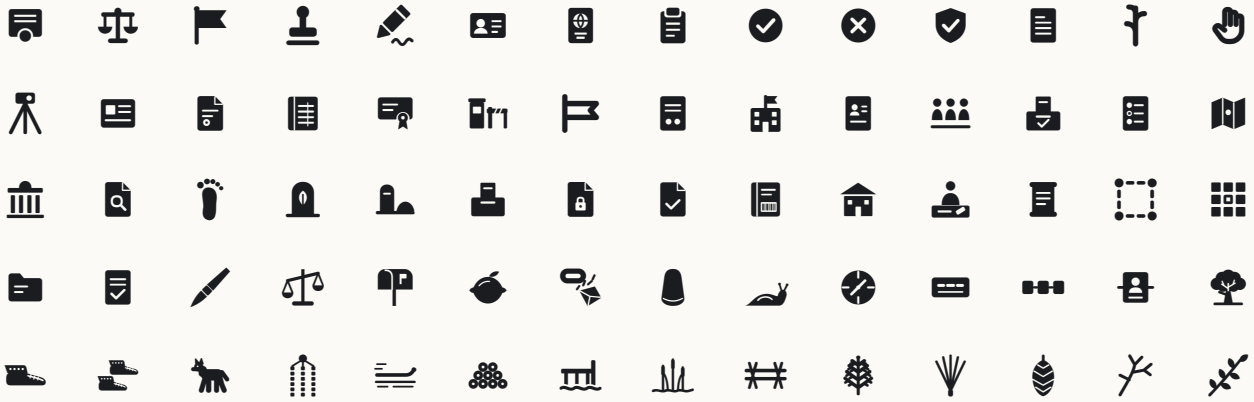
With a badge

97 marks



The Register and government

84 marks



The Register and government *continued*



Food and drink

67 marks



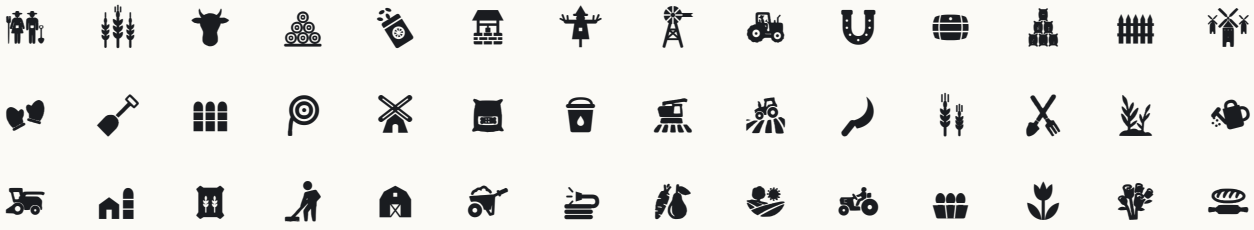
Interface

66 marks



The farm

65 marks



The farm *continued*



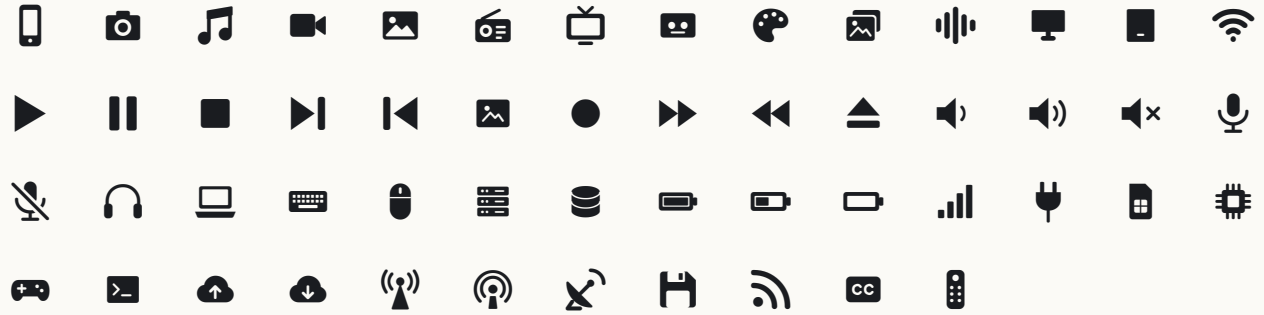
Hands

62 marks



Media and devices

53 marks



Modern clothing

51 marks



Modern clothing *continued*



Files and office

48 marks



Buildings and rooms

47 marks



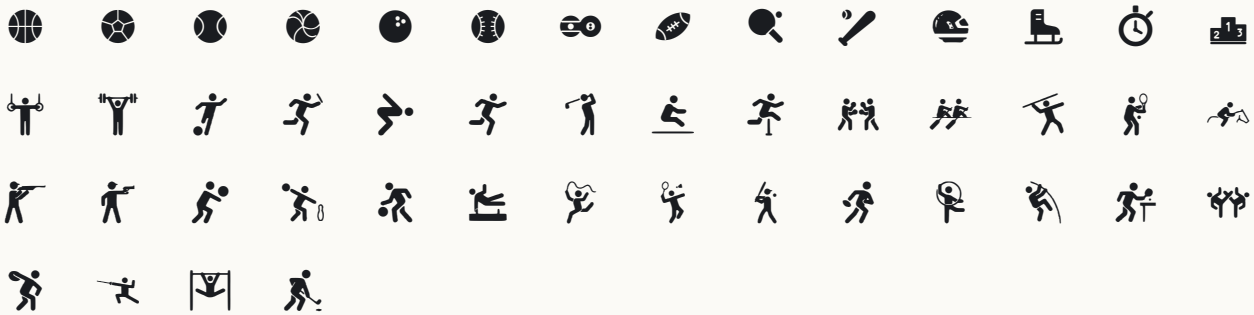
Weather

47 marks



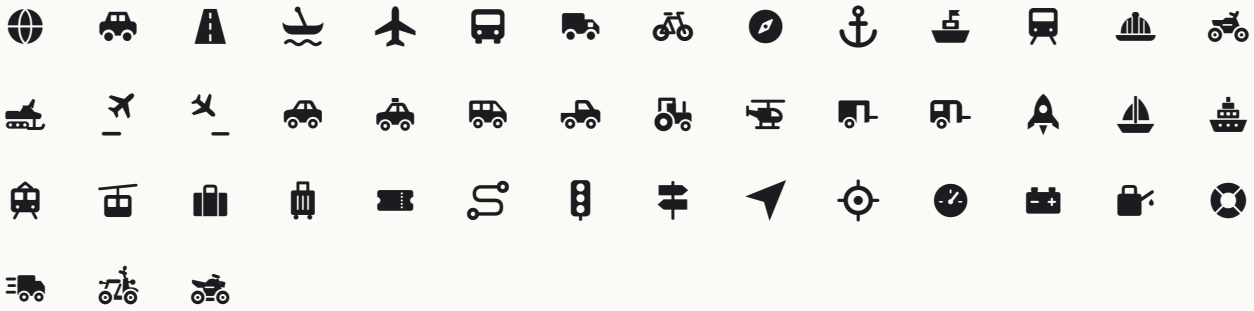
Sport

46 marks



Vehicles and travel

45 marks



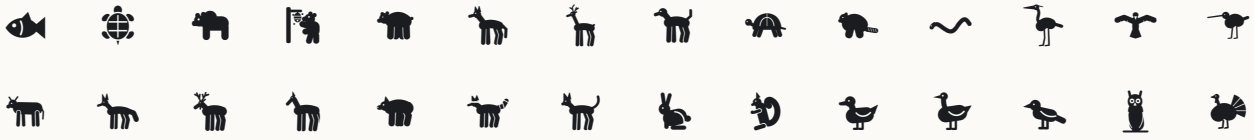
Shapes and status

43 marks



Animals

41 marks



Animals *continued*



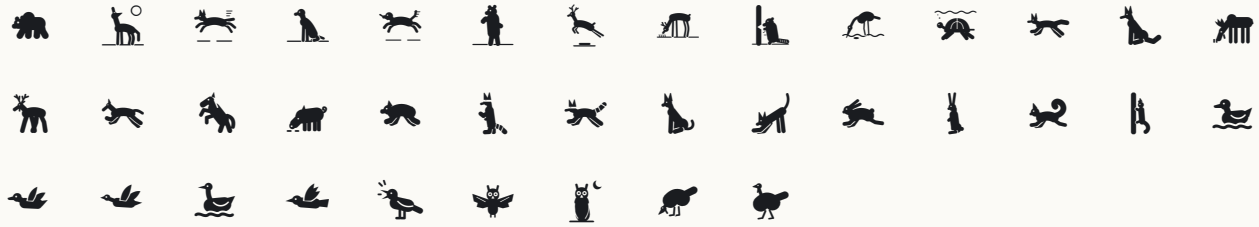
Nature

40 marks



Animals in action

37 marks



Faces

37 marks



Arrows

36 marks



Arrows *continued*



Insects

33 marks



Health

30 marks



Access

27 marks



Leaves and branches

26 marks



Wild flowers

23 marks



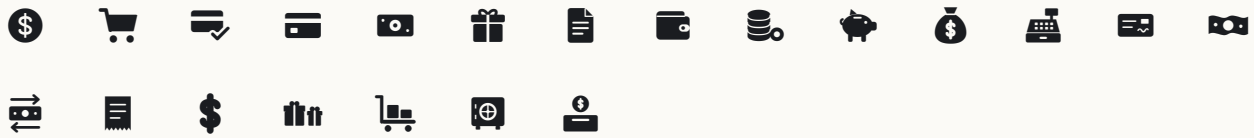
Science

22 marks



Money

21 marks



Tools

21 marks



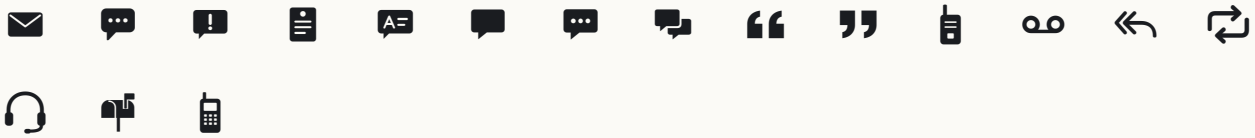
Trees

19 marks



Talk and messages

17 marks



Picnic games

13 marks



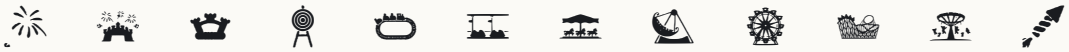
Machinery

12 marks



The fair

12 marks



Gaming

7 marks



In line, on its own

Feather is not flint made thin. Each mark is drawn again as a line, so it stays open and clear. It suits a quiet page: a guide, a recipe, a letter, a label for something made by hand.



A page from a field guide



White trillium

April and May

Three leaves, three petals. In the maple woods before the trees leaf out.



Wild rose

June

Five petals, pink. Along the fence rows and the river bank.



Water lily

July and August

On still water. The flower closes by afternoon.



Sunflower

August

Taller than a child. The seed heads feed the birds until snow.

A recipe card

From the kitchen

Corn soup

Three hours · One large pot · Feeds eight

- Soak the corn and the beans overnight.
- Bring to a boil, then keep it low.
- Add the squash in the last hour.
- Stir from the bottom. Salt at the end.
- Serve hot, with bread.

One more word changes it

An option is a word added beside the mark’s name. They can be put together.

Size



`ff-xs` `ff-sm` `as the words` `ff-lg` `ff-xl` `ff-2x` `ff-3x` `ff-4x`

Turned and mirrored



`as drawn` `ff-rotate-90` `ff-rotate-180` `ff-rotate-270` `ff-flip` `ff-flip-vertical` `ff-flip-both`

Moving, on a screen

`ff-beat` · `ff-fade` · `ff-beat-fade` · `ff-bounce` · `ff-flipping` · `ff-shake` · `ff-spin` · `ff-spin-pulse` · `ff-buzz` · `ff-float` · `ff-putty` · `ff-swing` · `ff-wiggle` · `ff-drum` · `ff-flicker`

Every movement stops for a reader who has asked their device for less motion.

Colour

A mark has no colour of its own.	It takes the colour of its words.	Colour the words and it follows.	On a dark ground, the same.

How it is written

```
<i class="ff ff-canoe"></i>                    flint, the default
<i class="ff ff-in-feather ff-canoe"></i>      feather
<i class="ff ff-canoe ff-2x ff-flip"></i>      twice the size, mirrored
```

Signs for a park

A whole set of signs from one library: the board at the gate, the birds and animals a walker may meet, the rules, the trail posts. One weight throughout, so they read as one family from across the lot.

Heron Landing Park

	Washrooms	Step-free route	Heron marsh
	The landing	Fishing dock	Camp sites
	River loop	Parking	Way out

Who lives here: plates along the trail













The rules, at the trailhead

- Fires in the rings only
- Bears about: store your food
- Check for ticks
- Dogs on a lead
- Quiet after ten
- Vests on the water

Trail posts

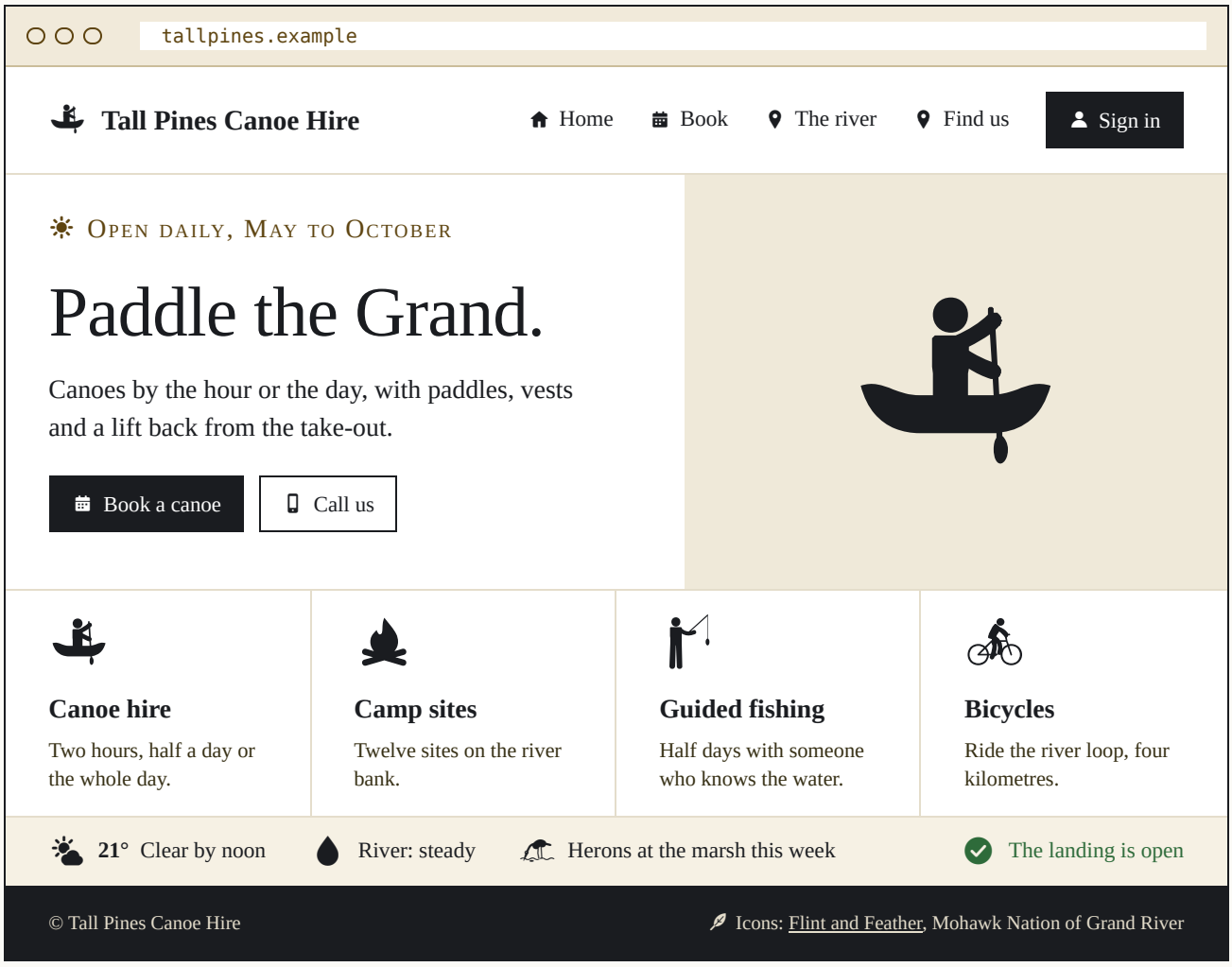
Heron marsh
1.2 km · 25 min

Deer run
4 km · Step-free

Beaver pond
300 m

A website

Every mark on this page comes from one line in the page’s head. Each takes the size and colour of the words beside it, so the page needs no pictures of icons at all.



The one line in the page’s head, and a mark in the page

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="flint-and-feather/ff.css">
<a href="/book/"><i class="ff ff-calendar" aria-hidden="true"></i> Book a canoe</a>
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Notices, each kind known by its mark before a word is read

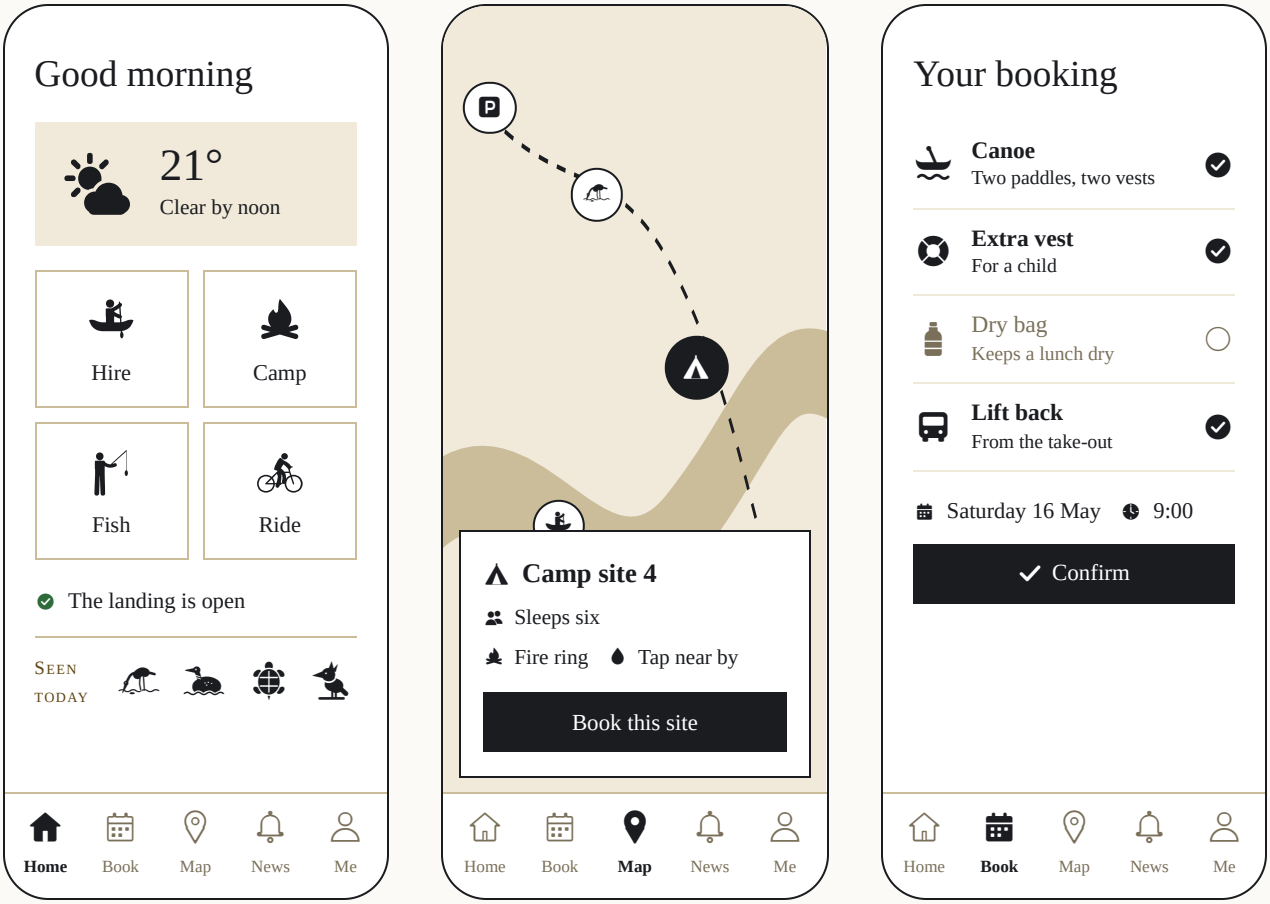
Your booking is confirmed.

The landing is closed on Mondays.

High water: check before you travel.

An app

Three screens of one small app. The chosen tab and the chosen items are in flint; what is not chosen is in feather. The two styles do the work a second colour would do.



Notices on the lock screen

Booking confirmed — now
Saturday 16 May, nine o'clock

Rain after three — 1 h
Come in by half past two

Your lift is at the take-out — 2 h
A white van, by the bridge

A widget

21°
River steady
Light wind
Dark at 8:40

The app's own sign

A café

A menu board, a card for the regulars and a notice for the table, all set with the same few marks. On the card, flint counts the cups had and feather the cups to come.

Cedar Kettle

Café at the landing

HOT

Coffee	2.50
Cedar tea	2.50
Strawberry drink, warm	3.00

SOUP AND STEW

Corn soup	6.00
Three sisters stew	7.50
Venison stew	9.00

BREAD

Fry bread	3.00
Cornbread, two pieces	3.50

SWEET

Strawberry pie	4.50
Pancakes, maple syrup	6.50

has egg · has milk · no meat

Every tenth cup is ours



Six so far. Four to go.

Order at the counter

- Wi-Fi: ask for the word
- Cards and cash
- Step-free, and a low counter
- Dogs on the porch



A cup sleeve: one mark, one name.

A market stall

A maker’s label is the maker’s own: their name large, their colour, and the mark a part of their design. The same library gives the price tags and the banner over the table.

Riverbend Market

Saturdays, eight to one, at the landing

Three labels, three makers’ colours

HAND MADE · SMALL BATCH



Strawberry Moon

Preserves

250 ML

HAND MADE · SMALL BATCH



Blue Heron

Blueberry jam

250 ML

HAND MADE · SMALL BATCH



First Run

Maple syrup

250 ML

Price tags



Greens

3 a bunch



Honey

8 a jar



Eggs

5 a dozen



Bread

4 a loaf

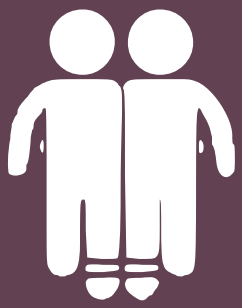
At the till

Cash · Cards · Bring a bag · Jars back, 50 off · Step-free

An event

A poster with one mark set very large, then the games of the day each with a mark of its own. The ticket and the programme follow from it without another drawing being made.

Riverbend · the first Saturday of June



Field Day

Saturday 6 June

Two until dark

The landing, below the bridge



The day

2:00		Sack race
2:30		Egg and spoon
3:00		Three-legged race
4:00		Lacrosse, all ages
5:30		Strawberry supper
9:30		Fireworks over the river

ADMIT ONE

Supper

Saturday 6 June, five o’clock

NO. 0142

Signs on the day

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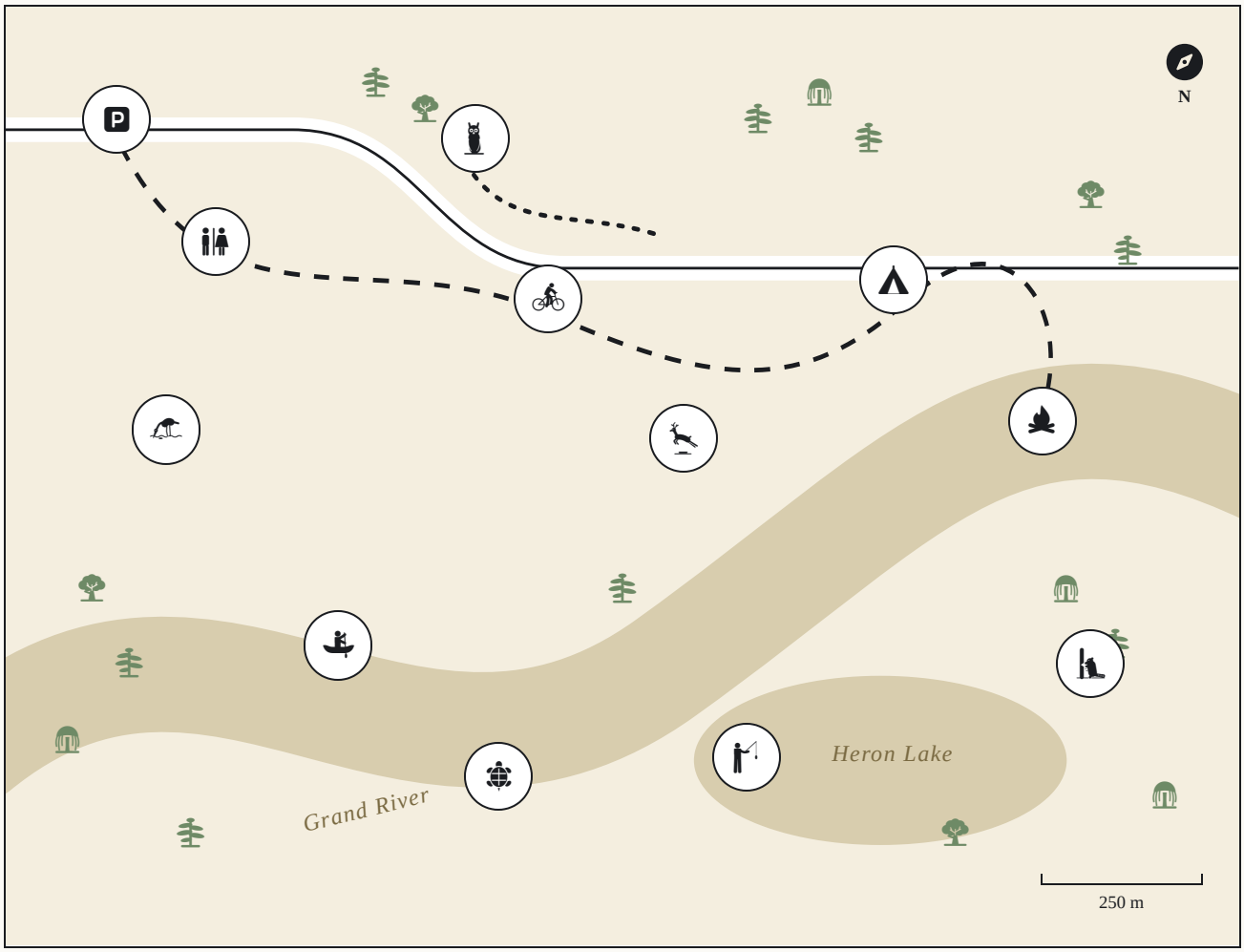
SUPPER

LACROSSE

FIRST AID

A map

The marks are the pins and the key. Because each one is a letter in a font, a map maker types them, and they stay sharp on a phone and on a board two metres wide.



Key

Parking	Washrooms	Owl woods	Deer run
Camp sites	Fire rings	The landing	Fishing dock
River loop	Heron marsh	Beaver pond	Turtle logs
Walking trail	Path to the lookout		

A report

Numbers told in pictures: a year’s count of the birds and animals of a park. A row of marks is read faster than a table, and a mark at the head of a figure says what is being counted.

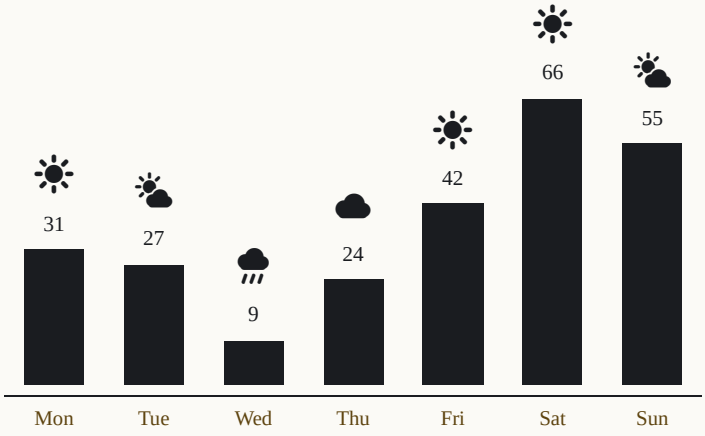
Heron Landing Park · the count for the year

4,080	31	58	40
walkers on the trails	kinds of butterfly	kinds of wild flower	trees planted

Each mark is four. Flint is this year’s count; feather is what last year had over it.

Herons at the marsh		36
Turtles on the logs		28
Deer at dusk		20
Loons on the lake		12

Walkers, the busiest week



- **4 March:** the geese came back
- **9 June:** the first fireflies
- **Fourteen** kinds of spider, counted at dawn
- **Two** new lodges on the pond

A firm’s paper

A letterhead, a card, an envelope and a slip, with one mark standing for the firm and a few small ones doing a single job each. Installed as a font, the marks type straight into a word processor.

Tall Pines Canoe Hire
The landing, River Road

14 November 2026

Dear Ms WHITE,

Thank you for booking the spring paddle for your class. Twelve canoes are held for Saturday 16 May, with vests for every child.

We meet at the landing at nine. The river loop takes two hours, and there is a lift back from the take-out.

Yours truly,

A. Rivers

519 555 0142
paddle@tallpines.example
tallpines.example

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The landing, River Road



Tall Pines Canoe Hire
The landing, River Road

Ms J. WHITE
Riverbend School
12 Mill Street

With thanks

Booked: Saturday 16 May

Paid in full

Canoe 07

Tall Pines · if found, call 519 555 0142

How to get the marks

The open sets

1,420 marks, free for anyone to use, with one line of credit at the foot of the site or the page:

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The Contributor's Grant

For those who contribute to the work: the open sets without the credit line, the drawings themselves, and the fonts for a site of their own. The first contributors keep the founding rate for good.

The Nation's own

The marks of the Nation's own life — its ceremony, its dress, its dollar, its land — are shown here and in the gallery, and are used as the Nation's use guide says. The wampum, the Seal and the Tract are in no grant and are not in this book.

What comes in the file

- The style sheet, `ff.css`: one line in a page brings the marks
- The fonts, as WOFF2 for the web and TTF to install
- The fonts cut by set, so a page fetches only what it uses
- The names, and the licence

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