

# ***H.880: An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs***



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By adding Abenaki place names alongside colonial place names on State park signs, the State of Vermont intends to:

- Recognize that the State of Vermont exists on territory originally and currently inhabited by Abenaki people.
- Increase visibility and awareness of the Abenaki people and culture.
- Preserve and promote the Abenaki language.
- Honor the history, significance, and spirit of places.

# Examples of Abenaki place names:

<u>Abenaki</u>	<u>Colonial</u>	<u>meaning of Abenaki name</u>
Odzhihozo	Rock Dunder	<i>"he who created himself"</i>
Bitawbakw	Lake Champlain	<i>"in between water"</i>
Winoski	Winooski	<i>"onion land"</i>
Mazipskoik	Missisquoi	<i>"place of flint"</i>
Wnekikwisibo	Otter Creek	<i>"otter river/creek"</i>
Kwenitekw	Connecticut River	<i>"long flow (river)"</i>
Kchi Pontekw	Bellows Falls	<i>"great falls"</i>
Tawipodiwajo, also Moziozagan	Camel's Hump	<i>"place to sit in mountain"</i>
Mozdebiwajo	Mount Mansfield	<i>"moosehead mountain"</i>
Gwenaden	Jay Peak	<i>"long mountain"</i>
Kaskaden	Mount Ascutney	<i>"wide mountain"</i>
Mategwasaden	Mount Philo	<i>"rabbit mountain"</i>

# Possible Witnesses for H.880

Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

Elnu Abenaki Tribe

Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation

Koasek Abenaki of the Koas

Missisquoi, St. Francis-Sokoki Band

Vermont Historical Society

Commissioner of Forest, Parks, and Recreation

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