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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1974 Erected Date: 1980

Marker Location

Address: County Road 630 (Pentoga Trail)

City: Gaastra

State: **MI** *ZipCode:*

County: Iron

Township: Stambaugh

Lat: 46.04085800 / Long: -88.50955000

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Indian Village

Here, in October 1851, U.S. surveyor Guy H. Carleton discovered an Ojibwa (Chippewa) Indian village, cemetery, and campground. Chief Edwards, last ruler at Chicaugon Lake, received a patent for this land in 1884. Selling it in 1891, he and his wife Pentoga, for whom this area is named, moved to the Lac Vieux Desert area. By 1903 only a few burial houses and a brush fence remained from the ancient village. Iron County engineer Herbert Larson Sr. convinced the county to buy the property and restore it as a park honoring the area's first inhabitants. It was dedicated in 1922.

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