

How to Acknowledge

Step one: **Identify.**

Find out who are the traditional inhabitants of the lands you're on. You can find this information in many places. Here are a few resources:

<http://native-land.ca/>

<http://www.native-languages.org>

<https://usdac.us/nativeland>

App: Native Land

Step two: **Articulate.**

Formulate a statement of acknowledgement. Here are some examples:

"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the _____ People."

"I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the _____ People, and _____ pay my respect to elders both past and present."

"I want to respectfully acknowledge the _____ People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations."

"We would like to begin my acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the occupied/unceded/seized _____ territory of the _____ People."

"I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in _____, the ancestral and unceded territory of the _____ People."

Step three: **Deliver**

Practice your statement, using correct pronunciation of names. It should be done as one of the first elements of a welcome at the public gathering, event or meeting. Acknowledgement should be offered with respect, grounded in authentic reflection, presence, and awareness.

Reference: *How to Acknowledge* USDAC.US (<https://centerracialjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Honor-Native-Land-Guide.pdf>)