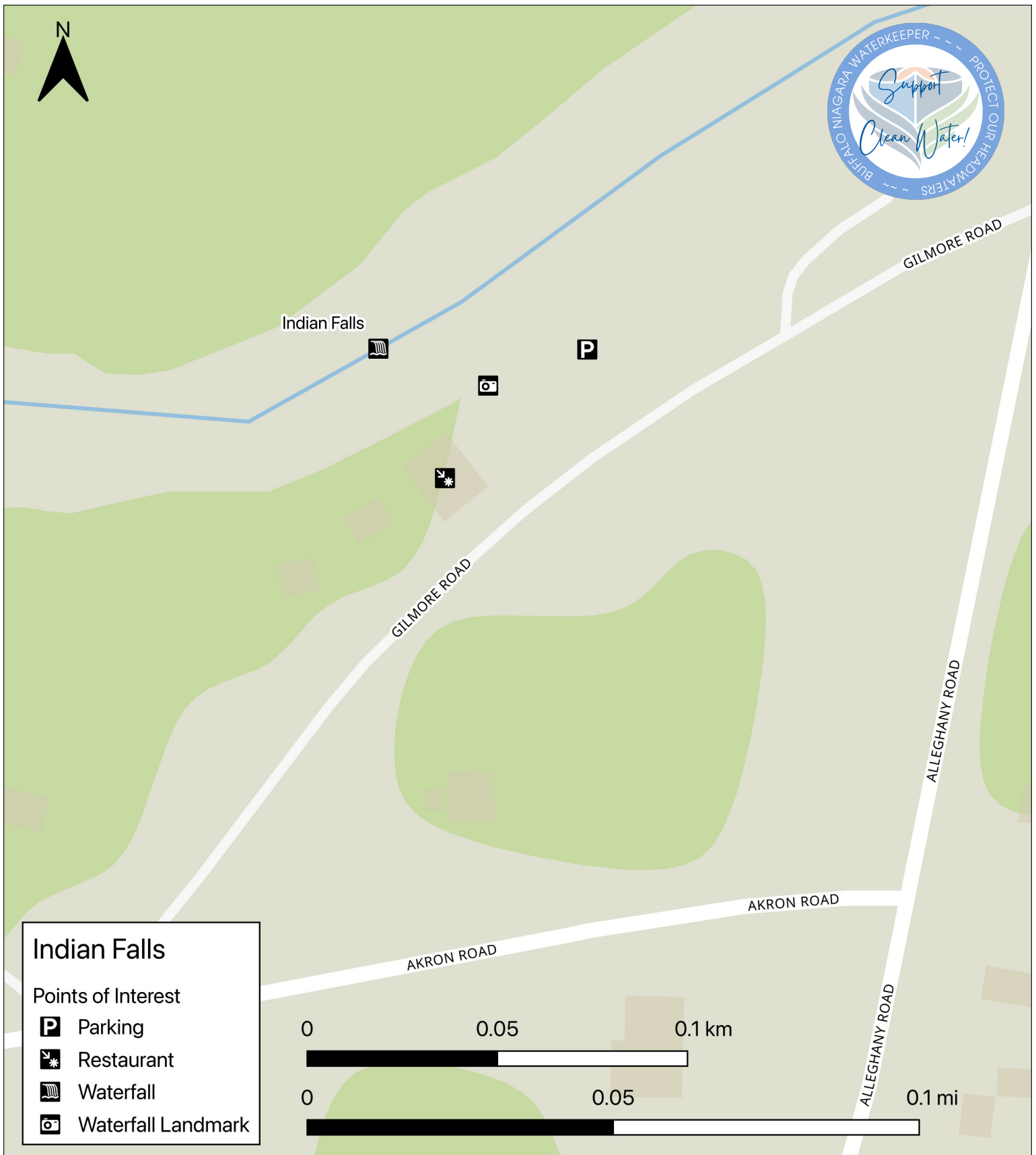


Indian Falls

Roadside | 0 ft | 0' ascent | Difficulty: Easy



Waterfall Information

Geologically, Indian Falls sits near the crest of the Onondaga Escarpment, carved into the massive Victor Dolostone of the Late Silurian Bertie Group. This finely crystalline rock is notable for containing fossils of *Eurypterus remipes*, the official New York State fossil. The falls itself is a southwest-facing curtain falls, stretching roughly 100 feet wide with a 20-foot drop, though its full face remains partially obscured from view. Historically known to the Seneca as "The Place of Snakes" due to a massive rattlesnake den cleared by settlers in 1804, the area also served as a vital source of flint for arrowheads and hosted an Indigenous village until 1857.

The settlement was originally called Tonawanda Falls, but it was renamed Indian Falls in 1866 after a postmaster in Batavia sought to avoid confusion with the nearby town of Tonawanda. While the plunge pool was a popular—and often clothes-optional—swimming hole for local youths during the 1930s, the site's history is also marked by

tragedy. Following at least 16 recorded drownings over the years, swimming is now strictly prohibited at the falls. [Source: Scott A. Ensminger, <https://falzguy.com>]

The owners of the Indian Falls Log Cabin are graciously allowing us to take pictures from their deck. Please be curious to patrons. They also have great food, check out their specials and stop in for a bite.

Restaurant website: www.indianfallslogcabin.com/

Waterfall: Indian Falls

Trail Type: Paved sidewalks

Waterfall Coordinates: 43.02652, -78.39975

Parking Lot: 43.02623, -78.39897



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