



Pictographs

Pictographs are symbols or hand drawings that were an ancient way of communicating, before the written word. They have been found all over the world as testimony to the ones that have gone on before us. They were used to record events, and could have been about any number of subjects, such as family events, rites of passage, vision quests, or marking hunting grounds.

In the Shuswap area, pictographs were drawn on rock faces. Many of them were painted red symbolizing: life, virtue, and all good things. Red ochre was made by using the mineral ferrous oxide, commonly known as iron, found in hematite stone. (Also known as bloodstone). Ochre is a mixture of iron oxides and clay. Ochre added to bear grease; fish oil or tree pitch then became paint.

The pictographs here in the foyer of Quaaout Lodge, and at Talking Rock golf course, are replicas of actual ones found in Shuswap Territory, and these are the meanings they are believed to represent.

Pictograph Explanations

★ On Site



Secwepmc pictograph for Chief.
Hole 1
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Secwepmc pictograph for Eagle.
Hole 10
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Secwepmc pictograph depicting a young female's ceremonial vision quest.
Hole 2



Secwepmc pictograph for sun rise and pit house.
Hole 11



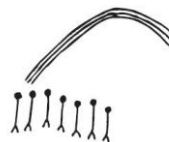
Secwepmc pictograph for the Family Spirit Guide, the Eagle.
Hole 3
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Secwepmc pictograph for lizard and bat.
Hole 12
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Secwepmc pictograph for owl.
Hole 4
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Secwepmc pictograph representing a hunting ground. Each arrow would keep a record.
Hole 13



Secwepmc pictograph of a male representing status in the tribe.
Hole 5
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Secwepmc pictograph of female and children.
Hole 14
★



Secwepmc pictograph of Quaaout: When the sun's rays first touch the land.
Hole 6



Secwepmc pictograph of the loon and stars.
Hole 15
★



Secwepmc pictograph of a human addressing the snake.
Hole 7



Secwepmc pictograph of a male representing a spiritual status in the tribe.
Hole 16



Secwepmc pictograph for Frog.
Hole 8
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Secwepmc pictograph of a Mule deer with its tail up, possibly indicating mating season.
Hole 17
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Secwepmc human fishing weir. Possibly drying of the salmon.
Hole 9
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Secwepmc pictograph of a Coyote Pack. Representing a vision or possible encounters.
Hole 18