

**VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (cont'd.)**

- I am a new member.
- This is a renewal of my membership.
- This is a gift for the following person.

(name & address please) _____

Please send my VTA newsletter via:

Reminder to upload when available from website:
My email: _____

Mail it to my home.

Please consider me a member-at-large or a

member of the closest Club to my home or

member of the _____ Club.

I would like to help with:

trail development trail maintenance

newsletter, photography guidebook, maps

organization-executive hike leading

landowner liaison, records publicity

special events Not at this time

Please contact me for information on what's needed and I'll decide at that time.

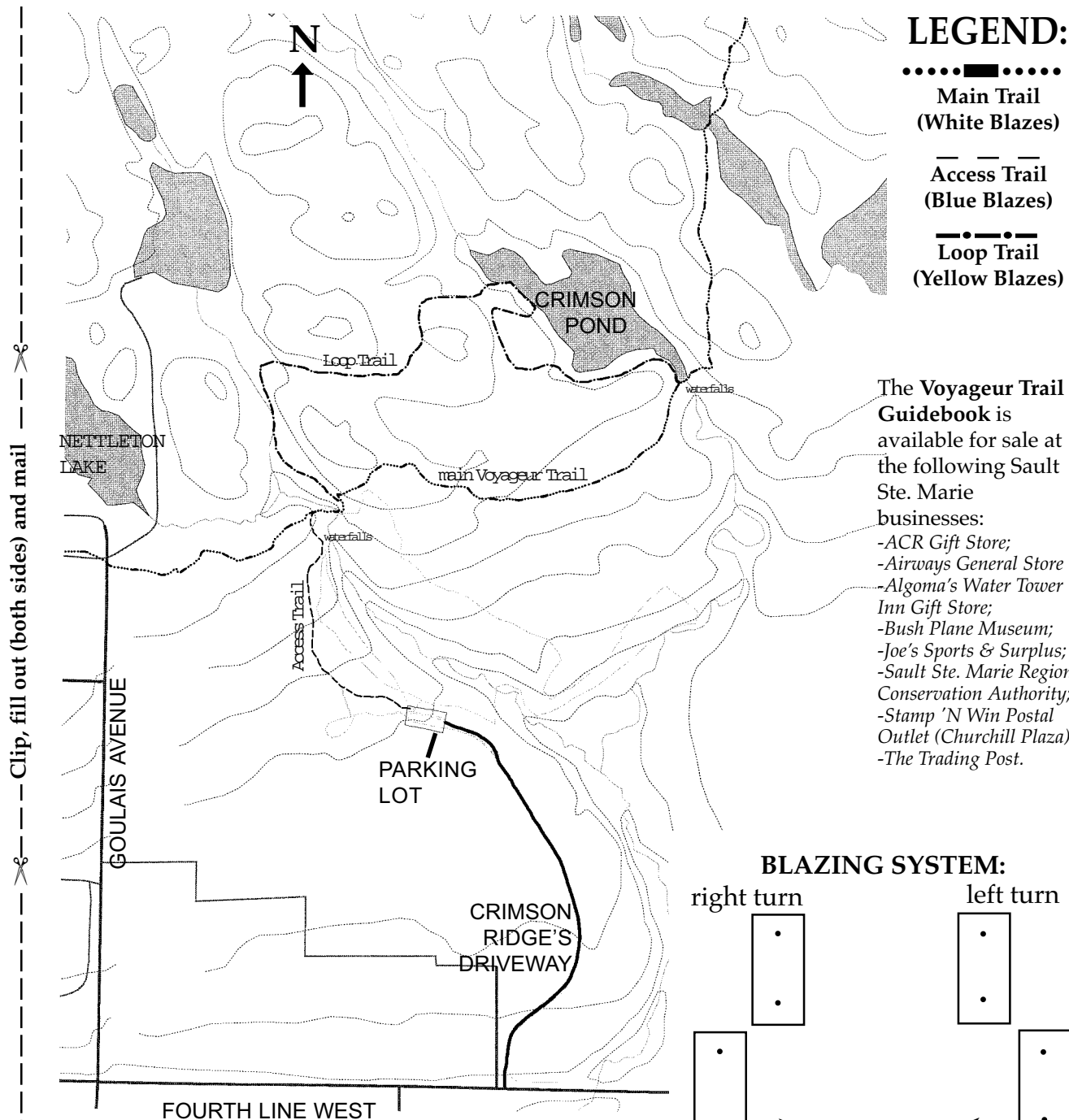
DECLARATION:

I understand that the Voyageur Trail is a wilderness trail and some remote or little-used sections may be in poor condition due to fallen trees or regrowth of vegetation. I understand that I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code (on cover).

(signature) _____

Please make cheques payable and mail to:

Voyageur Trail Association
PO Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd.
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W3



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The Voyageur Trail

Crimson Ridge Loop

www.golffcrimsonridge.com

This brochure is distributed free-of-charge compliments of the Voyageur Trail Association.

Visit the Voyageur Trail on the web at:

www.voyageurtrail.ca

e-mail to: info@voyageurtrail.ca

For upcoming Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club events, call 942-1891 or 779-3409

Trail Users' Code:

- 1) Hike only along marked routes. Do not take shortcuts.
- 2) Do not climb fences.
- 3) Respect the privacy of people living along the trail.
- 4) Leave the trail cleaner than you found it —carry out all litter.
- 5) Light cooking fires at official campsites only and drench fires after use. *Better still, carry a lightweight stove.*
- 6) Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- 7) Do not damage trees or strip off bark.
- 8) Keep dogs under control (*leash if necessary*) and follow your club's guidelines concerning dogs.
- 9) Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- 10) Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.

BE A LOW IMPACT HIKER!

CRIMSON RIDGE LOOP TRAIL DESCRIPTION

This approximately 3.5 kilometre loop trail was created in 2002 and finished in spring 2003. The trail route was selected to not only wind around existing golf holes and greens, but with an eye for any future expansion to the golf course.

Allow approximately 2 hours to do the complete loop. Since the trail is relatively new, you must pick up your feet to get over rocks and stumps. If you have a pet with you, please keep it leashed near the golf greens and under control at all times.

The Voyageur Trail blazing system: if you are standing next to a blaze, the next one should be in sight. Blazes are made with pieces of left over vinyl siding, which reduces the amount of vinyl taken to our landfill. One blaze on a tree indicates a fairly straight trail. If there are two blazes, this indicates a sharp turn. The top blaze will be in the direction of the turn. Blue blazes indicate an access to the main trail. Main trail blazes are white. Yellow blazes are a loop trail.

Notice that blazes are attached to trees with aluminum nails. This ensures that if the tree is harvested in the future, the imbedded nails will sheer easily and not injure forest and mill workers.

We begin at the far end of the Crimson Ridge Golf Course parking lot near the golf cart barn. This blue-blazed trail starts with a short jaunt through the forest, then we turn right on to the Crimson Ridge service road. The trail follows this gravel track gradually going up hill for approximately 10 minutes. You may wish to stop and catch your breath just past the 17th tee at the lookout over East Davignon Creek waterfalls. As you approach the top of the hill, you will notice a blue blaze "T" on a tree. This indicates the end of the blue access trail.

Turning right to cross the bridge over East Davignon Creek, you will notice that the blazes are now white. This indicates that you are on the main Voyageur Hiking Trail. If you followed

these white blazes behind you to the west, you would find Goulais Avenue and eventually, come out in the Gros Cap area (26.5 km). The white trail across the bridge that we will be taking today, goes east towards Peoples Road and, if followed, it would emerge at Glenview Cottages on Great Northern Road (11.3 km).

Immediately upon crossing the bridge, the trail turns left sharply. Pick your way carefully over some rocks to the creek bed below. The trail skirts East Davignon Creek and splits into the white main trail and a yellow blazed loop trail. Take the yellow-blazed trail to the left. You may also notice a sign-in box at this point where you can record your name and any comments about the trail either on your way in or on your way out, as we will pass by this spot again when we complete our hike.

We proceed through a small valley next to the creek for a short way. You will notice some Ground Hemlock (Canada Yew) growing near the ground in this location. This plant is used in the making of the cancer fighting drug, Taxol.

We leave the creek bed to the right, up a small knoll and proceed up a slow incline with a rocky outcrop to our left. At the top of this incline, we climb on to a rocky outcrop. The trail runs along the top of this ridge for a short way through a cedar stand. Watch here for signs of moose and deer. As we come off the ridge, the trail angles left, then right as we go down hill towards a beaver pond (Crimson Pond). At this point, we have reached the back point of the Crimson Ridge Golf property.

At the 1.5 km mark on our loop trail we emerge on to a very picturesque beaver pond. This is a great spot for lunch or a snack, or just to stop for a short rest and admire the view. Note the trees near the trail that are beaver-chewed. This is an active beaver pond and you may catch a glimpse of the animal in the pond if you are lucky.

The trail turns right and follows the shores of the pond for a short while, then turns right and begins an ascent uphill away from the pond and

around a possible future golf course hole. We climb steadily as the trail angles left next to a rocky outcrop. When we finally reach the top of the rise, the trail levels out through a thick evergreen stand.

At the far end of the pond, there is a steep decline back to the pond where the water empties into a creek with another waterfall. This incline can be slippery if wet, so please watch your footing.

As you near the waterfall, you will notice that the yellow blazes end. Turn right on to the white-blazed main Voyageur Trail, heading west.

Here the trail becomes wider through a mixed forest. You will notice a cutover to the right for possible future golf course development. This section is fairly level and more open.

At the hollow cavity tree, look to your right and you will notice a large pile of stones. This used to be a homestead and the farmer piled stones removed from his field here.

Next you will notice a cutover to your left. We are between two future golf greens.

At the end of this section, we climb a series of small hills until the existing 18th tee becomes visible through the trees on your left.

As we round the 18th tee we go down hill to where the yellow trail began.

Keep to your left and emerge over the rocks and back on the road. Proceed right over the bridge and then turn left, following the blue blazes down the gravel service road and back to the Crimson Ridge parking lot. With this, the Crimson Ridge Loop Trail is completed.

A restaurant is available in season at the *Crimson Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse*.

This trail is made possible by the generosity of our landowners, including Crimson Ridge Golf Course and private landowners.

Members of the Voyageur Trail Association receive:

- the Voyageur Trail News, a top-quality newsletter containing information of use and interest to members, including regular notification of trail changes delivered to your home three times a year;
- a membership card to be carried at all times on the trail;
- free advertisements in the Voyageur Trail News to sell used trail equipment;
- a discount on the purchase of the Voyageur Trail Guidebook;
- the knowledge that you are aiding in the development and maintenance of an 1100 kilometre-long (when complete) volunteer hiking trail through some of Ontario's most spectacular scenery.

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM 03/2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail: _____

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES: (*Cdn. funds*)
(prices subject to change without notice)

Individual \$25..... = ____

Family / Group \$30..... = ____

Student \$10 = ____

Guidebook (*member*) \$25*(limit of 2)..... = ____

Guidebook (*non-member*) \$35*..... = ____

*PLUS shipping to MAIL guidebook(s).... = \$ 8

VTA Crest \$3 = ____

Donation (*tax receipt will be sent*) = ____

(Charitable Reg. #119261923RR0001)

For NTS topographic maps, call Steve 946-2484.

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