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VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS



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Full Circle Superior by Dawn Elmore

Many of us dream of completing one great adventure in our lives. For some, it is a week-long paddle through Lake Superior Provincial Park, for others it is trekking through the mountains of Peru. For Mike Link and Kate Crowley, it is walking "full circle" around Lake Superior.

This undertaking is no small feat. The total distance Mike and Kate will walk will be equal to travelling from Duluth, Minnesota, to Miami, Florida. The journey will begin on April 29, 2010, at Minnesota Point in Duluth, Minnesota. The couple will trek across the south shore of Superior first – through Wisconsin and then across the upper peninsula of Michigan – in order to avoid the unpredictable spring weather on the north shore and to coincide with prime spring flower viewing time on the south shore. They expect to complete their trek in Duluth sometime in October, 2010.

The purpose of the expedition is to raise awareness and conduct research about the second largest freshwater body of water in the world, Lake Superior. Mike and Kate have had a strong love and respect for Lake Superior all their lives. As scientists, they understand the importance of this freshwater resource to the health of the environment and to the quality of life of future generations who will live their lives in the many communities encircling the lake.



Mike Link and Kate Crowley

I spoke with Mike and Kate at their home in Willow River, Minnesota in June. Among the questions I asked was why walk around the lake, as opposed to bike or paddle? Mike explained that walking is the slowest and most participatory mode of travel, and will make the expedition quite distinctive as only one other group has walked "full circle" around Lake Superior. Mike and Kate also plan to use their travels to research and promote physical activity for seniors. Recently retired, Mike and Kate are both in their 60's, and are eager to inspire others by proving that age need not prevent you from engaging in adventurous and challenging activities.

The couple intends to compile an archive of photographs from their journey, as well as record scientific data on characteristics such as flora, fauna, and water quality to provide a "base-line" for future scientific studies measuring the effects of global warming and other man-made phenomena on Lake Superior.

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Full Circle Superior

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Mike and Kate expect to arrive in Sault Ste. Marie in June 2010. They are looking forward to hiking the Voyageur Trail system (in many sections, for the very first time). They hope to build connections with local schools, researchers, and groups such as the Voyageur Trail Association before they arrive so others can be engaged in their expedition, making it truly "multi-national". The more people who can connect in some way with their journey, the more people will learn about the natural resource we often take for granted, Lake Superior. As Mike says, "without passion we can't protect anything". The "full circle" journey hopes to give people a focus to inspire passion in the conservation of Lake Superior.

If any VTA members are interested in providing a warm bed and breakfast for Mike and Kate when they pass through our area in June, July, and August 2010, they would be most appreciative. They are very interested in hearing individual stories of how life along the north shore is closely connected to the lake. If you are interested in hosting Mike and Kate for a night, send me an email at elmoredawn@hotmail.com and I will forward your contact information and coordinates to the expedition planning team.

We will keep VTA members posted on the expedition in upcoming newsletters...

NOTICE: VTA ANNUAL MEETING

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the VTA Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Location: Rome's Upstairs (Cambrian Mall, Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie)

Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Coordinating Council Meeting

12:00 noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting and presentation of Steve Taylor award. Meeting will be followed by a hike on the Finn Hill section of the new Hub Trail.

ANNUAL MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Taking Care of Trail Business Electronically?

You may have checked out the Voyageur Trail Association on-line store through our website (voyageurtrail.ca). If you did so recently, there was a technical problem with the service during the early summer, but we are pleased to report that all is once again working properly. Why not try this service to save postage and time in renewing your membership this year? We have a secure site and accept payment through PayPal. All you need is your credit card #. For your first visit you'll be asked to set up a username and password.

Besides memberships (new or renewal), our store features GPS and paper map products, crests, and you can make donations. Who knows - you may find some unique gift ideas. Have you ever considered making a donation in someone else's name - maybe this is the perfect gift for the person who has everything!

Whether or not you choose to shop on-line, please don't forget to renew your membership. Your ongoing support of your Association is critical. In case you forget your renewal date, it is printed on your mailing label. At the last Coordinating Council meeting, approval was granted to supply vehicle window stickers for each paid member. As each membership renewal comes in, a sticker will be included with your membership card. If you have more than one vehicle, please contact the Membership Secretary for additional stickers.



Well Done MNR Stewardship Rangers *by Phil Barnes and Andy Penikett*

The Coureurs de Bois Outdoors Club saw an opportunity to obtain help in trail clearing with the MNR Stewardship Rangers. We applied for help in clearing and signing the TCT from Cranberry Lake, in the Penowobikong area, east to Hwy 108 at Westview Park in Elliot Lake. As the job had to be completed in 3 days, we knew this would be a stretch. After consulting with Andy Penikett in Blind River, member of the Penowobikong Club, we decided to reduce the TCT portion from Granary Lake to Rossmere Creek over two days and then Hope Lake, south of Elliot Lake, for the last day. Rossmere Creek is reached by logging roads about 17 km south and west of Elliot Lake. We met at 9.15 am on Tuesday, July 7th, in Elliot Lake and the group of 4 rangers from Thessalon area and their team leader, Kaylin Woods plus 3 CdeB club members, travelled to Rossmere Creek by 4 wheel drive vehicles. The area used to be an active logging area, but is not used currently. The last 10 km of the road in is in poor condition, not suitable for regular road vehicles. The clearing and signage were carried out effectively and we were back in Elliot Lake by about 4 pm. On Wednesday, July 8th, 3 club members met the team in Blind River and headed north about 10 km to the boat launch at Granary Lake.

We found the trail to be in very poor repair due to ATV usage but were able to cover 6 km (12 km return) that day. We turned around at the dome about 1 km east of the CdB western boundary. This leaves about 4 km of trail to Crooked Creek to be surveyed for clearing and signage. The last day, Thursday, July 9th, 2 of us met the crew at the Hope Lake trail head about 20 km south of Elliot Lake on Highway 108. This was part of the original TCT before it was rerouted through Elliot Lake. We found the trail very overgrown with a lot of fallen trees from the heavy snow pack. The bugs were ferocious. We cleared about 4 km of the trail before crying "Uncle" due to the heat and bug fatigue.

The Stewardship Rangers also installed an educational board at the lookout over the West end of Granary Lake approx. [42.6]. They also installed another at [23.3] the lookout over the West end of Lake Duborne, and completed some associated brushing work.

The students did a great job over the 3 days and we have nothing but good memories and our thanks for their efforts.



The Stewardship Ranger crew after installing educational boards at the Granary Lake lookout. From left to right: Paige McColman, Kaylin Woods (crew supervisor), Chelsea McLeod, Dale Rayner, and Tyler Giasson.



End-to-End Crests

Hiking sections of the Voyageur Trail from one end to the other can give one a great sense of accomplishment and pride. Why not advertise the fact that you have achieved this milestone with a beautiful end-to-end crest or chevron that you can glue on your backpack, jacket, hat, etc.? Memoirs, located at 232 Queen Street East in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, can embroider and sell you a crest for a reasonable cost for whatever section of the trail you have completed.



Hike Leadership Course

The Saulteaux Club is looking at the possibility of bringing a Hike Ontario trainer to Sault Ste. Marie in early spring 2010 to offer a Hike Leadership Course. This is an excellent opportunity for members to either refresh hike leadership skills or to learn new skills needed to lead safe and enjoyable outings. The course will be a full day on a Saturday (date and time to be determined).

Space will be limited to 20 participants. At this time, we are trying to determine if there is enough interest to run the course. If you are interested in taking the Hike Leadership Course, please either phone or email Dawn at 649-4936 or elmoredawn@hotmail.com. More details will follow in the winter newsletter...



Changes to Voyageur Hiking Guidebook Edition 4.0

Thessalon Section:

Access Point [A7] description (page 108) should now read:

Drive 8.7 km N of Hwy. 17 along Melwel Rd., past Red Rock Dam backwaters to a 'T' in the road. Turn left and proceed along road through a swamp and up the hill. At the crest of the hill there are white-blazes along the road for about 500 m with the trail heading into the bush at each end. Park off road as far as possible, as this is a private road.

In trail description please use the following wording - trail no longer crosses a bush road and a cottage road (top of page 114)

Come out onto a private cottage road. [A7] [39.3] P

Trail follows the road E for about 0.5 km before heading south into the bush where it follows an old skidder tail along a valley for about 300 m. It climbs the bank and then crosses a plateau which was clear-cut in about 2003, drops down to cross an intermittent stream. Trail rises again through more harvested areas eventually entering stands of balsam fir.

Casques Isles Section:

In the Casques Isles Section page 30 under the Lyda Bay segment. After the sentence "From here turn south to reach Lyda Bay Lookout, with its view northwest over Terrace (Hydro) Bay and southeast over Lyda Bay and the Chase Rocks with the Slate Islands in the background", add the following, "Please note there is a short ladder in this section."

Goulais Section Update:

Stokely Creek Lodge is planning to create a new cross country ski trail around Tier Lake in the Harmony section. This will entail excavation of the existing blue link trail from HA 8.2 to the base of the Havilland Lookout Trail and will loop around the lake to meet back with the VTA/Stokely trail a few hundred meters above HA 8.2. Further excavation and maintenance will take place along the Harmony Trail from HA 8.2 to the lookout above Sam Lake. Please avoid using these trail parts until the excavation and trail maintenance are complete. Much of these areas have recently been logged and the VTA trail is in bad shape. This work will help re-establish the trail for the benefit of hikers as well as for skiing.

OUTING SCHEDULES

This schedule was put together early and may have last-minute changes. Please call the outing leader listed to check if any details of the outing have been changed. This schedule is also on our web site < www.lvoyageurtrail.ca/saulteaux.html > Unless otherwise indicated, these outings are all a Level 2, slow (according to Hike Ontario recommended ratings.) Typical meeting locations: Goodlife building, 589 Second Line East (Second Line side); Market Mall, 275 Second Line West (on Korah Road corner); Churchill Plaza, 150 Churchill Blvd., (on Trunk Road between Lake & Wellington Streets) near the Beer Store; Wellington Square Mall, 625 Trunk Road, near the now closed restaurant.

Saulteaux Club

(Sault Ste. Marie and area — outings marked with an asterisk () are outside Sault Ste. Marie) For all outings, bring water, a lunch, dress appropriately and be prepared to sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement.*

Don McGorman plans to lead weekly trail maintenance outings throughout the spring, summer and fall, usually on weekday evenings and/or weekend days. To be on the email list for notification of upcoming events please contact him directly: mcgormd@hotmail.com [If you don't have email, call 942-1891.]

***Sat., Sept. 5** - Hike near Lake Superior with Doris (942-9466). Meet 9AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Sept. 12 – 1st section of Saulteaux end-to-end from Creek Road to Goulais Avenue with Susan (949-4105). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sat., Sept. 19** - Hike to Robertson Cliffs with Mark (254-2356). Meet 10:30AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Sept. 20 – 2nd End-to-End from Goulais Avenue to Old Goulais Bay Road with Doris (942-9466). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Mon., Sept. 21 - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call 942-1891 for more info.

Wed. Sept. 23 - Fri. Sept. 25 - Children's Source Water Festival - Volunteers needed!! Festival is from 9am-2pm at the Fort Creek Conservation Area (Entrance will be at Kiwedon Public School, off North Street). Contact Susan Graham at 949-4105 if you are able to help.

***Sat., Sept. 26** – Kayak season wrap-up paddle of Basswood Lake with Mark (254-2356). Call for more details.

Sun., Sept. 27 – 3rd End-to-End from Old Goulais Bay Road to Crystal Falls with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Oct. 3 – VTA Annual General Meeting Upstairs at Rome's with a hike on HUB Trail (Northern Avenue to Finn Hill) afterwards. Coordinating Council meets at 10:00 am Annual meeting open to public at 2 pm Hike will follow Annual Meeting.

Sun., Oct. 4 - Hike on Ontario Hiking Day in the Hiawatha Highlands with Doris (942-9466). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Oct. 11 – 4th End-to-End from Crystal Falls to Mabel Lake and return with Don (946-9599). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Oct. 17 - Hike a section of the TAST near the Prince Windfarm with Gail (942-0768). Meet 10AM at Market Mall to car pool.

***Sun., Oct. 18** - Trail maintenance hike from Melwel Road to Iron Bridge with Susan (949-4105). Meet at 9:30 AM at Goodlife to car pool. Be prepared to stop for dinner on the way home. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. Tools will be provided.

***Sun., Oct. 25** – Hike the LSPP Orphan Lake Trail with Dawn (649-4936). If you can car pool with others, call Dawn ahead of time to arrange. Meet at 9:30 AM at the Timberland General Store in Goulais River. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Nov. 1 – 'Gales of November' hike with Gayle (942-1891) on the Red Rock shoreline. Meet 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun. Nov 8th - Hike along the Stokely snowshoe trails before the snow falls. Meet with Carole at the Goulais Country Store on Hwy 17 and Pineshores at

10am. Call 649-2235 before 8pm Sat for carpooling info.

Mon., Nov. 16 – Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. After the business meeting, we will plan our winter outing schedule. Call Gayle at 942-1891 for more info.

Sun, Dec 13th - Hike or snowshoe Goulais/Stokely area. Meet with Carole at the Goulais Country Store on Hwy 17 and Pineshores at 10am. Call 649-2235 before 8pm Sat for carpooling info.

Sat., Dec. 26 – Boxing Day hike or snowshoe with Don (946-9599). Meet 10AM at Glenview Cottages. Behaved pets welcome. We will enjoy refreshments afterwards in the common room at Glenview.

Fri., Jan. 1 – New Year's Day hike with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sat., Jan. 2** - Hike or snowshoe in the Goulais River area with Dawn (649-4936). If you can car pool with others, call Dawn ahead of time to arrange. Meet at 10:30AM at the Timberland General Store at Goulais River. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Jan. 10 – Hike or snowshoe with Gayle on the HUB Trail (942-1891). Meet at Goodlife at 11AM. Behaved pets welcome.

We have a Saulteaux End-to-End planned this fall!! Come on out and earn your Saulteaux End-to-End crest!



Coureurs de Bois Outdoors Club

(Elliot Lake)

For fun fitness and friendship come and join us. Meet at 10:00 am in the Sears parking lot, unless otherwise noted. Regular Tuesday (easy), Thursday (intermediate) and Saturday (easy) hikes.

For the latest schedule and photos of outings, check our website at:

<http://www.coueursdeboiselliotlake.blogspot.com/> and/or The Elliot Lake Standard - Community Bulletin Board.

PLEASE CONTACT HIKE LEADERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Saulteaux A1 Parking Lot

Pierre the Bear puts the finishing touches on the newly gravelled parking lot at the junction of the Gros Cap Loop Trail, Tom Allinson Side Trail, and the start of the main trail in the Saulteaux Section. The majority of the work was done by Deane Greenwood of the Sault Ste. Marie Conservation Authority and his two student helpers, Adam Kenny and Forrest Hinnich. *Merci beaucoup, mes amies!*



Pierre the Bear has a rest after an intense day of parking lot building.

Welcome New Members!!

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| Isabelle Aubin | Sirje Pomerleau |
| Jan Clarke | Randy Orsava |
| Brielle Coccimiglio | Maureen Quinn |
| Derrek Coccimiglio | Michael Quinn |
| Dominic Coccimiglio | Marg Reckahn |
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| Carter Nesbitt | |
| Erinn Nesbitt | |
| Jason Nesbitt | |

Did you know???

Did you know that one of the benefits of being a hike leader is learning interesting facts about others on the hike. Sometimes these interesting facts include what others are eating for lunch. On this recent hike to Tier Lake, we discovered that cold spaghetti is an excellent lunch to take out in the bush... Who would have thought??



Mandatory Paddling Gear

from the Paddling Partners

With the revival of "Paddling Partners" we thought that it would be prudent to review paddling safety gear so we can all have a wonderful, fun filled water season.

In Canada, the Coast Guard requires paddlers to carry the following minimum safety items for canoes, kayaks and rowing shells less than 6m(19.8").

The following safety items are taken from Transport Canada's website (www.tc.gc.ca):

1. One Canadian-approved personal flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board.
2. One buoyant heaving line of not less than 15 m in length.
3. One manual propelling device . Spare paddles should be carried somewhere secure yet accessible while on the water.
4. One bailer or manual water pump fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to pump water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel. A scoop-style bailer works in open canoes, but for the confines of a kayak cockpit a pump is best.
5. A sound- signalling device or a sound- signalling appliance. The whistle supplied with most PDF's will meet this requirement.
6. Navigation lights that meet the applicable standards set out in the Collision Regulations if the vessel is operated after sunset, before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

Paddling Safety Equipment

Whether you're canoeing, touring, recreational kayaking or white water paddling, it is recommended to augment your essential safety equipment with some extra items.

Knife

Useful for cutting entangled ropes, a good paddling knife should be accessible with one hand, sharp, strong, and rust resistant

First Aid Kit

Should be accessible and protected in a dry bag or waterproof box and contents checked and replenished as needed. (your old nalgene bottles serve well as a container.)

Dry Bag

Essential to carry an extra set of dry clothes and any thing else you wish to keep dry.

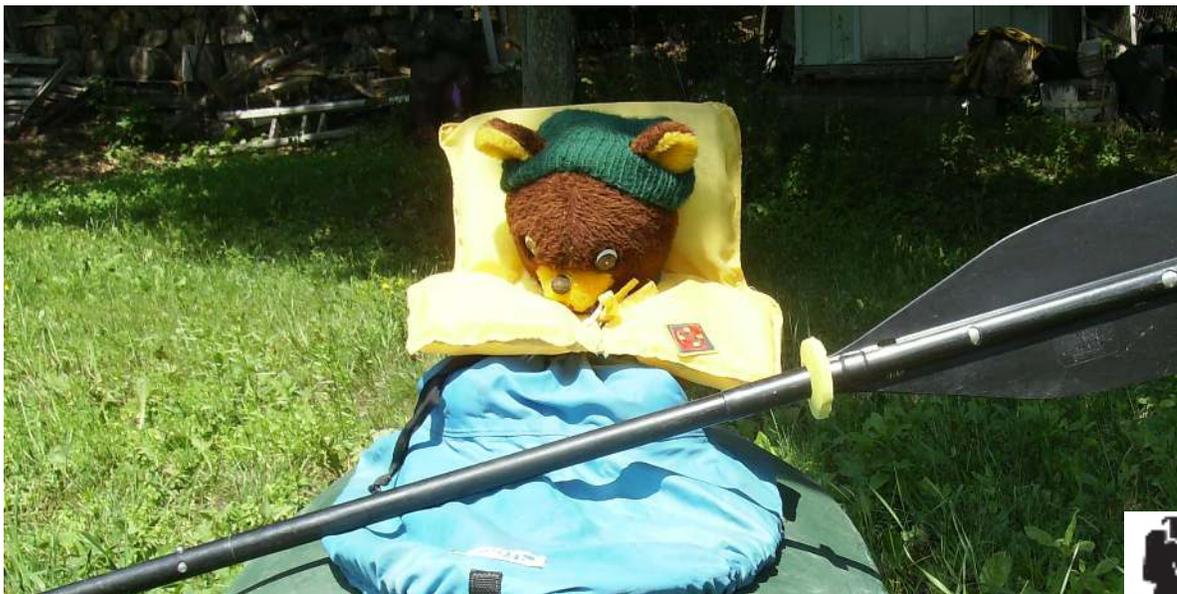
Paddle Float

Touring kayakers use a float to get back into a cap-sized boat unassisted. The float slips over the blade, and is held or fastened to the righted boat to steady it while the paddler gets back in.

Spray Skirt

If running rivers or choppy water, you can increase the wave worthiness of your vessel by covering the opening with a fabric spraydeck. Spraydecks lace to the attached anchor points and have openings for the paddlers.

Safe paddling everyone!



Pierre the Bear gets ready for a safe paddling adventure!



Amateur Photographer Sets Out on the Voyageur Trail...

By Dawn Elmore

In June, the VTA was pleased to receive an inquiry from local Civil Engineering Technologist and Amateur Photographer, Mike Nebesniuk. Mike recently became aware of the association, and thought his hobby of geo-coding wilderness photographs for use on geo-referenced maps such as Google Earth might be of interest to our club.

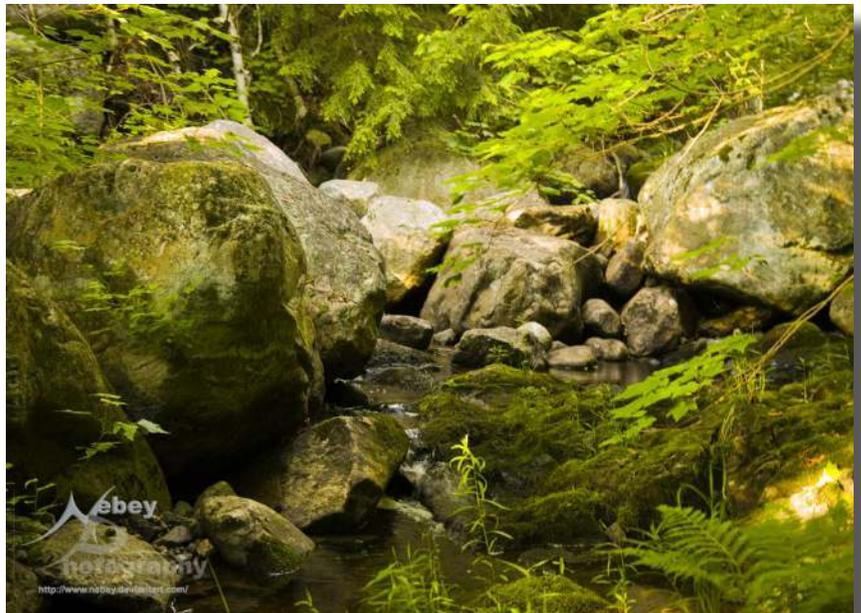
Mike's photography strives to make everyday ordinary wilderness landscapes and objects look unique and interesting. I took a look at Mike's website, and was struck by an image of an old rusty car buried in leaves with a stormy sky in the background. Mike's work as a Civil Engineer takes him to many locations throughout Northern Ontario where he can explore new areas and scout out potential subjects for his photographs. For a look at Mike's photographs, check out <http://nebey.deviantart.com/>.

In speaking with Mike, I asked if he was new to the area, as he had just heard about the Voyageur Trail Association. I was shocked to discover that Mike has in fact lived in Sault Ste. Marie all his life and was not aware of the club and had never been on any of the trails! After learning that Mike's family had a camp at Havilland Bay, I suggested he set out to explore the Tier Lake trail, and possibly the Havilland lookout.

Here is what he found...

Mike referred to the Tier Lake Trail as "cool and fun" but "difficult, as it required going over trees and around mud holes". If you are interested in seeing exactly where these pictures were taken on a map of the area, check out <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nebey/>

If any VTA members have a particular interest in making use of Mike's photography and geo-coding skills for the good of the club, let me know at elmoredawn@hotmail.com



Life on the Trails Down South

by Patrick Capper

Work on the Maitland Trails is still keeping me busy but I am constantly amazed by the difference between these experiences and those I had on the Voyageur Trail. We have a regular work group on Thursday mornings in the spring and fall made up of retired people and regularly get 8 to 10 workers out almost exclusively male, (there is an occasional token female), where trail workers in the Soo were mostly female. The work is quite different with a lot of wooden structures involved- there are 21 boardwalks and two bridges on the 3.3 km Maitland Woods Trail. One recent project was putting up identifying signs on the 40 different species of trees and shrubs in the Maitland Woods, including species that I had not come across before such as Butternut, Bitternut Hickory, Basswood, Black Cherry and Mulberry. This spring's major efforts were on two bridges. One project was restoring a 16 foot long bridge on the main Maitland Trail over a normally small creek. The bridge had dropped about 6 ft where the bank had been washed away in a spring flood. We hauled in timber and built a crib to support the fallen end and jacked the bridge back up onto the crib. The second bridge was on the Millennium trail where again one end of the bridge had shifted slightly downhill. We jacked it back up, but within two weeks it had dramatically slid so that it was up and down the slope instead of across it. So back we went to wallow in the mud, put 16 foot extension timbers on it, and hauled it back into place. We also had 5 mudslides on the main trail, but they were up to 120 feet wide and were a major problem with the river down slope and people's back yards at the top of the hill, so for now we are working on a road reroute until there are signs of the land stabilizing.

My other major task has been cleaning up after a very prolific graffiti artist. He uses black marker to leave his "RC" tag on signs, trees and structures in 22 of the local trails and parks and also leaves messages varying from accusing members of damaging cars to some rather obscene ones. So I go round with very coarse sandpaper and lacquer thinner cleaning them off and posting Crime Stopper reward notices.

Some of you will remember Muffin, my Lhasa Apso. I now have a Shih Tzu, Chewy, who is nearly 3 that I got from a owner in November who was no longer able to exercise him enough. He is a very good walker (up to 3 hour hikes so far) but is usually on a leash as he is reluctant to leave things of great interest such as dead birds.

Talking about birds, this is another change I notice when walking down in these parts. It is rare not to see a lot of birds both when driving to the trails and while walking on the trails, e.g. today I saw pairs of Robins, Flickers and Crows plus a Great Blue Heron on a 15 minute walk on a nearby trail. On several occasions, I have seen deer even

on the Maitland Woods trails at the edge of Goderich. It is also quite common to see rabbits along some of the trails.

So if you ever want to see some Southern trails, (22 trails within an hour's drive) and one of the prettiest towns of its size in Canada, come to the Goderich area and give me a call.

Refreshing the Voyageur Trail Association

by Alan Day, Vice President East

First the good news, recently the VTA was named as a beneficiary under the terms of the will of the late Lillian Pearl Nelson. This is a wonderful windfall for the Association and of course we will ensure the memory of this very generous donor by associating her name with the section of the Voyageur Trail she most loved. Now for the not so good news, during the due diligence several items came to light over the Associations Corporate status with the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. These "Bumps in the Road" are resolved now and with a huge vote of thanks to our Treasurer – Debra (Debbie) Morettin. Thus the title of this article we MUST refresh our Corporate Status by means of a By-Law to reflect today's reality. The following is a proposal to do just that, and is intended to identify who will form the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors will be drawn. So now here is the Proposal:-

It is proposed that the original By-Law number 1 with the following amended By-Law number 01-09
THE VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION
BY-LAW NUMBER 01-09

It is proposed the following amendment to the said By-Law #1 be discussed and approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Voyageur Trail Association to be held in Sault Ste Marie at 2.00 pm (1400h) on Saturday the third (3rd.) of October 2009.

"The Board of Directors who will/are responsible for the day to day business of the Voyageur Trail Association without recourse to the full executive of the Association be identified by position as follows, The President of the Voyageur Trail Association (hereinafter called the VTA), the Vice President West, the Vice President Central, the Vice President East, the Treasurer, the General Secretary, with, in the event of any vacancies on the Board, with the following in the order shown, as alternate Directors, the Membership Secretary, the Publicity Director, and the Guidebook Coordinator.

The holders of all these positions will be identified by name as required by the
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(For information on any of these positions [especially the vacant ones] please contact us at our toll-free number 1-877-393-4003.)

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Voyageur Hiking Trail Users' Code

- Hike only along marked routes. Do not take short cuts.
 - Do not climb fences.
 - Carry out all garbage (if you carry it in, you can carry it out).
 - Light cooking fires at official campsites only. Drench fires after use. (or better still, carry a lightweight hiker's stove)
 - Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
 - Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.
 - Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
 - Keep dogs under control (leash if necessary) and follow your club's guidelines concerning dogs.
 - Respect the privacy of people living along the trail. Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
 - Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.
- BE A LOW-IMPACT HIKER!**

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Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations for the purpose of the affairs of the Corporation. The Ministry will be advised of any and all changes as they occur. The Board of Directors can call Board Meetings whenever and as often as may be required for the good of the association and any other business. These meetings may be held in person at a location agreed upon, electronically by Email with a recorded vote or by teleconference with a recorded vote."

While you may think these are major changes it is just putting what in reality is the everyday running of the VTA into words for our By-Laws. This will in no way change the full executive which will of course continue to meet on the regular basis three (3) time per year, one (1) of which will be the AGM to be held in the late September/early October time period (this year on October 3 at 2.00 pm in Sault Ste.

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This AGM if time permits and as this is not an election year although nominations will be called for the vacant positions, we should discuss other aspects of our by now very much outdated By-Laws, for example we still have listed (at the Ministry) Steve Taylor who as we all know was indeed President until his death , October 28, 1994.

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