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The Voyageur Trail Association is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to building and maintaining a public hiking trail along the northern shores of Lakes Superior and Huron, from Thunder Bay to Sudbury.

The VTA is a member of Hike Canada En Marche, Hike Ontario, Ontario Trails Council, and Trans Canada Trail.

If you would prefer us to email you a short message when the colour VTA newsletter is available on our website, just send an email to:
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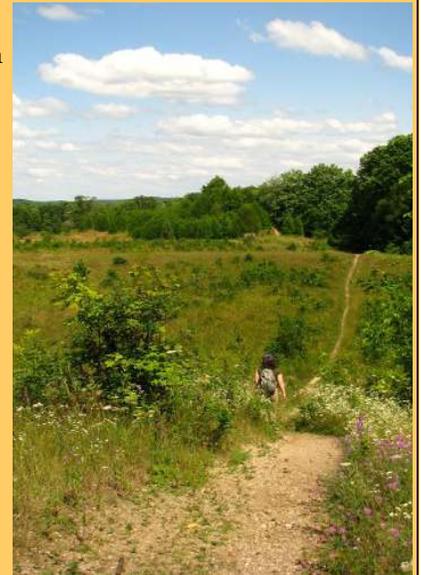


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Hike Ontario Summit

The Hike Ontario Annual Summit will take place in Elliot Lake from Friday, September 30th evening to Sunday, October 2nd. Most of the business and presentation sessions will take place on Saturday, October 1st between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Schedule as follows: 8:30 am-business meeting; 9:30 am-Presentation Sessions including Trail Expo (AV presentation), Elliot Lake Experience; Hike Leadership and Insurance; noon hour lunch break and hike; 1:00 pm "Table Talk" sessions with the following topics being discussed: challenges of building/maintaining a long distance trail; volunteer recruitment and management; hiking experiences in Elliot Lake; living with wildlife; challenge the north; land stewardship; geocaching; 3:30 pm closing remarks. Registration is \$10 online at www.hikeontario.com or mail to Hike Ontario.



Can You Help??

The Voyageur Trail Association needs a Recording Secretary! This is the type of behind-the-scenes type of job that anyone who can type can volunteer for. The VTA Coordinating Council meets 3 times a year in different locales and we usually have access to equipment that would allow someone to "attend" from their own hands-free phone in their own home, anywhere in Ontario!

Here is an "official" list of what the VTA Recording Secretary is expected to do:

- Records, prepares and distributes the minutes of all meetings within 30 days of their occurrence (typically by email).
- Assists the President in preparing the agenda for meetings, and distributes the same at least one week before the meeting (again, by email).
- Prepares general correspondence as requested by any member of the Council. (Most of our Council are self sufficient when it comes to doing their own correspondence--so this isn't a big deal.)

So if you have always thought that you would like to help out and have typing skills and access to the Internet, we would LOVE to hear from you! Contact any of our Vice-Presidents on the back page of this newsletter or send an email to: info@voyageurtrail.ca

WE NEED YOU!!



Robertson Creek Dump Clean – Up Project

Illegal dumping is a common issue on both public and private land within the Goulais Tertiary Watershed. Dump sites are eyesores on the landscape, damaging to wildlife habitat, and can also contain materials that are hazardous to the community's health and safety.

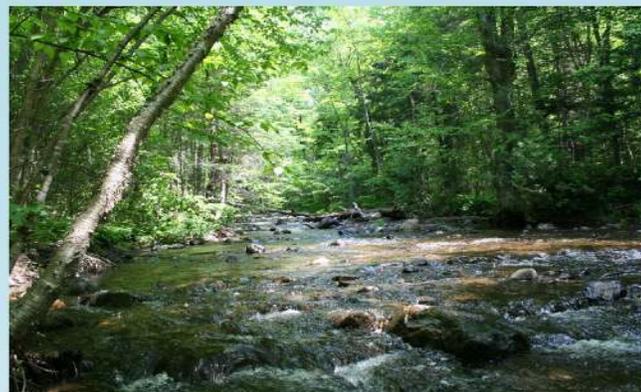
Before



Looking down at the dump site from Robertson Lake Road

A big thank you to our friends at the Algoma Highlands Conservancy for cleaning up Robertson Creek and keeping the Voyageur Trail system beautiful and safe!!

The creek is now tire free! It is also safe from dangerous leaching from the nearby dump site....



100+ bags of garbage, 7180 lbs metal debris, 54 tires were removed by the Algoma Highlands Conservancy (AHC) through a grant from the Ontario Community Environment Fund

Hike Leaders Course in Elliot Lake *by Gerry Jean*

On Saturday May 7th, 2011 eighteen hearty souls signed up for the all day Hike Leaders course. The event was held at our club house and the hikes took place on the nearby trails. The sun shone all day and even the black flies and mosquitoes did not dare interfere.

The level of experience varied within the group but an abundance of enthusiasm was shared by all. A wide variety of scenarios were discussed and throughout the day candidates never ceased to offer a multitude of varied and insightful solutions. As the course wound down all agreed that this course format offered a useful and unique approach to leading a hike. Congratulations to our new hike leaders.

I would like to thank the Elliot Lake Coureurs de Bois Club for their assistance in providing the club house, a free lunch and financial support for our candidates. I would also like to thank Wendy Hoernig and David Francis for their patience and help as I organized the course. Lastly, I would offer my thanks to the new hike leaders. Some have now begun to lead hikes and others will be joining them shortly. Your commitment and dedication to the hikes is what will keep the Elliot Lake Coureurs de Bois Club active and vibrant.

Should We Keep the Events Calendar??

For over a year we have been experimenting with an online calendar of outings, meetings, and other VTA events (see www.voyageurtrail.ca). This is a 'beta-version' – it has some basic features of an events calendar and was developed by member Ian Graham. The beta version lacks some desirable niceties that could be added in a full version - for example, features allowing outing leaders to add and make changes to their own outing details, and allowing members to register for a hike and see who else has registered.

New trail users have discovered us through this calendar, and members from other clubs have joined neighbouring club outings as well. Although there has been positive feedback about the calendar, the future of the calendar is uncertain. Here's why. Outing information is also available through each section's page of the Voyageur Trail website, although it may not be easily found, especially by non-members. Furthermore, a new website is currently being developed that will make the section's event information easier to find.

The challenge is to have the calendar used regularly by all clubs. We need your feedback! Do members wish to see the calendar continue? As an outing leader, would you use the calendar to add and update your outing details? Would you like to see on-line registration for outings?

It's entirely possible that the calendar is just a little ahead of its time – please tell us if we should continue it. Provide comments to Steve Dominy sdominy1203@gmail.com

GPS Trail Maps Available

Members are reminded that maps for Garmin GPS units are available at a reduced price for VTA members. These maps were developed by Bob Sinclair for downloading to your GPS unit, and are particularly useful for helping locate trail access points, and for navigating on lesser-used portions of the Voyageur Trail. The maps contain waypoints and tracks for the entire completed parts of the trail (including the sections in provincial and national parks), superimposed on a portion of a digital topographic map of the area (several kilometres each side of the trail). You can purchase four different maps sets at \$10 each, or \$30 for all four sets. Check the on-line store (www.voyageurtrail.ca) for more details.

LOOKING FOR HELP!!!

To the Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club: Looking for Help... To assist with meetings and participation in the planning of the Algoma War of 1812 Bicentennial - An event to commemorate 200 years since the taking of Fort Mackinac planned for July of 2012! Wouldn't it be awesome to commemorate this very important local event in our nation's history! Mark Crofts has volunteered to be the team lead for this event...we're just not sure what form the event will take...your help is needed to share ideas and get a concrete plan in place. We have 300+ days to make it happen! Please contact Mark by phone @ 705-254-2356 if you can help.

Happening this Fall in the Algoma Region...

Algoma Highlands Conservancy Bike and Hike Day!

Help us wrap up summer with a bang! The AHC and our friends from the Sault Cycling Club, the Voyageur Trail Association and Stokely Creek Lodge invite you and your family to come out and get active in our conservation forest.

Join us on **Sunday, September 18, 2011** at Stokely Creek Lodge's Hannes House (a.k.a The Day Skier's Cabin) in Goulais River, Ontario for a fun-filled day of guided hikes and bike rides!

This FREE event will go from **1pm to 5pm** (rain or shine!). Please register in Hannes House when you arrive so that we can arrange your guided hike or bike ride. Be sure to bring any appropriate gear for the activity you wish to engage in! For those who want to bike, due to the nature of the trails, mountain bike and some experience required.

Stokely Creek Lodge will be serving food between **3pm-5pm** at a cost of \$10/plate (\$6/plate for kids 10-years-old and under). The food will include hamburgers, vege burgers, sausages, salads, fruit drinks and dessert. Meals must be reserved and paid for (by credit card) in advance. Please call the AHC at 1-705-649-5751 to make arrangements. Please note that Stokely Creek Lodge is now licensed under the LCBO as well!

MORE INFORMATION SOON TO FOLLOW! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the AHC by phone or email (info@algomahighlandsconservancy.org). *The AHC's mountain bike trails were made possible through a generous grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op! See the "What's New" section of our website for more information.*



One Day Event
Train Ride to Searchmont Resort
Presentation by Researcher &
Art Historian Michael Burch
Hot Lunch Provided
Art Workshops & Guided Nature Walks
Musical Entertainment
4:00 Departure by Bus to
Sault Ste Marie
Ticket Options
\$55 Train Ride to Event,
Bus Ride Return
\$35 Own Transportation

Two Day Event
Train Ride to Searchmont Resort
Feature Presentation
Hot Lunch Provided
Coach Trip along Lake Superior to
Wawa
Gourmet Dinner at
Naturally Superior
Adventures
Presentation on Glenn Gould by
Musicologist Dale Innes
Overnight Accommodation
Next day return by Train with Tour of
Group of Seven Sites
*For ticket information for two day
event contact Sabrina Jordan at
705 949-2301 ext. 4236
info@captrains.ca*

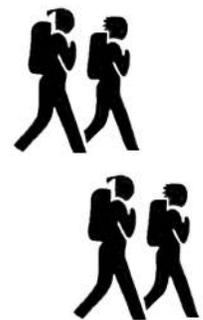
Lawren Harris
Algoma Hill, 1920

**GROUP OF SEVEN
TRAIN EVENT
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18
2011**

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Call (705) 949-2301 ext. 4734, email info@captrains.ca
or register online at www.groupofseventraintevent.ca

**2011 Featured Artist :
Lawren Harris**

93rd Anniversary of Group of Seven
painting along the
Algoma Central Railway



Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule (Sault Ste. Marie)

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 Beer Store; Wellington Square Mall, 625 Trunk Road, near the now closed restaurant.

To see the outing schedules for other clubs, check the VTA website or call the local contact in the community of interest.

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.

Sat., Sept. 3 ~ Work party on the Odena Loop Trail. Tools supplied. No experience required. This will be about 4 hours in length, including travel time. Check online calendar for last minute details including car pooling. For more info, call Steve at 705-946-2484 or email sdominy1203@gmail.com

***Sun., Sept. 4** ~ Hike in the Echo Bay area with Garry & Gail (705-949-1302). Meet 10AM in the Wellington Square Mall parking lot to car pool.

Thurs., Sept. 8 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sat., Sept. 10 - Cycle on St. Joseph Island - route to be determined, starting from Richards Landing. Estimated distance 40 km at an easy to moderate pace on mostly paved roads. Bike helmet is required. Bring water, snack/lunch and rain gear. Will congregate in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. (Wellington Square Mall,

Trunk Rd.) at 9:30 a.m. - some carpooling may be possible but must be pre-arranged. Please register in advance with Huy (705-942-1104) or Steve (705-946-2484).

***Sun., Sept. 11** ~ Hike north of the Sault. For details call Carole or Chris (705-649-2235)

Thurs., Sept. 15 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

***Sat., Sept 17** - Hike in the Desbarats Section between the Plummer Cemetery and Hwy 638 with Bev Pelletier (705-989-6989). Afterwards, we will enjoy a potluck meal. Meet at 10AM in the Wellington Square Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sun., Sept. 18th** ~ Algonia Highlands Conservancy Bike & Hike Day from 1pm-5pm at Stokely Creek Lodge Dayskiers Cabin. Guided bike rides and hikes will be offered. All welcome! The event is free, however food will be available for a price. More details at www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org or www.saultcyclingclub.ca or call Carole at 705-649-2235.

Mon., Sept. 19 - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre.

Call 705-942-1891.

Thurs., Sept. 22 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

***Sat., Sept. 24** ~ Hike to Burnt Rock Pool in LSPP with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 9AM in the GoodLife parking lot to car pool. Behaved, leashed pets welcome.

***Sun., Sept 25** - Paddle on Cummings Lake (Hwy 129). Call Mark 705-254-2356 for the outing details. Your boat must be equipped with the safety gear required by Coast Guard regulations.

Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 27-29 ~ Children's Source Water Festival at Fort Creek. If you can lend a hand, please contact Susan at 705-949-4105.

***Sat., Oct. 1st** ~ Hike Ontario Summit in Elliot Lake. For more info or to register, visit: <http://www.hikeontario.com/downloads/summit11-program.pdf>

Sun., Oct. 2 ~ Ontario Hiking Day family hike on a new section of trail at Hiawatha. Meet at Goodlife at 1PM. Behaved (leashed) pets welcome. Call Susan at 705-949-4105 for more info.

***Sun., Oct. 2nd** ~ (Hikes



NEW!!

Check the VTA events calendar on the website for up-to-date information on outings. This may include new outings added since the newsletter was printed OR last minute changes to scheduled outings.

For changes or additions to VTA events, check the calendar - click on www.voyageurtrail.ca

in Elliot Lake affiliated with the Hike Ontario Summit.)

***Sun., Oct. 9th** ~ Hike the Orphan Lake Trail in LSPP with Dawn (705-649-4936). Call leader for meeting time and place.

Sat., Oct. 15th ~ Hike the Odena trail with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 10AM in the GoodLife parking

Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule *Cont'd*

lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sun., Oct. 16th** ~ Hike Robertson Cliffs with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

Sat., Oct. 22 - Hike the Beaver Loop Trail (Map 24, Ed. 4 of guidebook) with Steve (705-946-2484; sdominy1203@gmail.com). Close to 10 km through rolling terrain. Meet 9:30 AM at the Goodlife Fitness Centre to carpool.

Sun., Oct. 30th ~ Kids Spooky Haunted Hike at Hiawatha. Call Dawn at 705-649-4936 to register. Children of all ages welcome! Start time 1PM.

Sat., Nov. 5th ~ Hike the Crimson Ridge Loop with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Nov. 12th ~ Hike Ontario Leadership 8-hour course. Call Mike at 705-779-3409 BEFORE OCTOBER 28th to register.

Sun., Nov. 13th ~ Hike Ontario Leadership 8-hour course. Call Mike at 705-779-3409 BEFORE OCTOBER 28th to register.

Sun., Nov. 20th ~ 'Gales of Novem-

ber' hike at Red Rock (weather permitting) with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Mon., Nov. 21st - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. After the business meeting we will plan our winter outings. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891 for more info.

Sun., Nov. 27th ~ Leaders/Trail Adopters Appreciation Evening (by invitation only).

***Sun., Dec. 11th** ~ Hike (or snowshoe, depending on snow conditions) in the Goulais/Stokely area with Carole/Chris (705-649-2235). Meet at the Goulais River Country Store (Hwy 17 north and Pineshores) at 10AM. Call for details.

Sat., Dec. 24th ~ To honour our landowners and keep the Voyageur Hiking Trail from becoming a right-of-way, the entire trail system is CLOSED on this day.

***Mon., Dec. 26th** ~ Boxing Day Snowshoe/Hike at Glenview Cottages with Don (705-946-9599). We'll enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the Glenview Common Room. Meet at Glenview at 10AM.

Between Christmas and New Year's, watch for a Community Christmas for Children event. Call Susan at 705-949-4105 for more details.

Sun., Jan. 1st ~ New Year's Day snowshoe/hike with Ila (705-949-1097) in the Camp Korah area. Meet 10:30 AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool.

***Sun., Jan. 8th** ~ Snowshoe in Tahquamenon Falls State Park in U.S. Participants must have a valid passport. Call Dawn at 705-649-4936 for meeting time and place.

***Sat. & Sun., Jan. 14 & 15** ~ Stokely Lodge's Snowshoe Snofest Weekend! Please visit: www.stokelycreek.com or call 705-649-3421 for more details.

Mon., Jan. 16th - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891 for more info.

Guidebook Committee Request

The guidebook committee has been busy preparing for the next edition (4.1). One task for which help is still being sought is to help sell ads. This involves making phone calls to businesses that have goods and services of interest to trail users across the region. Please contact Steve Dominy (see back page) to discuss this opportunity.



Buy a Gift Certificate!!

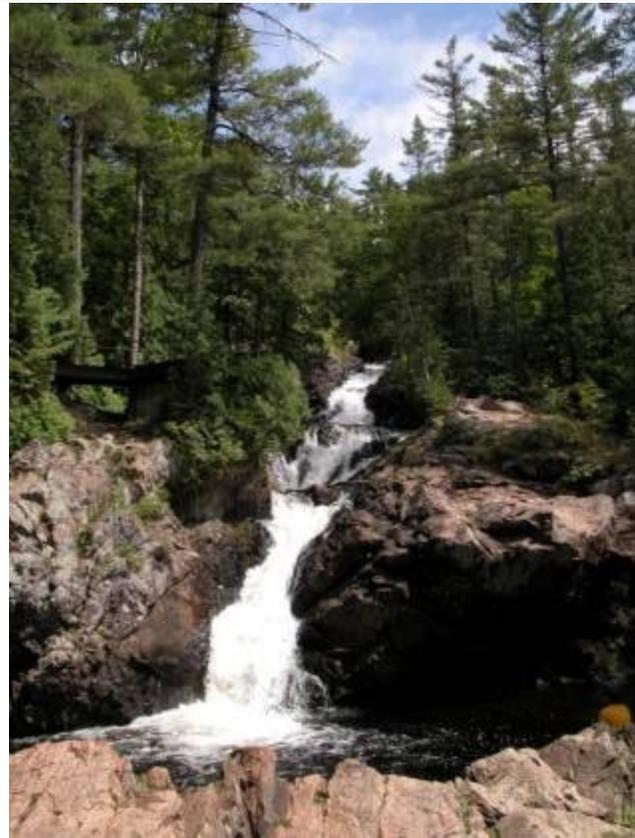
Looking for a practical gift for that outdoor lover on your list? Consider buying a gift certificate valid for purchases made through the on-line store. The store offers new or renewed memberships, guidebooks, GPS maps and more. Certificates can be purchased using your credit card on our secure PayPal site. Visit www.voyageurtrail.ca.

New Loop Trail Complete

The Saulteaux Club has recently completed the new two-kilometer Kinsmen-Hiawatha loop trail.

This yellow-blazed trail replaces the blue-blazed trail to the top of Crystal Falls and extends the path to the bottom of the falls and then up and through Kinsmen Park. It crosses Landslide Road (aka Hub Trail) just north of the park entrance. West of Landslide Road the trail path enters the now thirty-year-old CIF Anniversary red pine plantation through a break in the cedar rail fence. It then traverses the varied forests of Mockingbird Hill Farm before heading north to Sixth Line where it connects with the main trail just below the bluff.

Many thanks to Don McGorman and all the volunteers who helped develop this trail over the past two years!!



Donate On-Line!!

The Voyageur Trail Association is able to accept credit card donations on-line. Payments are made via our secure PayPal site, through the on-line store.

Bike Tour on St. Joseph Island *by Steve Dominy*

Here's a great way to escape the biting insects: hop on your bike and ride the back roads of St. Joe's Island! A group of 8 started out at the Highway 17 turnoff, and took 20th Sideroad and Hilton Rd. to Hilton Beach. After a leisurely lunch we headed back along Canoe Point Rd., Gawas Bay Rd. and 20th Sideroad back. The ice cream at Kent's Corners was definitely worth waiting for! Monique demonstrated a Tai

Chi (not to be confused with Chai Tea!) move on a rare piece of uninhabited beach (thanks for finding this spot, Gail) - and others tried to imitate - the pictures say it all. By this time (mid-afternoon), the 3 cyclists who joined us from Elliot Lake/Sudbury had rejoined their support vehicle (driver Dave who couldn't cycle because of an injury) and were heading elsewhere on the island. The weather was perfect - although hot, being near the water made quite a difference. Many thanks to Larry (in the neon green) for leading this outing (hope he made it back to the Sault - he cycled there and back!).



Erratum: In the Voyageur Trail Jubilee Ballad that appeared in the spring 2011 newsletter, the name Allinson was misspelled (first line of second stanza).

Looking for an Awesome Women's Experience??

The St. Joseph Island Hunters & Anglers is offering courses on archery, GPS usage, compass and map orienteering, and border patrol issues. For more information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/sjihuntersanglers/programs/women-s-weekend>

Note there is still space and the July 1st registration deadline does not apply. For more information, contact Sigrid Robinson at Sigrid.gord@gmail.com.



Photo taken July 23, 2011 in front of new sign at Plummer Cemetery. Sixteen hikers enjoyed a lovely walk along part of the Desbarats Section, from Mount Zion Rd. to Crystal Cove Rd. The blueberries were plentiful at the lookout over Rock Lake where we stopped for lunch. The day ended with an excellent potluck meal at the Ropke's, where some went for a dip in the Thessalon River. Thanks to Dieter and Erika for continuing this wonderful tradition. Photo: S. Dominy

Guidebook Change

Please note the following change in the Voyageur Hiking Trail Guidebook Edition 4.0, Map 33 and page 114, Thessalon Section. *The most easterly portion of the Thessalon Section is being rerouted this fall onto Melwel Road, from A8 (42.4 km) to A9 (46.0 km).* The reason is the denial of trail access by a private land-owner. An alternate (off the road) may be explored in the future.

If you would like to receive your newsletter quickly and help the VTA save on paper costs and postage, please provide the Membership Secretary with your email address at info@voyageurtrail.ca. We do NOT share our list with anyone.



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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Voyageur Trail Association

The following proposed changes will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting in October 2011 (watch the VTA website for the date and location).

1) Article 6 Distribution of Property

Paragraph 2 - If a member club is disbanded and de-listed, funds in excess of \$500 will be held in escrow by the VTA for up to 5 years with the intent of returning those funds should that club reform. Any tools or equipment purchased by the VTA for that club will be returned to the VTA.

2) **Motion:** To make the Insurance Coordinator position an official Coordinating Council position with voting privileges.

3) **Motion:** To have up to two Directors-at-Large positions available on the Coordinating Council with voting privileges.

Request for Guidebook Updates

Members are reminded to please advise the Guidebook Coordinator of any required changes to Edition 4.0 of the guidebook. A reprint is planned for winter or spring 2012 (Edition 4.1), and the committee is busy updating the maps and text to ensure they are as accurate as possible.

VTA MARKETPLACE

FREE BIKE 1988 Honda G11500 IF INTERESTED CONTACT AMANDA AT amadawillsher@hotmail.com

17 foot Kevlar canoe 36inch beam white ash yoke, weight 52 lbs, asking \$1100cdn, call 705 942 9636
only paddled by little old couple on weekends to church.

Call for Nominations for Steve Taylor Award

Nominations are being sought for the annual Steve Taylor Volunteer Award, which was created to honour an individual or group who, during the course of the previous year, contributed in an outstanding way to the goals of the Voyageur Trail Association. If you know of someone who should be recognized for their commitment and devotion to the VTA, please send your nominations in before September 30, 2011 to the mailing address: Voyageur Trail Association, P.O. Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 6W3, or email them to info@voyageurtrail.ca. Please include a short explanation of why you consider this person or persons deserving of the award. This year's winner will be announced at the Annual General Meeting in October.

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION & STORE (please print legibly) 09/11

(For more details and to purchase products and memberships visit our secure on-line store at www.voyageurtrail.ca)

Name: _____ Phone (home): _____ (work/cell): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Prov./State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____ Please check one: New Member Renewal

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Prices subject to change without notification.

Individual: yearly @ \$25 or three-years @ \$70 = _____

Family or Group: yearly @ \$30 or three-years @ \$85 = _____

Full-time Student @ \$10 yearly = _____

Donations Charitable Reg. #119261923RR0001 (tax receipt will be sent) = _____

____ Crest @ \$3 each = _____

____ Guidebook (limit 2) @ members \$25 / non-members \$35 = _____

Shipping/Handling for ALL MAILED Guidebooks..... = \$ 8.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Cdn. funds).....= \$ _____

____ If this is a gift please provide name & address for the mailed acknowledgement.

For: GPS maps (Garmin units only) & PDF Hiking trail guide individual sections } visit our on-line Store.

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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.

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 can 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 off 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!!

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:

- Trail maintenance
- Trail development
- Hike leader
- Organization—executive, directors
- Newsletter, guidebook, photography
- Landowner records, maps
- Publicity committee
- Special events
- Sorry, not at this time.
- Contact me with information on what's needed, and I'll decide then.

- Please add my membership to the membership list of the club closest to my home, OR consider me a member-at-large, OR
- consider me as a member of the following club _____.

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- 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!

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 I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code (above).

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