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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.

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Voyageur Trail News

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VTA Tributes

Dr. Ian Morrison

Dr. Ian Morrison, one of the founding members of the Voyageur Trail Association, passed away in Traverse City, Michigan on March 27, 2013 at the age of 73. Ian assumed the role of General Secretary to the fledgling VTA in the fall of 1973 and was a signatory to the application for incorporation of the Association. He served as General Secretary for two periods: 1973-1984, and again from 1994-1998.

Ian's attention to detail was evident in his meeting minutes, making them a work of art that were (and still are) truly a pleasure to read. Besides the minutes, a legacy he left with us is a comprehensive archive of key documents from the early days of the VTA. This record is truly invaluable.

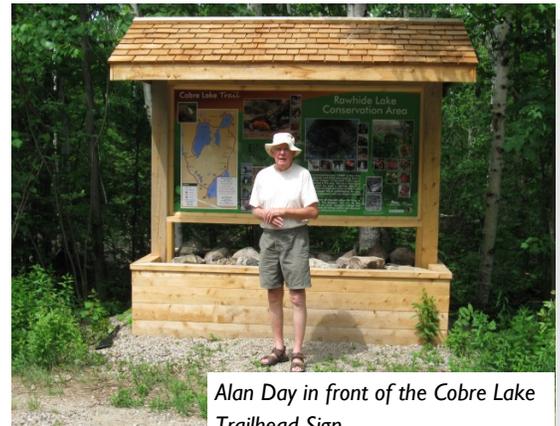
One of his notable achievements during his tenure was to undertake a letter-writing campaign in 1976 to contest the action of the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism to appropriate the name 'Voyageur Trail'. It was in that year that signs began to appear along Highway 17 in northern Ontario with that name. By this time 'our' Voyageur Trail had become firmly established with several trail sections completed between Sault Ste. Marie and Espanola. Immediately recognizing the confusion these signs would pose to hikers, Ian took the lead in pleading the case to anyone of authority who would listen. His efforts were successful, as these signs were quickly removed and no longer appear along the northern Ontario portion of the highway (although you can still see them in the Ottawa Valley area).

Ian was a kind, gentle, caring man who had a great sense of humour. His contributions to the VTA will live on in our hearts and minds.

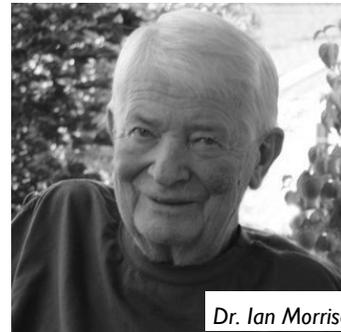
Alan Day

Alan Day, former VTA President and long-time member of the Coordinating Council, passed away on July 20, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elliot Lake. Beloved husband and best friend of Diana, loving father of Julia (Darren) and James.

An active hiker and outdoors man in Elliot Lake, Alan was also the winner of Elliot Lake's Civic Award in 2011. A tireless worker for trails in the Elliot Lake area, he devoted countless hours to the Coureurs de Bois and VTA. He left his stamp on the Cobre Lake Trail and the Westview Park Trans Canada Trail Pavillion, among other projects. Alan will be dearly missed.



Alan Day in front of the Cobre Lake Trailhead Sign



Dr. Ian Morrison



Blitzing and kibitzing along the trail *by Steve Dominy*

Overview of May trail blitz

Dates: May 11-20 (10 days)

km cleared and re-blazed: 36 – Thessalon Section

of volunteer days: 76



Volunteers came forward from Elliot Lake in large numbers and stayed for 2-5 days each, ensuring the success of the trail blitz (a huge thank you to Emily Windle for organizing the teams from the Coureurs de Bois Club). In addition, volunteers from the Sault and Thessalon, and one from southern Ontario, helped out for 1 or 2 days each. Work days averaged 5 hours, plus travel time. The weather cooperated on 9 of the 10 days; on May 12 (Mother's Day) a snowstorm (!) limited progress, although some work was still completed. It's rare to have to scrape snow off the trees to tell if they are blazed!

There were a few trail segments missed during the blitz, but by the time you read this the Thessalon Section will have been fully spruced up, just in time for the start of the trail challenges. The accompanying pictures tell a far better story than these words. A highlight was seeing a couple of skeletons of moose and deer along the trail, likely killed over the winter by wolves.

Here's a shout-out to our two principal sponsors!

In-kind support from Bruce Bay Cottages and Accommodations, and Limberlost Lodge, enabled the comfortable housing of volunteers in Bruce Mines and along Hwy. 129, respectively. Also, Algoma MPP Michael Mantha and his wife Pauline came out on May 17 and worked with us to complete a section of the Thessalon Section near Little Rapids.

Patricia Wynter and Dan Boileau of Little Rapids hosted a small launch event at their home on the morning of May 17. Michael Mantha and Thessalon town councillor Boe Eldner welcomed and thanked everyone. Patricia and Dan also hosted a potluck dinner that evening.

We even had media coverage!

Patricia Wynter included a notice in her column in the Northshore Sentinel. The Sault Star ran an article on the blitz after interviewing Steve Dominy.

We did it again in August

By the time you read this, the Echo Ridges Section will have received a similar make-over. We will have had a potluck at the farm of Jack and Paula Dunning (where some folks will have camped) to launch the second 10-day event. We will have ensured that all our volunteers again were well fuelled up on Clif Energy Bars. We will have cooled off in watering holes like the Echo River and Tower Lake. The Stewardship Youth Rangers will have helped us finish up part of the Thessalon Section for a day. And we will have all had lots of fun!



Michael and Pauline Mantha, Shirley Young & Donna Congdon



Nick, Patricia, and Senena beside the Little Thessalon River



Doris and the Elliot Lake crew on the road to Shaw Dam

Carole Blaquiere is challenging all members to hike more than 200km during the 40th anniversary year!! To facilitate this endeavor, she will be leading 14 or 15 hikes between Elliot Lake and Sault Ste. Marie for a total of 240 km. There will be 2 hikes per month starting on August 25th in Elliot Lake. Hikes will generally be between 13 to 18 km where possible and she will be exploring optional opportunities to stay overnight prior to the hike. This will require lots of help and companions. In addition she is going to blog about the experience.

So, who's up for the challenge?!?

VTA Commemorative Blaze and Pencils

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Voyageur Trail Association, we've developed our first ever printed 2" x 6" blaze. It's printed on UV-resistant polyethylene with our new logo, the website and the message 'trail adopters welcomed' in blue on a white background (see picture). These are beginning to appear sporadically along the trail. If you do maintenance on the Voyageur Trail and would like a supply of these blazes, please contact Gail Jones at 705-942-0768 or jones-gail@shawl.ca.

We have also had some new VTA yellow wooden pencils produced. If you are planning a special event or doing some promotional activities and would like some pencils, Gail is again the person to contact.

VTA 40th Anniversary Trail Challenges

By now all members should have received in the mail a Hike Record Sheet and information about the 40 km and whole-trail challenges. If you didn't receive it or require another copy, please contact Gail Jones at 705-942-0768 or jones-gail@shaw.ca. New members will receive this with their membership card. This is your opportunity to get out and explore some of the 700+ km of trails you would not normally hike or snowshoe, and win some exciting prizes (we're keeping those a secret for now). In summary, the two challenges work like this:

1. Hike and document (on the Hike Record Sheet) at least 40 km of the Voyageur Trail between Aug 24, 2013 and Aug. 24 2014, and
2. Contribute to our end-to-end trail challenge, where we strive to have each of the 700+ km of our trail hiked by at least one person during the 12-month period.

Since the trail challenge mailing was sent, Carole Blaquiere has posed a 200 km trail challenge of her own! So, as you will see from the outing schedules, there are plenty of organized hikes and snowshoe activities on our trails for you to choose from. Or, get your friends together and take up the challenge!

Corrections to Hike Record Sheet

Please make the following changes to the Hike Record Sheet.

1. Under the Sault Ste. Marie (Saulteaux) Section, please cross out A3-A4 and A4-A5. As previously announced in the newsletter and on the website, the main trail between the new Walls Lake Loop trail and Creek Rd. has been closed owing to the withdrawal of permission by landowners. You should make a note that the 700 m trail west from Creek Rd. to the lookout (km 12.2 in Edition 4.0 of the guidebook) remains, and is now blue-blazed.
2. Note that in the column 'Your Hike' is where you should record the date of your hike.



VTA Purchases SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger

The VTA is experimenting with the SPOT device for use on outings and work parties that are out of cell phone range. This is a safety precaution, as the device allows the user to send pre-determined messages to family, friends, and emergency contacts. The recipient receives a URL that they can click on to show the exact location of the trail user. We can also track the route and show it on Google Maps. The unit resides with the Saulteaux Club for testing purposes. We will assess this experiment and if deemed a success we expect to purchase this or another satellite technology for each active club.

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 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 7** ~ Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #2 Mt. Dufour to Gasline Rd. (Bowline) Meet at Gasline Rd (VTA A2b Parking in Coureur de Bois section) at 9AM. For details, call Carole at 705-649-2235 or email (with 'VTA Challenge Hike' in subject line) to: caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Hikes are subject to change if required.

Thurs., Sept. 12 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

***Sat., Sept. 14** ~ Hike Hwy. 129 to Dunn's Farm Rd. (aka Partridge Trail) (9 km, Thessalon Section) with Steve (705-946-2484/sdominy1203@gmail.com). This will be a joint outing with the Coureurs de Bois Club (Elliot Lake), and both clubs will meet for dinner in Iron Bridge afterwards. Meet 10AM at Wellington Square Mall (near South Market Street) to car pool. No pets please.

***Sun., Sept. 15th** ~ Algoma Highlands Conservancy's 3rd Annual Bike & Hike Day. For more info, visit: www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org

Thurs., Sept. 19 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

***Sat., Sept. 21** ~ Hike to Robertson Cliffs with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for details.

***Sun., Sept. 22** ~ << Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #3 >> Gasline Rd. to Granary Lake boat launch. Meet at the Granary Lake boat launch (VTA A1 Parking in Coureur de Bois section) at 9AM. For details, call Carole at 705-649-2235 or email (with 'VTA Challenge Hike' in subject line) to: caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Hikes are subject to change if required.

Mon., Sept. 23 ~ Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM. Location TBA. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

Thurs., Sept. 26 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

Sat., Sept. 28 ~ (rain date: Sun., Sept.29) Saulteaux VT Club's 40th Anniversary celebration at Kinsmen Park at 1:00 PM. Displays ~ Hikes ~ Demonstrations ~ Food! Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

Sat. Sept. 28 ~ Wawa Community Day Hike in Lake Superior Provincial Park (Peat Mountain Trail). Contact Lori Johnston for more information 705-856-2244 ext. 241 or

ljohnson@wawa.ca

Thurs., Oct. 3 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

***Sat., Oct. 5** ~ Hike the Iron Bridge to Melwel Road section with Susan (705-949-4105). Meet 9AM at Wellington Square Mall (near South Market Street) to car pool. No pets please.

***Sat., Oct. 5** ~ << Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #6 >> Switch up! We are going to join Susan on her Iron Bridge to Melwel Lodge hike (see above).

***Sun., Oct 6** - Kayak Tunnel Lake with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for details.

Sun., Oct. 6 ~ Hike the Odena Loop with Jim (705-542-3380). Meet 10AM in the parking lot at the end of Connor Road.

Thurs., Oct. 10 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

***Sat., Oct. 12** ~ Hike Hwy. 129 to scenic Shaw Dam Lake (9 km, Thessalon Section) with Steve (705-946-2484/sdominy1203@gmail.com). Possible restaurant stop for dinner. Meet 9:30AM at Wellington Square Mall (near South Market Street) to car pool.

***Sat., Oct. 12** ~ << Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #8 >> Switch up #2! We are going to join Steve



VTA IN THUNDER BAY!!

The VTA is so excited about having a new club in Thunder Bay!!

Check out the Nor'wester Club Facebook page for their event schedule at <http://www.facebook.com/norwester.voyageur.trail.club>

on his hike from Hwy 129. to Shaw Dam Lake (see above) and continue on to East Line Rd.

Sun., Oct. 13 ~ Hike Connor Road to Mable Lake and return with Jim (705-542-3380). Meet 10AM in the parking lot at the end of Connor Road.
Thurs., Oct. 17 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

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Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule *Cont'd*

***Sat., Oct. 19** ~ Hike at Tower Lake with Garry (705-949-1302). Meet 9AM in the Wellington Square Mall to car pool.

Thurs., Oct. 24 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

***Sat., Oct. 26** ~ VTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Bruce Bay Cottages in Bruce Mines (approximately 45 minutes east of Sault Ste. Marie). Everyone's welcome!
noon - 1PM - Lunch @ Bruce Bay Cottages Lighthouse Lounge (special luncheon rates apply)
1PM AGM - yearly Association report, elections, club reports, draws
2PM-ish - Hike on the Bruce Mines section of the Voyageur Trail
Call 705-949-4105 for more info.

***Sun., Oct. 27** ~ Hike Shaw Rd. to scenic Shaw Dam Lake (A4-A5, Thessalon Section) with Steve (705-946-2484/ sdominy1203@gmail.com). This 8 km excursion will be a joint outing with the Sault Naturalists. Features along the trail include a beaver pond, rocky outcrops, and a chance to examine the Shaw Dam, Ontario's only masonry dam built in 1931. Possible restaurant stop for dinner. Meet 9:30AM at Wellington Square Mall (near South Market Street) to car pool. No pets please.

Thurs., Oct. 31 ~ Work party on the Voyageur Trail. Tools provided. Call Susan for details at 705-949-4105 .

***Sat., Nov. 2** ~ << Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #4 >> Granary Lake to Cataract Falls. Meet at Cataract Falls (VTA A5 Parking in Penewobikong section) at 9AM. For details, call Carole at 705-649-2235 or email (with 'VTA Challenge Hike' in subject line) to: caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Hikes are subject to change if required.

***Sun., Nov. 3** ~ Hike to Pancake Bay Lookout with Ila (705-949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Bring lunch and water. No dogs please.

Sun, Nov. 10 ~ "Gales of November" hike at Red Rock (weather permitting) with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet 10AM in Market Mall parking lot. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sat., Nov. 16** ~ << Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #5 >> Cataract Falls to Potomac Valley Rd. Meet at Potomac Valley Rd. (VTA A2 Parking in Penewobikong section) at 9AM. For details, call Carole at 705-649-2235 or email (with 'VTA Challenge Hike' in subject line) to: caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Hikes are subject to change if required.

Mon., Nov. 18 ~ Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM. Location TBA. We will plan our winter/spring outings. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

***Sat., Nov. 30** ~ << Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie CHALLENGE HIKE #7 >> Melwel Lodge to Hwy 129. Meet at McCallum Rd., near Hwy 129 (VTA A6b Parking in Thessalon section) at 9AM. For details, call Carole at 705-649-2235 or email (with 'VTA Challenge Hike' in subject line) to: caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Hikes are subject to change if required.

Tues., Dec. 24 ~ The Voyageur Hiking Trail is closed.

Thurs., Dec. 26 ~ Boxing Day snowshoe/hike. Meet 11AM at Hiawatha Highlands (Landslide Road, north of Fifth Line). We'll enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the Hiawatha Highlands seating area. Snowshoe rentals available. Call Don 705-946-9599 for more info.

Sat., Dec. 28 ~ Moonlight snowshoe/hike. Meet 6:30PM at Hiawatha Highlands (Landslide Road, north of Fifth Line). We'll enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the Hiawatha Highlands seating area. Snowshoe rentals available. Call Don 705-946-9599 for more info.

Wed., Jan. 1 ~ New Year's Day snowshoe in the Goulais Avenue area with Ila (705-949-1097). Meet Goodlife 10:30AM. Bring lunch and water. No dogs please.

Sat., Jan. 4 ~ Snowshoe/hike at Crimson Ridge with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool.

Sat., Jan. 11 ~ Moonlight snowshoe/hike. Meet 6:00PM at Glenview Cottages (2611 Great Northern Road). Weather permitting, after the hike we will have a campfire. Call Don 705-946-9599 for more info.

Sun, Jan. 19 ~ Snowshoe Connor Rd to Trout Lake with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for details.

Mon., Jan. 20 ~ Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM. Location TBA. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

***Sun, Jan. 26** ~ Stokely Creek Snowshoe Festival from 10AM to 4PM. For more details, visit: www.stokelycreek.com



CAMPING TIPS FROM THE NORTHERN NEWSLETTER...

A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup!

The sight of a bald eagle has thrilled campers for generations. The sight of a bald man, however, does absolutely nothing for the bald eagle!

Algoma Highlands Conservancy

Bike & Hike

Sunday September 15th, 2013





Location:
Stokely Creek Lodge
Goulais River, ON

Time:
12PM-5PM
King Mountain Hike Starts @ 12:50pm

Cost:
FREE!
Donations Welcome
Food will be available for purchase

The ATC, along with our friends from the Sault Cycling Club, Voyageur Trail Association and Stokely Creek Lodge invite you, your family and friends to come out and explore our 3000 acre conservation forest.

You can sign-up for a Guided Hike or a Guided Bike tour or explore on your own. Whether you are a newbie or a well-seasoned silent sport recreationalist there is an adventure waiting for you. In addition, there will be nature activities for kids, so bring the whole family to join in the fun!

For more Information and to Pre-Register visit:
www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org
or call our office at 705-649-5751

2013 Mother's Day Hike *by Horst Wetzel*

Overnight to May 12, 2013, we had received up to 20 cm of snow at our bush lot. The temperature in the morning was 0°C. I looked out the window and thought nobody will come for our yearly hike. Regardless, I was going to be at our starting point at the north end of Goulais Avenue for 10:00 a.m.

I didn't think of the low hanging branches on the 1 km bush road and didn't bring any tools. It took me half an hour to get through to the paved road. I was going down Peoples Road with a big smile on my face, thinking I was going to be home shortly, when my phone rang. It was my daughter-in-law. "Dad, when are you coming down?" It took me a little while to answer. "Where are you?" She said, "We are all waiting here."

When I arrived, there was Doris Welz talking to everyone. She asked me if I had constructed a bridge across the fast creek on top of the falls. I said no. She had checked it recently and didn't think anyone could cross. I said if we could not, we would turn around.

The going was slow but the heavy snow was beautiful. The kids crawled under the low branches to get their pictures taken. When we reached the creek, one of my granddaughters was already on the other side, so we all had to get across. I think the water had gone down since Doris last saw it.

We kept on marching, looking for the white blazes, which were covered by the white snow. On the loop trail around the north end of the golf course, we had no problems since the markers were yellow. Finally, we arrived at our camp. I think everyone was ready to sit down with tea or something. We had no fire outside, but the woodstove inside was a welcome sight. Lise had kept track of the time and said it had taken us about an hour longer. Before we drove out again, my son, Matthew, and I walked in front of the vehicles with a machete and beheaded all the low hanging branches.

I think it was a beautiful day and we all appreciated kicking off our boots at the end of it. The total number of participants was eight.

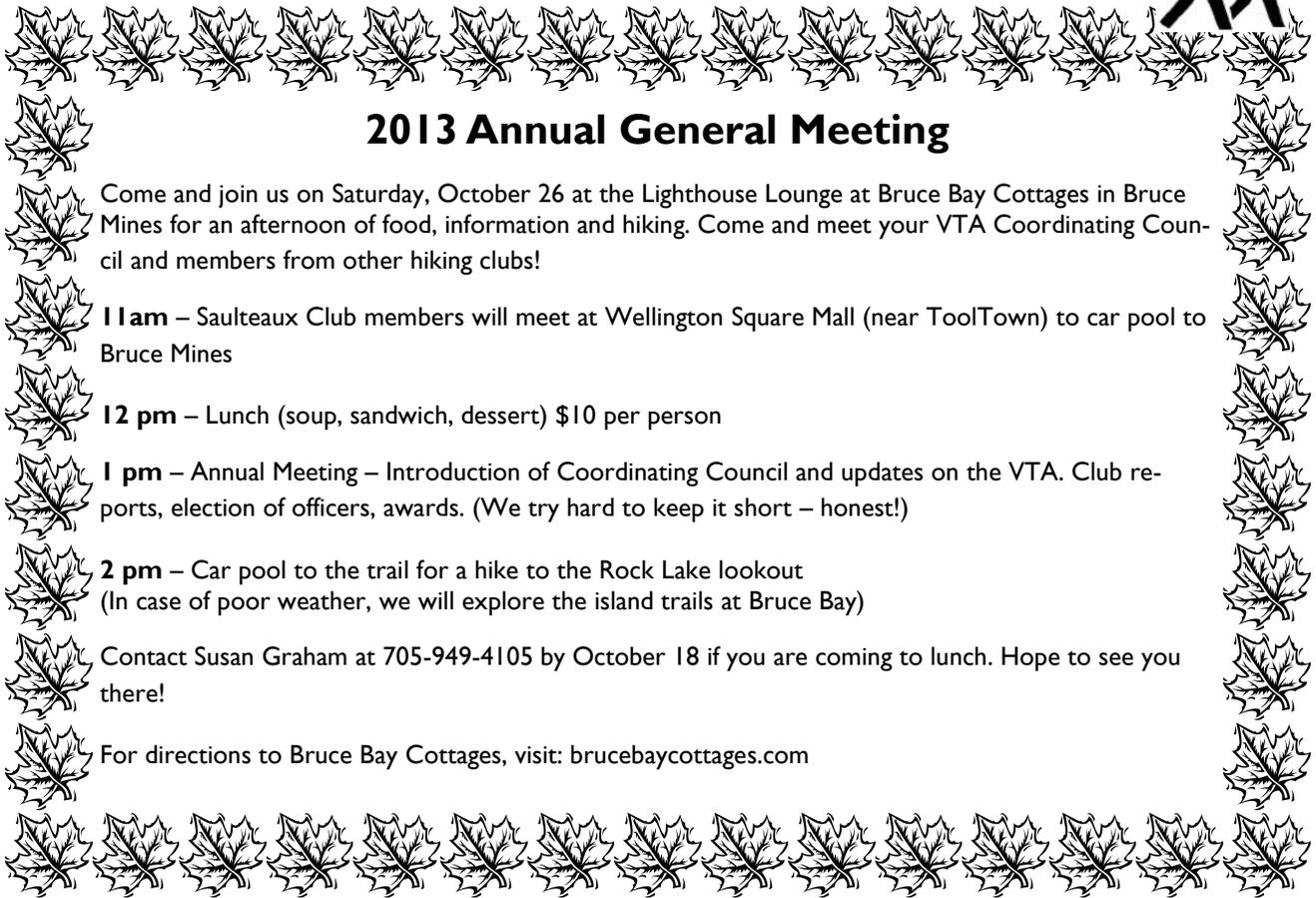


From left to right: Maja Wetzel, Kristine Caldbick, and Jade Wetzel



Beautiful snow in May!





2013 Annual General Meeting

Come and join us on Saturday, October 26 at the Lighthouse Lounge at Bruce Bay Cottages in Bruce Mines for an afternoon of food, information and hiking. Come and meet your VTA Coordinating Council and members from other hiking clubs!

11 am – Saulteaux Club members will meet at Wellington Square Mall (near ToolTown) to car pool to Bruce Mines

12 pm – Lunch (soup, sandwich, dessert) \$10 per person

1 pm – Annual Meeting – Introduction of Coordinating Council and updates on the VTA. Club reports, election of officers, awards. (We try hard to keep it short – honest!)

2 pm – Car pool to the trail for a hike to the Rock Lake lookout (In case of poor weather, we will explore the island trails at Bruce Bay)

Contact Susan Graham at 705-949-4105 by October 18 if you are coming to lunch. Hope to see you there!

For directions to Bruce Bay Cottages, visit: brucebaycottages.com

Attention VTA members!!

VTA members in Sault Ste. Marie can have the new 40th anniversary logo embroidered onto shirts, packs, or gear at K & S Embroidery next to the Pee Wee Arena. Cost is \$7.00 for a crest size.

VTA members in Elliot Lake can have the new 40th anniversary VTA logo embroidered onto shirts, packs, or gear locally at Kevin's Custom Clothing!

Kevin's Custom Clothing
8 George Walk
Elliot Lake, Ontario
Tel. 705-848-2580

K&S Embroidery
279 Northern Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Tel. 705-253-6984

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Join the Saulteaux Club in Sault Ste. Marie for their 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 28 (rain date: Sun., Sept. 29) at Kinsmen Park at 1:00 p.m.
Diplays ~ Hikes ~ Food ~ Refreshments

Call 705-942-1891 for more information!!

Proposed Constitution Change

The following proposed changes to the Constitution will be voted on at the VTA Annual General Meeting in October:

ARTICLE 3.3 - "That elections to the VTA Coordinating Council and Club Executives and appointments of Club Representatives to the VTA Coordinating Council be held during the period September 1st to December 31st, and that the terms of office officially begin on January 1st of the following year, with the following exceptions: members elected/appointed to newly created or vacant positions at any other time, or a position switches to another person at any other time, in which case, the term of office shall begin immediately and notification forwarded to the VTA insurance coordinator."

ARTICLE 3.11 - "The Coordinating Council will have the books of the Association audited yearly. The auditors will submit a final report to be given at the next Annual Meeting."



Meet Me At The Thames!

OCTOBER 18 - 20, 2013

Daytime Hike Ontario Summit Program - \$20

Evening 40th Anniversary Dinner - \$30

Morning Presentations:

A Virtual Walk Across Ontario and Carolinian
Canada Eco-Trails: True South Wild and Free

Saturday Night Speaker:

Steve Hainsworth: Adventures with Bruce

Workshops:

Adventure Hiking, Nature Photography, Pathways to Success: Involving Stakeholders, Trail Maintenance, Hike Leadership, Geocaching, Landowner Relations, Social Media and the Web, Board Roundtable Discussion



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

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

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Voyageur Trail News—Fall 2013



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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 _____.

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.
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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).

(signature): _____