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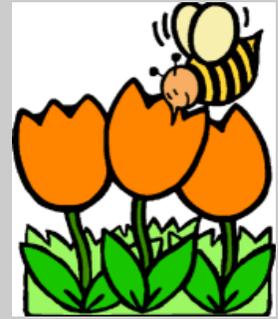
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Superior (and Huron) Hiking



Screen shot of the in-progress website redesign. A big thank you to VTA volunteer Jack Dunning for taking on this important job!! More to come...

Over the last few months a committee has been working to revamp the VTA website with an eye to what will be needed over the next ten years. Gayle Phillips created the site over ten years ago and has done a wonderful job of maintaining it while expanding it to include many of the additions people have asked for. She wanted someone to take it over and I've agreed to try to fill her shoes. With a new person taking over the webmaster job, it seemed like an ideal time to redesign the site from the ground up so it would be more able to handle the increased demands every year seems to bring. So some time over the next few months you'll

be surprised by a whole new look when you go to the website. You'll see a lot more pictures on all the pages highlighting beautiful areas on the trail, and a whole new structure to try to make it easier to find specific information. Later you'll also see a redesigned store that should be a bit easier to use.

When the new site goes online the whole Committee will want as much feedback as possible about what you like and dislike, or any problems you have with it. It's your site, and we want you to find it as useful and easy to navigate as possible. If you have any suggestions for what

you would like to see included in the redesign please send them along as soon as possible. You can send anything to me at: jdunning@echoriver.ca. I can't promise everything will be included immediately, but will try to work suggestions in later.

Over the last couple of months working on the redesign I've become very aware of all Gayle has done to create the site we've all been using for so long, and many of the problems she has had to solve. The more I work on it the more impressed I become; almost everything I have needed has been there and easy to work with. Thanks Gayle!!

Introduction to Hiking *by Cheryl Landmark*

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, Carole Blaquiere, the VTA's Hike Ontario representative, held an Introduction to Hiking in Algoma event at the Metis Centre in Sault Ste. Marie. This event was coordinated to introduce people to the joys and benefits of hiking and the Voyageur Trail Association. The turnout, while not overwhelming, was fairly reasonable with 16 participants showing up for the event, many of whom were not VTA members but were interested in hiking. The youngest of the participants was only three years old.

The event started off with a presentation by Carole, which covered a number of topics including:

- ◇ Reasons to hike
- ◇ Challenges and pros of hiking in each season
- ◇ Where to hike in the Algoma district and Sault Ste. Marie area
- ◇ History of the VTA
- ◇ Equipment and the importance of dressing properly
- ◇ Natural hazards
- ◇ How to avoid encounters with black bears
- ◇ Human factors, such as ability, experience, fatigue, fear, injury, medical factors (e.g. allergies)
- ◇ What to expect from a hike leader

After the presentation, a hike to the Sault Canal was led by Mike Landmark (dressed in his Voyageur outfit) and his sidekick, Pierre the Bear. Donna St. Jules and the Metis Nation of Ontario very thoughtfully provided all participants with free water bottles and snacks to take along on the hike. At the canal, Tamara van Dyk, Visitor Experience Product Development Officer of Parks Canada for the Sault Canal/Fort St. Joseph National Historic Sites, kindly took time out of her previously scheduled meeting for 1812 celebrations to give us a brief talk on the canal. She also informed us of upcoming events that will be taking place at the canal that might interest outdoor enthusiasts. Check the Parks Canada Canal or VTA websites for more details.

The hike took place on the Attikamek Trail on South St. Mary's Island. We saw lots of signs of beaver activity but not the beavers themselves, and also plenty of ducks and geese and one very friendly squirrel. Our three-year old hiker was a little disappointed that he couldn't find any monkeys on the hike! Everyone was quite impressed by this little trooper's hiking capabilities and he even

kept us entertained with songs along the way.

Once the hike was completed, the group made its way back to the Metis Centre where a delicious meal of vegetarian chili, bannock, and fresh veggies, compliments of the great chef, Donna St. Jules, awaited us, in addition to a draw for prizes provided courtesy of the Metis Nation. What a wonderful way to end the day's activities!

Huge thanks and appreciation go out to the following people for making this such an enjoyable event:

Carole Blaquiere and her organizing committee of Jan Poulin-Zurawinski, Anita Vaillancourt and Mike Landmark

Donna St. Jules and the Metis Nation of Ontario, including Mike and Tracey, our greeters Tamara van Dyk
Pierre the Bear
Wesley, our three-year old entertainer



The Voyageur Trail Jubilee Ballad *by Steve Dominy*

Let's sing out for the Voyageur Trail
It's been here since seventy-three
Thanks to volunteers we have a tale
Which we think you will agree
Tells of dedication and belief
Love of the outdoors, and its soul
And now we bend to trim a leaf
To try to reach our leaders' goal

McGrath, Allison, Lediett and Megan
Helped bring Syme's vision to the fore
With these fine folk it all began
And carried on with many more
We can't begin to count the men
And women who put it in their hearts
They cleared the way even when
Few people knew of their art

Six hundred kilometers we have mapped
Every twist and view has been recorded
In countless partnerships we have tapped
And with many thanks have been rewarded
Whether nature is your bag
Or just trying to stay in shape
Don't let your body lag
Get out onto the landscape

The Trail is a wonderful place
Which is quickly becoming renowned
As an escape from the rat race
And you don't have to leave town
From Sudbury to Thunder Bay
We want to hike or snowshoe or ski
Through the forest all the way
And close to the Lakes we want to be

Torontonians are beginning to rave
About the best kept secret in Ontario
The truth is we don't want to save
All this just for people we know
Friends and strangers have enjoyed
The company of kindred spirits
With cameras, glasses and packs employed
And boots, hats and other 'wear-its'

As we walk the trail to appreciate
The scenic views, the pine clad land
We sometimes pause, to hesitate
And gaze down at feet on sand
For it is these feet we have to thank
For bringing us to this fine scene
It matters not what's in the bank
For all we need is an attitude keen

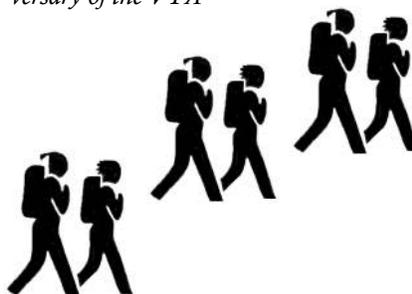
This is something we can do for little cost
So get out there and set that stride

Watch for blazes, don't get lost
And share in this piece of our northern pride
Hike it straight or in a loop
Spend an hour, a day, or a week
But tell your friends it was a hoot
And something they should now seek

The Voyageur Trail is a grand dream
Of a small group of hikers in the north
At times unattainable it would seem
Yet they keep going for all its worth
I can't even begin to guess
When to us this goal will belong
But we will settle for nothing less
Than eleven hundred kilometers long

Broken verse by Steve Dominy (Sept. 1998)

Written in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the VTA



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BIRDSEED BARS (lots)

- 1 cup peanut butter (not light)
- 2 cups Rice Crispies
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup sunflower seeds
- 4 teaspoons butter
- 1 cup nuts (unsalted mixed nuts without peanuts)
- 2 cups Corn Flakes
- 1 cup sesame seeds

Over medium heat, mix the peanut butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, and butter together until just boiling - stir constantly to prevent burning. Take off heat and mix in the remaining ingredients - mixture will be very stiff. Turn into a greased 8-inch x 8-inch pan and pat down. Refrigerate for a half hour before cutting into squares. These squares can be frozen if required.

Recipe courtesy of Kathy Seifried

Certified Hike Leader Course

By Mike Landmark

Are you interested in sharing your enjoyment of hiking by becoming a certified hike leader? Hike Ontario offers a one-day course that provides training in various aspects that will ensure a safe, enjoyable outing. When certified by Hike Ontario, leaders are also protected by the Voyageur Trail Association's insurance obtained through Hike Ontario that specifically protects hike leaders who are leading volunteer events. Young people are also welcome to take the course and become Youth Hike Leaders. Once they acquire experience by co-leading with adult hike leaders, they could be upgraded to Certified Hike Leaders.

Hike leader trainers reside in Elliot Lake and Sault Ste. Marie and are available to teach this course in their communities or where there are a sufficient number of participants. If interested in taking the course, contact the local club in your community. For Sault Ste. Marie, call Mike Landmark at (705) 779-3409 or email at info@voyageurtrail.ca.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Lynn Bowman	Hilda Odom
Neil Bowman	Landon Odom
Ryan Brady	Michael Odom
Nairne Cameron	Kaitlin Odom
Bill de Groot	Shelby Odom
Wendy de Groot	Colleen Penniston
Laura Dubblestein	Tracie Ramsay
Fraser Dunn	Gayle Robinson
Debbie Dunn	Nicholas Smith
Norah Houle	Gayle Smith
Gary Knox	Bonnie Yurich
Amanda Knox	Richard Yurich
Mike Mathieu	



At the Lookout *by Daniel Hoffman*

They always start with quick and eager strides
 --Even the one on crutches--up the hill.
 The long-legged and the young soon reach the bend,
 Then reappear above the heads of slower
 Earnest pilgrims puffing up the slope.
 Those at the parapet stand, statuesque,
 Their tiny silhouettes nicking the sky.
 See, some now descend the winding trail--
 The young, the tall step out, no longer black
 And dwarfed against the vast and cloudless light,
 Their blouses khaki, red, and white. In single
 File, like beads on a string we cannot see,
 They reach the stairway to the parking lot,
 Then break apart toward different destinations.
 Scattered now, does each still hoard some sense
 Of borrowed grace from a purpose briefly snatched
 And shared beneath the sky, whatever it was?

Request for Assistance with Guidebook Project

Further to the request in the previous newsletter, this is a second call for volunteers willing to help with the Guidebook project. Please contact Steve Dominy to discuss the various tasks involved and to find out how you could lend a hand with this important project: 705-946-2484 or email sdominy1203@gmail.com.

We usually don't allow vehicles on our trail, but we can probably make an exception for this 4-wheeler!



Photo courtesy of Arne Schmidt

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Saturdays, Sundays and holidays ~ There is a good possibility of trail maintenance work parties being organized throughout the season on a week to week basis. If you would like to be on an email roster to receive information, please contact Don at mcgormd@hotmail.com and mention 'trail maintenance' in the Subject line.

Sun., May 1 ~ Our annual "Go To Blazes" work party. Tools will be provided. Behaved pets welcome. Meet 10AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome. For more info, call Gayle at 705-942-1891.

Thurs., May 5 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

***Sat., May 7** ~ Hike Robertson Cliffs. Early spring wildflowers, waterfalls and an awesome view. Meet at Goodlife at 10:00 a.m. Call Mark @ 705-254-2356 for details.

***Sat. & Sun., May 7 & 8** ~ VTA Coordinating Council meeting in Marathon. Call 705-949-4105 for more info.

Thurs., May 12 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Fri., May 13 ~ Last day to register for Hike Ontario Leadership course. See May 28th below.

Sat., May 14 ~ Introduction to geocaching with Steve (705-946-2484 / sdominy1203@gmail.com) and Bob (705-946-3126). Rain date May 15. Afternoon event. Contact us for more info.

Sun., May 15 ~ Joe's Sports is holding a Backpacking/Hiking equipment Demo Day between 1 and 4 at their location on Queen Street East near Gore. Come and see the latest in equipment before the season begins.

Sun., May 15 ~ 'Passport To Unity' at the Essar Centre 11 AM until 4 PM. If you can spare an hour or so to be at the Voyageur Trail display and promote the club to the public, please contact Don (705-946-9599).

Mon., May 16 - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891.

Thurs., May 19 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sun., May 22 ~ Hiawatha Highlands hike with Ila (705-949-1097). Meet at 10AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool.

Thurs., May 26 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sat., May 28 ~ Hike Ontario Certified Hike Leader Course - \$75/person. For more info on

prerequisites visit: <http://www.hikeontario.com/services/hikeleadercert.htm> or contact Mike @ 705-779-3409. Last day to register May 13th.

***Sun., May 29** ~ Hike to High Dump in Garden River with Dawn (705-649-4936). Meet 10AM in the Wellington Square Mall to car pool.

Sat., June 4th ~ Work party on the Red Rock shore section with Gail (705-942-0768). Meet 9:30AM at Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Tools provided.

Sun., June 5 - Paddle on Trout Lake. Call Mark 705-254-2356 for the outing details. Your boat must be equipped with the safety gear required by Coast Guard regulations.

Sat., June 11 ~ Hike at Red Rock with Jan (705-253-7536). Meet 10AM in the Market Mall to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sat., June 18** ~ Hike in the Tower Lake area with Susan & Cliff (705-949-4105). Meet 10AM in Wellington Square parking lot. Behaved pets welcome. Brave souls can swim following the hike.

Sat., June 25 ~ Hike a section of the HUB Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet at 1PM in the Fort Creek Second Line parking lot. Behaved, leashed pets welcome.

Sun., July 3 ~ Hike the Gros Cap Loop with Jan (705-253-7536). Meet 10AM in the Market Mall to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.



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

***Sat., July 9** - Hike in LSPP with Doris (705-942-9466). On the way home, we will stop for a restaurant dinner along the way. Meet 9AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool.



Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule *Cont'd*

***Sat. July 16** ~ Cycle loop tour on St. Joe Island to Hilton Beach and back. Meet at 10:30 am in the car pool area on Hwy 548, just off Hwy 17. Bike helmet is mandatory. Bring water, snack, & rain gear. Bring your own lunch or dine at one of the eateries before returning. Total return distance about 35 km. Easy to moderate pace on paved roads. Must register in advance with Larry at 705-541-5674 or 705-949-7953.

***Sun., July 17** - Kayak in the Batchawana Island area. Call Mark 705-254-2356 for the outing details. Your boat must be equipped with the safety gear required by Coast Guard regulations.

Mon., July 18 - Saulteaux Club meeting at the Civic Centre @ 7PM. After the business meeting, we will plan our fall outing schedule. Call 705-942-1891.

***Sat., July 23** - Hike in the Desbarats Section between the Rydal Bank Cemetery and Crystal Cove Road with Dieter and Erika (705-942-9636). Afterwards, we will enjoy a potluck supper. Meet at 10AM in the Wellington Square Mall parking lot to car pool. Please leave your pets at home.

Sat. July 30 ~ Hike the Crimson Ridge Loop Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet at 10AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Behaved, leashed pets welcome.

***Sun., Aug. 7** ~ Paddle the Goulais River (3+ hours) and bring a dish to share at potluck afterwards. Call Carole or Chris at

705-649-2235 for meeting time and place.

***Sat. & Sun., Aug. 13 & 14** ~ Weekend overnight backpack (24 kms) from Iron Bridge to Cataract Falls (north of Blind River). You must register with Dawn (705-649-4936) by August 1st.

***Sat., Aug. 20** ~ Kayak Ranger Lake. Call Mark 705-254-2356 for the outing details. Your boat must be equipped with the safety gear required by Coast Guard regulations.

***Tues., Aug. 23** – Hike near Pictographs in LSPP with the Grand Valley Hiking Club from southern Ontario who are visiting the Wawa area. Check Saulteaux web page for contact information.

***Thurs., Aug. 25** – Hike near Gargantua Harbour in LSPP with the Grand Valley Hiking Club from southern Ontario who are visiting the Wawa area. Check Saulteaux web page for contact information.

***Sun., Aug. 28** ~ Hike in LSPP with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet at 9AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Behaved, leashed pets welcome.

***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.

***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.

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 the Odena trail with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 10AM in the GoodLife parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***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.

Thurs., Sept. 29 ~ Work party with Susan. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.



Views of Sam Lake, Stokely section of the Voyageur Trail



Puns, Not Quotes

As we progress through life, it is important to realize that society and technology must proceed together. Because of technology, many new terms have been invented. Some of these terms apply to hiking and a glossary is presented below for you to become familiar with these new terms.

- FORTTRAN** - An unpleasant, hard lumpy mixture of grains and dried fruit consumed only by hikers and canoeists (e.g., I had a bowl of Fortran for breakfast this morning).
- HARD DRIVE** - A term used to describe the trip along steep winding roads full of potholes to some of the more remote sections of trail.
- FLOPPY DISC** - A back problem which prevents some hikers from reaching remote sections of trail (e.g., he could not go for a hard drive because he had a floppy disc).
- IBM PC** - A type of tent (e.g., last night we slept in a four man IBM PC with a vestibule).
- MEGABYTES** - What you get hiking in early June in Algoma.
- RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY** - A state of mind that one acquires only from being on the board of directors of the Voyageur Trail Association.
- SPREADSHEET** - A lightweight blanket for the floor of your tent.
- MODEM** - A type of small furry animal with sharp teeth.
- DOT MATRIX** - What happens to your skin after an encounter with poison ivy or megabytes.
- MONITOR** - A type of lizard indigenous to Madagascar, but which often is seen staring at the VT News editor.
- MICROCHIPS** - A food, rich in carbohydrates, often eaten by hikers.
- IF-THEN-ELSE STATEMENT** - A form of statement often issued by hikers. It takes the form of "If we come out to the road THEN we're okay, else we're lost."
- INTERFACING WITH A MAIN FRAME** - Putting your pack on.
- TURBO PASCAL** - A freeze dried pasta dish commonly eaten by backpackers and canoeists.
- PUKASKWA** - A high-speed computer language used by the VTA computer.

This article first appeared in the VT News in 1989, and is authored by Steve Taylor. He is remembered by his friends and work colleagues as a lover of puns. Steve was former President of the VTA prior to his untimely death in 1994.

The Incredible Shrinking Trail *by Susan Graham*

A disturbing phenomenon has been observed on the Saulteaux section of the trail – it's disappearing! While we used to boast 55 km of trail in and around the city, we are down to about 40 km. While the good news is that's less to maintain, the bad news is we have some major re-routes to do.

The Saulteaux club has known for some time that the approximately 13 km of trail from Marshall Drive (near Gros Cap) stretching east to Creek Road had to be re-routed due to loss of landowner

permission on two separate parcels of land. We held off doing anything other than some cursory scouting, but if a new guidebook is going to press in the near future, we really need to get going. There is a possible route along existing roadways that will be investigated further and landowners contacted. The work involved would be minimal to create new Voyageur Trail – essentially just putting up blazes. The students at Camp Korah may be able to help with that, as they had volunteered to do trail projects, so hopefully this section can be retained

without too much effort. I want to look at retaining the sections where we still have permission to be there, as we may be able to develop a couple of loops. This was the original Voyageur Trail – Gros Cap to Hiawatha Park, and I can't stand the thought of losing so much of it. Too much time and effort has been spent on it to let it go.

The other section that has disappeared (and I do mean disap-



peared – trees, earth, the whole shebang) is between Carpin Beach Road and Leigh's Bay Road. Expansion of the gravel pit and clear-cut logging has totally destroyed the trail. The snowmobile bridge has also been removed, so we are back to crossing the creek on the rocks. A fence has been erected on the Leigh's Bay side of the property, too. The good news here is that the landowner is agreeable to us still having a trail on the property. We just have to find a route further back. I took care of the Creek Road to Maki Road section for many years, so a re-route in this section is important to me. I think it's one of the nicest sections. I want to keep the trail!





Winterfest participants hit the trail!!

Winterfest in Elliot Lake *by Phil Barnes*

Every year about the end of February, the city of Elliot Lake puts on its' Winterfest celebration. The Coureurs de Bois Outdoors Club has participated many times in the past, with varying success. We had often put on a pancake breakfast at the Mount Dufour ski hill. We found it was getting less popular as the years went by, probably due to many other events coinciding.

This year, with the help of a small grant from the People Powered Use of Trails Initiative, sponsored by the Provincial Ministry of Health and handled locally by the Algoma Health Unit, we decided to go in a different direction. Last year we had sponsored a snowshoe hike for kids for the second time and it met with very little interest.

Again, probably due to coinciding events about town, including the fishing derby at Horne Lake. This year, we decided to rename the event to Family Snowshoe Stroll and with the help of the City's advertising and the purchase of 10 pairs of adult snowshoes for loan (we already have 18 pairs of junior shoes) we thought it would be a more popular event. We also offered hot dogs and hot chocolate at the turn-around point, where we would also have a cozy fire, and as a reward for completing an evaluation at the end of the stroll, a hiking style metal water jug was a give-away.

We advertised 2 events on Sunday, when there were less coinciding events going on, and put them at 11am and 2pm. We had a

dozen volunteers from the club, including a crew who went out the day before and prepared the fireplace on Horne Lake Island with a stock of wood for a roaring fire. The ATV Club allowed us to use their clubhouse at the Ski Hill for the sign-up and the stroll was from there to Horne Lake Island. Probably about 3 km return.

It was an amazing success. We had 30 people turn out for the morning event, at least 70% kids and another 30 in the afternoon. From the evaluations, we could see it was very popular and we even appeared to have attracted 3 new members to the club.



Winterfest participants roasting marshmallows



This Way to Adventure...



Tom Allinson Side Trail near Gros Cap, Saulteaux Section of the Voyageur Trail

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- 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.
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- 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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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): _____