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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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## 1st Annual Geocaching Event a Success - by Steve Dominy

What happens when a diverse group of hikers is put into teams and asked to find hidden clues along the trail? It turns out they become very competitive, especially knowing there is a prize awaiting the fastest team. It also turns out that the media was very hungry to do a story on geocaching. That was the outcome of the Saulteaux Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Geocaching Event held on the trails around Glenview Cottages on a sunny August 30 afternoon.

I have previously written about geocaching, so I'll share only a few tidbits here. According to the website there are now close to 1 million geocaches hidden around the world, and that's happened in 9 short years. It's billed as 'a high-tech treasure hunting game' and 'the sport where you are the search engine'. People have reported taking 'geocaching holidays', travelling to foreign locales to

seek these hidden items and report their finds on the web-site. All that is required to be a geocacher is a portable GPS unit (not the type used in cars) and a sense of adventure. Many geocaches have been hidden along parts of the Voyageur Trail, adding a new dimension to a

typical walk in the woods for some northern Ontario trail users. Interested readers are encouraged to visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to learn more about this fast-growing outdoor activity. (con't on page 2)



Geocaching Event participants on the Big Pine Trail at Glenview Cottages



Geocaches were hidden in glass spice jars...not an easy find!!



And some were even harder to find...

## 1st Annual Geocaching Event a Success *(continued from page 1)*

Steve Dominy and Bob Sinclair were co-leaders of the event, which involved hiding 8 'temporary' geocaches along a 3 km route and providing participants with a map of the trails showing approximate locations of the geocaches. There were 6 teams of 3 or 4 members competing for the prize of a 1-year family membership. Participants ranged in age from under 10 to over 60. Each team had a GPS unit on which the coordinates (latitude and longitude) of the geocache had been loaded along with the trail route. Some teams had members experienced in using a GPS and others had never used one before, so instructions on how to use the GPS to find a geocache were provided to those needing it.

The trail route was a loop, so teams left at staggered times, with their departure and return times recorded. Bob was along the trail lending a hand where needed, and Steve did the time-keeping. The fastest team found all 8 geocaches in a mere 59 minutes! That was impressive given that this was the team having the youngest participant *and* they also had to solve a puzzle. The puzzle was an anagram, and required teams to collect one letter at each geocache and unscramble the 8 letters to spell a mystery word. Hearty congratulations go to Ken Ladouceur and Vicki and Adam Collins.

No one appeared intimidated by the local CTV and Sault Star reporters who showed up to do stories on the event. Some participants even agreed to be interviewed and

were part of a CTV news story broadcast that evening.

All who took part agreed it was a fun afternoon. Several non-members even decided to take out a membership after the event. Based on participant feedback, we are planning to put on an even better event next summer – watch the outing schedule for details.

Thanks go to the Sault Star, CBC Radio and CTV for providing us with some great publicity, to Glenview Cottages for allowing us access to their lounge and the use of their trails, and especially to Sault College School of Natural Resources for lending the essential requirement for this event – the GPS units!

## VTA Receives Funding for a Hike Leadership Course

The VTA is pleased to announce that it has received a \$1500 grant from the Community Development Corporation of Sault Ste. Marie and Area to bring a Hike Ontario trainer to Sault Ste. Marie to offer a Hike Leadership Course.

The Hike Leadership Course is scheduled for May 8th at Glenview Cottages (rain or shine!). The Hike Leadership Course prepares competent outdoor leaders to lead enjoyable group outings. All participants will receive the **Standard Hike Leader Manual**, the **Backpackers Field Manual**, and a certificate and wallet card from Hike Ontario.

The VTA has partnered with the Sault Naturalists and Girl Guides of Canada on this project. Members of the Naturalists and local youth and leaders from the Girl Guide Trex program (a group focusing on outdoor adventure and leadership for teenage girls) will join us for the day. The VTA is looking forward to this oppor-

tunity to engage local youth interested in training to be future hike leaders!

Workshop participants will be required to pay a \$25 registration fee. The grant is covering the costs of bringing the trainer from southern Ontario and a portion of each person's fee (normally the course would cost \$50). Successful participants will be encouraged to lead at least one VTA hike over the next year

Spaces are filling fast! To register, contact Dawn Elmore at 649-4936 or [elmoredawn@hotmail.com](mailto:elmoredawn@hotmail.com).

Course will run Saturday, May 8th from 9am to 5pm at Glenview Cottages on Highway 17 just north of Sault Ste. Marie.



## Children's Source Water Festival *by*

*Daphne Horsepool*

Susan, Katie and I had a great time at both of these events. CSWF involved grades 3, 4 and 5 students and Susan really had them motivated to put out the burning barn and save the animals at the "Water Brigade". The "Water Race" was also a big hit and the students were not afraid of getting wet. We worked with The Old Stone House at the CSWF and had the kids loving to do laundry pioneer style - true story.

The War of 1812 enabled Susan and Katie to educate our grade 7 and 8's about the Voyageur Trail and it's relation to our heritage. Katie had them learning how to make compasses and encouraged them to get out on the trail with their parents. We broke for lunch supplied by the Old Stone House and during the break, Susan received some pretend brutal dental surgery from the 1812 Army Surgeon - \$1.00 for a particular tooth pulled but 50 cents for just any tooth. We also got a chance to chat with some of the other exhibits which I have pictures of if anyone would like to see them.



**Susan Graham at the Children's Source Water Festival .**

This was my first response to a call for help and was a little leery about what I was getting myself into ,but as you can see, a good time was had by all. It was a privilege to work with Susan and Katie and I even learned a few things.





### VTA Annual Meeting *by Cheryl Landmark*

The VTA Annual General Meeting was held on October 3, 2009 at Rome's Upstairs in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. One of the issues dealt with at the meeting was the proposal to refresh the corporate status of the Association as outlined by Alan Day, Vice-President East, in the previous newsletter. The proposal, which identifies who will form the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, was discussed and carried.

As stated in Alan's article, the amendment to Bylaw 01-09 came about as a result of a bequest from Lillian Nelson's estate, which named the VTA as a beneficiary in memory of her brother Bernie. It was decided that a committee will be formed to collect ideas on how to spend this very generous windfall. Gayle Phillips has volunteered to head up the committee and is looking for members and ideas. If you are interested in helping out, she would love to hear from you. You can contact her by accessing the VTA website and clicking on **Project Proposal to VTA Executive** on the home page. Replacing Harvey the Hiking Bear at the Sault Ste. Marie Travel Information Center is one of the

projects that will be put forward to the committee for consideration.

To reflect a fairer price for the GPS maps and encourage more members to buy them, a proposal was put forward at the meeting to lower the price and offer a discount for members. The new member price per map set will be \$10 each or \$30 for all four. Non-members will pay \$15 per map set or \$45 for all four.

At the AGM, Susan Graham put forward her nomination for the position of Vice-President Central and the nomination was carried unanimously. Congratulations, Susan!

The Steve Taylor Award was presented to Debbie Morettin for her outstanding work to secure Lillian Nelson's bequest in addition to keeping the VTA books on the straight and narrow on a regular basis. The securing of the bequest involved many patient phone calls with government officials as well as members to not only find out the status of the corporation but also to find out how

to resolve the problems. Congratulations, Debbie!

The draw for Free Memberships was held and the winners were Lil Sinclair, Mark Crofts and Doris Wells. Congratulations, everyone!

Congratulations also go to Duncan MacKay and Mike Landmark, who completed the Casque Isles section end-to-end.



Duncan MacKay with Debbie Morettin, this year's recipient of the Steve Taylor Award.

*Congratulations to Anne Rainone, who successfully completed the Saulteaux End-to-End Hikes!!*



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Duncan MacKay and Mike Landmark receive their Casques Isles End-to-End certificates.

## Goings on in the East—An Update *by Alan Day, Vice-President, East*

The Coureurs de Bois Voyageur Trail Club is a member of the Elliot Lake Trails Alliance, which is in fact the Regional Trails Council for the nine townships that comprise "The City of Elliot Lake". As a Regional Trails Council recognized by the OTC, TCT Ontario, and the National Trails Coalition we were able to apply and obtain approval for part of the (in fact just over \$92,000) Federal Governments National Trails Infrastructure funding - \$25 million Canada wide. The City of Elliot Lake contributed more than the equivalent of the required local cash or in kind (equipment for example) requirement. All the member clubs have provided hours of in kind labour and scoured the local area for other in kind contributions.

What has this achieved for the Voyageur Trail Association and the Coureurs de Bois? If you look in your guide book in the CdeB section – currently the last in

the book you will see the Trail follows closely the southern shoreline of Elliot Lake from Elliot Lake Dam and Falls to Westview Park and Trans Canada Trail Pavilion. The entire length of the section of trail has been upgraded and a full maintenance performed. A new steel bridge has been installed and fitted with PT Lumber decking replacing an earlier timber structure that was unsafe. Many of the boardwalks on the section to Spine Beach have received TLC and maintenance.

The five kilometer section that is also the Spine Road XC Ski Trail has been fully upgraded, we have had equipment working to give major improvements to the drainage, ditch drains have been cleaned existing culverts have been cleaned and new culverts installed and the entire (ski) trail has been brush cut and many areas have received a top dressing of wood-chips.

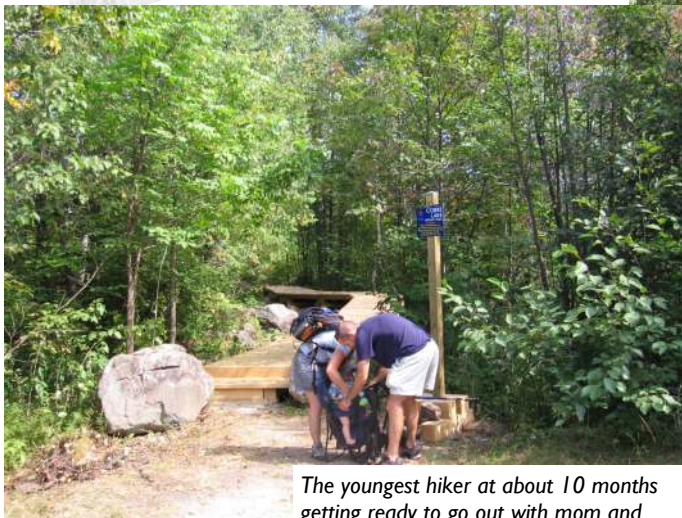
The Coureurs de Bois has traditionally maintained the Cobre Lake Trail, it is a very popular trail for locals and tourists attracting about 1000 hikers a year. The trail has had a problem with the ap-

proach for ever and has needed a boardwalk to provide a safe passage to avoid the ankle breaking, head splitting open rocks (should you fall) and water – lots of it in spring and after heavy rains that promote the growth of moss and make the whole 100 foot section very slippery.

We added this plan to the Trails Plan and the CdeB obtained sufficient local timber (Hemlock) from a Cobre Trail Enthusiast who donated all this timber. The club provided all the fasteners, technical expertise, signs and lot of volunteer labour and the Alliance supplied 5 days of JCP crew for the heavy work. A great success and the photos below will attest.

The last item of interest for the East and for the Voyageur Trail, we are meeting with the Lacloch Trail Association in Espanola on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. December to start discussion which we hope **will** result in this group forming a Voyageur Trail Club. Of this, more will have to follow in the next edition of the newsletter.

**The Cobre Lake Trail attracts about 1000 hikers a year!**



*The youngest hiker at about 10 months getting ready to go out with mom and dad.*



*This boardwalk 98 feet long at the Cobre Lake Trail entrance, the new sign puts visitors on the right trail, and the big rocks are an ATV deterrent.*





## Outing Schedules

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.

### 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.

**Mon., Dec. 21st** - Enjoy the first day of winter with a walk in the woods with your youngsters and enjoy a campfire afterwards as part of the Community Christmas for Kids. Meet at 1PM at Camp Korah on Goulais Avenue. Volunteers welcome. Call Susan at 949-4105 for more info.

**Dec. 24th** ~ the Voyageur Trail is CLOSED for the day to honour of our landowners.

**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). Call Dawn ahead of time for meeting place and time. 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.

**\*Sun., Jan. 10** ~ Snowshoe to Mabel Lake with Mark (254-2356). Meet 10AM at Good-

life.

**Sat., Jan. 16th** ~ VTA Coordinating Council meeting @ 10AM. Location TBA.

**\*Sun., Jan. 17th** ~ Snowshoe event @ Stokely Creek Lodge. Trail designers Lucie Gagnon and Bob Yankus will lead the groups. Cost is \$15 a person which includes lunch and snack at King Mountain hut. Keep checking [www.stokelycreek.com/trails/events](http://www.stokelycreek.com/trails/events) for more details.

**Mon., Jan. 18th** ~ Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call 942-1891 for more information.

**Sat., Jan. 23rd** ~ Snowshoe in the west end of city with Doris (942-9466). Meet at the Market Mall @ 10AM.

**\*Sun., Jan. 24th** ~ Ski at Stokely Creek Lodge with Mark (254-2356). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

**\*Sun., Jan. 31st** ~ Snowshoe at Tower Lake with Garry (949-1302). Meet at 9:30AM in the Wellington Square Mall to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

**Sat., Feb. 6th** ~ (Bon Soo) Volunteers needed! Call Susan at 949-4105.

**Sun., Feb. 7th** ~ (Bon Soo) Volunteers needed! Call Susan at 949-4105.

**Sat., Feb. 13th** ~ (Bon Soo) Volunteers needed! Call Susan at 949-4105.

**Sun., Feb. 14th** ~ (Bon Soo) Volunteers needed! Call Susan at 949-4105.

**\*Sun., Feb. 21st** ~ Snowshoe in the Trout lake area with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

**Sat., Feb. 27th** ~ Full moon snowshoe at Crimson Ridge and bonfire to follow with Doris (942-9466). Meet at Camp Korah at 6:30 pm.

**\*Sun., Feb. 28th** ~ Snowshoe to Robertson Cliffs with Dawn (649-4936). Call Dawn ahead of time for meeting place and time. Behaved pets welcome.

**\*Sat., Mar. 6th** ~ Ski from Heyden Lake to Trout Lake or Hiawatha area with Mark (254-2356). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

**Sun., Mar. 7th** ~ Day hikes not long enough? Want to try Backpacking? If interested contact Mike at 779-3409 before March 1st and sign up for a get together to discuss backpacking gear and possible outings for 2010. Location to be announced if enough sign up.

**Sat., Mar. 13th** ~ Snowshoe at Red Rock with Dieter & Erika (942-9636). Meet at Goodlife at 10AM.

**Mon., Mar. 15th** ~ Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. We will plan our summer outings. Call 942-1891 for more information.

**Sat., Mar. 20th** ~ Snowshoe/Hike with Doris (942-9466). Call for more info.

**Sat., Mar. 27th** ~ Skate/ski from Red Rock to Gros Cap



Unless otherwise indicated, these outings are all a Level 2, slow (according to Hike Ontario recommended ratings.)

***This schedule was put together early and may have last minute changes. Please call the outing leader listed to check if any details have changed. This schedule is also on our website:***

*www./  
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saulteaux.html*

## VTA MARKETPLACE

### For Sale:

#### Mountain Bikes

(2), Raleigh, 12

speed, men's,

very good

condition, \$50

each

#### Cross country

skis, waxless,

Karhu, 205,

without

bindings, very

good

condition, \$25

#### Backpacker

nesting pots, \$5

Call Gail

942-0768



## Outing Schedules *(cont'd from page 5)*

(depending on ice conditions). This is a tough outing so you must contact the leader Mark (254-2356) ahead of time to participate.

**Sun., Apr. 11th** ~ Hike (depending on snow conditions) with Ila (949-1097). Meet at 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

**Sat., April 17th** ~ Saulteaux Club Annual Dinner. Buffet dinner at Sandro's Restaurant @ 6:00 p.m. After dinner, David Tyrrell will present a slides on his trip to Iceland. Tickets are \$20 per person and available by calling Susan at 949-4105.

**Sat., May 1st** ~ "Go to Blazes" work party on the TAST with Gail (942-0768). Meet at Market Mall at 9:30AM. Tools will be provided.

**Sat., May 8th** ~ Hike Leader's course at Glenview Cottages. Cost \$25. Contact Dawn at 649-4936 for more info or to register.

## Elliot Lake Gets New Panel for Trans Canada Trail Pavillion

The Trans Canada Trail Pavilion located in Westview Park, Elliot Lake has received a new panel which allows for the attachment of 4 "Quarter Panels" Each quarter panel can be modified as new donors buy a metre of trail their names and dedications can be added until

these smaller panels are full. Then a new quarter panel is started and so on, these smaller panels take far less waiting time than a full panel, this enables the names and dedications of the donors will be on display at the pavilion in a more timely fashion.



*The latest addition to the Elliot Lake Pavilion. The new panel installed in the frame, the quarter panel in the upper right quadrant.*

## Snowshoeing in the Sault *by Don McGorman*

For those snowshoe enthusiasts who prefer to follow a marked trail and so not to be breaking trail that often, here is an update on several locations within the city of Sault Ste Marie that see regular snowshoe traffic.

The Hiawatha Highlands ([www.hiawathahighlands.com](http://www.hiawathahighlands.com)) is run by the Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Their base of operations is located in the Kinsmen Centre building at 780 Landslide Road and until 31 March 2010 they will be

open daily from 9am 'til 5pm. Advertising 14 km of groomed snowshoe trails, a daily snowshoe trail pass costs \$5 or, with snowshoe rental, \$12. Card carrying VTA members with their own snowshoes are not required to purchase a snowshoe trail pass. It is also possible to rent snowshoes for the day without a trail pass for \$10.

Glenview Cottages ([www.glenviewcottages.com](http://www.glenviewcottages.com)) is located on the west side of Highway 17 just north of Sixth Line. They have several loop

trails which are part of the Voyageur Trail system; including the main trail there are almost 5km of connecting trails including one past the 'big pine'. While Glenview has daily visitors pass (\$4 per person; which includes access to the sauna and hot tub) their practice is to waive the fee for Voyageur Trail users who just wish to use the trails. All visitors are asked to check-in at the Glenview office before parking on the property and accessing the trail. *(continued on page 7)*

## Snowshoeing at Stokely Creek Lodge *by Carole Blaquiere*

Stokely Creek Lodge is the perfect location to try out one of the fastest growing winter sports. Along Stokely's wilderness trails you will find pristine lakes, babbling creeks and majestic frozen water falls. Go quietly and you might share the trail with moose, otters, and pileated woodpeckers. Located in the Algoma Highlands, just north of Sault Ste. Marie and embracing King Mountain, Stokely Creek Lodge is a great place to depart for cross country snowshoeing adventures. Bob Yankus and Lucie Gagnon, long time friends of Stokely Creek have developed a world class snowshoe trail system. The snowshoe trails include: Otters Trail (1km out and back)-- Lucies's Mukluks Loop (1km)-- Cedar Cliffs Loop (1km loop)-- Creekside Trail (10 km out and back)—and the King Mountain Trail (aproximately 10 km out and back). Stokely also has snowshoes for rent. During the past summer and fall season the snowshoe trail

system has been significantly increased with the extension of the Creekside Trail and the King Mountain trail. The Creekside trail continues along Stokely Creek up to two wonderful waterfalls and a beaver pond. The plan is to extend it all the way to Stokely Lake. On King Mountain, a new snowshoe trail will branch off from the existing trail going to the West Peak of King Mountain. This trail will pick up the east peak and extend over to the Frozen Water Fall with a number of spectacular views along the way.



If you are interested in checking these new trails, check out the Stokely Snowshoe Event on January 17<sup>th</sup>. This event features guided snowshoe hikes with the trail designers. Lunch is included for those who make it to the top of King Mountain. Cost for this event is \$15.

For further information Stokely Creek Lodge can be reached at 649-3421 or at [info@stokelycreek.com](mailto:info@stokelycreek.com), <http://www.stokelycreek.com>

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The Crimson Ridge Golf Course ([www.crimsonridge.com](http://www.crimsonridge.com)) is closed for the season but they keep their parking lot plowed so access to the trail head of the loop trail is usually possible off of Third Line West. Access to this loop is also possible by following the main trail east of Goulais Avenue.

## Thank You Landowners!

Once again, the VTA would like to acknowledge and thank our landowner partners for their generosity in allowing us to access their lands with our trail systems. Your continued support is greatly instrumental in providing an opportunity for the public to enjoy beautiful Northern Ontario!

A letter will be circulated to each landowner with this newsletter. Please take the time to respond so that the VTA can keep its landowner database current and accurate.

## VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FORM

*(please print)*

\*Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Please check one:  New Member  Renewal Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Individual—\$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Family or Group—\$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- (\*please provide names)
- Student (full-time) - \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Donations (tax receipt will be sent) = \_\_\_\_\_
- Charitable Reg. #119261923RR0001
- VTA Crest—\$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2007 Guidebook\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Members \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-Members \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*limit of 2 per member)  
 Shipping for mailed guidebooks—\$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

For topography maps, call Steve at 705-946-2484  
**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** = \_\_\_\_\_

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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!!



**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 falling 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.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:**

- ◇ TRAIL DEVELOPMENT
- ◇ HIKE LEADER
- ◇ ORGANIZATION—EXECUTIVE, DIRECTORS
- ◇ SORRY NOT AT THIS TIME
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- ◇ SPECIAL EVENTS, CONFERENCES, DINNERS
- ◇ NEWSLETTER, GUIDEBOOK, PHOTOGRAPHY
- ◇ PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
- ◇ 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 a member of the following club \_\_\_\_\_.



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