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REMEMBERING SUMMER HIKES

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The Voyageur Trail Association Executive is currently as follows;

President	-Peter Stinnissen
Vice President	-Tom Baxter
Second Vice President	-Vacant
Secretary	-
Treasurer	-Dieter Ropke
Membership Secretary	-Patrick Capper
Trailmaster	-Paul Syme
Landowner Recorder	-Ian Hamilton
Editor	-Steve Taylor

THE COVER

If this particular issue of the newsletter has a theme, it involves remembering last years treks. The product of an expedition usually includes improved body health, declining equipment health, memories, and one or more group photos. The group may be posing in a parking lot before the trip, standing in front of a run-down shack, sitting on a lunchtime log, or standing in the woods. Our cover photo was taken on July 14, 1984. The location is at the intersection of the Saulteaux and Echo Ridges sections northeast of the Sault. The group had just triumphed over a swamp by hummock and log hopping. Clockwise from the top left are Liz Hansen, Vince Nealis, Patrick Capper, Brian Williams, Ian Mackinnon, Eunice Bostelaar, Dorothy Buskard, Paul Chapman, Ken Kansikas, Tom Allinson, and Steve Taylor. Steve Dominy can be seen lying in the foreground, no doubt scheming about tapioca pudding.

TRAIL MIX

Information on two significant upcoming events which are of special interest to hikers, and which in fact are hosted by hikers, appears in this newsletter. Anyone who is outdoors oriented may wish to consider spending Saturday afternoon on February 22 at the YMCA in Sault Ste Marie for a hiking workshop hosted by the Saulteaux section of the VTA. These same people will also want to note the conference for the May long weekend that has been organized by Hike Ontario. Both events

should provide for a useful exchange of information on a wide variety of outdoor topics.

Information for the next newsletter should reach the editor by April 10. Hike schedules from the different clubs for the summer are encouraged for this issue.

The Voyageur Trail is closed on Monday February 3.

One of our members has some advice for cross country skiers. Apparently, he has seen evidence that dog droppings alter the glide of fish-scale skis. He was not asked to comment on changes to the grip.

Brian Williams has moved to Toronto to pursue a new career. The Saulteaux club was rejuvenated under his guidance as club president. A hearty thanks is extended to him. He still plans to help out with the membership list from down south. Brian; here's hoping you can make it up north for one of our trips next summer.

Rita Bertoli has elected to step down as association secretary. She has decided to remain active by heading the phone committee. Thanks are also in order for Rita for her involvement. Peter Stinnissen is looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

The membership secretary position is now in the capable hands of our past president Patrick Capper. Steve Dominy relinquished this post to move over to fill the Saulteaux Club Presidency vacated by Brian Williams. Good luck to both of you.

The endeavours in 1985 of one of our members should not go unnoticed. Gisela Nolte hiked from Gros Cap to Highway 17 on May 12. In doing so, she helped to raise sufficient money to send nine young people, who are affiliated with the Zion Lutheran Church in the Sault, to a Youth Conference in Montreal. She was accompanied by Steve Dominy and several youngsters, who showed tremendous stamina on this

difficult hike in warm humid weather. Gisela, who is a grandmother, had not hiked much before. She prepared by walking several kilometers at a time in the weeks prior to her hike. Gisela has now left the Sault, but the trail remains. Possibly, it can be used in this way in the future.

The Saulteaux Club's first cross country ski outing of the year took place on January 11 at the Batchewana Lakeshore Resort. Fourteen people attended. We left the Sault under cloudy skies and encountered warm sunshine all day long on the trail. The trails were in excellent condition and were ideal for people with mixed ability because there was a mix of short to medium length loops. Hills were not too severe. An excellent lunch was served in the chalet.

In the past several months, the Voyageur Trail Association has been the recipient of several donations. A special thanks goes out to those of you who have contributed in this way. Our treasurer Dieter Ropke mentions that although membership fees balance many of the debts incurred in the running of the VTA, without donations, we would have difficulty surviving.

Many new members have joined the organization since this publication last mentioned new members. Here is a welcome to all of you. An updated membership list is included in this edition and new members for 1986 are mentioned.

HUGE BIRD NESTS, TAPIOCA PUDDING, DINING IN THE WOOD SHED, AND OTHER NOTES AND BESTS FROM THE TRAIL IN 1985

After much careful deliberation, a list of the best, worst, and most notable trail events, which took place in 1985 on VTA outings, was compiled. If you feel that you have something else which should be contributed to this list, please feel free to send it in for the next newsletter.

Best Sunset of the Summer-At Agawa Bay on July 27, following the Orphan Lake Trail hike. The crystal fine clarity of the pinks and oranges clashing with the black outlines of a few clouds and the hills was inspiring.

Worst Sunset of the Summer-At Pictured Rocks on the Canada Day Weekend. Several hikers were poised by the water with cameras, but the sun just sank without a show of colour (perhaps there were just too few clouds).

Best camp meal of the year-At Stokely on September 28. Other members of the party gazed with watering mouths as Virve Squire and Steve Taylor combined talents to produce french onion soup, spinach salad, pork and potato, and blueberry sauce with dumplings and Devon cream. The meal was topped off with cafe au Grand Marnier and cognac sips. Another strong contender for this one was Tony Romano's bulgar chili at Agawa Bay on the July 27 weekend.

Worst camp meal of the year-Steve Dominy's tapioca pudding which made a brief appearance on the Canada Day weekend Pictured Rocks trek, before it was unceremoniously dumped on the fire. One brave soul described the substance as being rather much like 'a bland chalky paste'. Mr. Dominy wishes to interject that at least one other concoction, which was believed to have been a bulgar rice curry mixture, also wound up on the fire.

Beach of the year-The 20 people who attended the Pictured Rocks hike perhaps didn't quite dine in the fine style that those on the Stokely weekend did (although Grant Hauer's Carrot Cake was excellent), but they were witnesses to some spectacular scenery. Perhaps the best was found around Chapel Beach, in the interior of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan. The 'Chapel' itself guards the east side of the beach and is worth a look. Viewers were amazed at the roots of one old

white pine on top of the chapel. A stream slides over the sandstone and crosses the beach on its way into Lake Superior, providing a perfect toe-soaking spot. Tall cliffs and one spectacular walled turquoise inlet were found immediately west of the location.

Most Interesting Camp Site of the year-Roddy Larsen drove all the way from Wisconsin to sleep in a woodshed on the Stokely hike on September 28-29. She noted that it was "dry and not too bad except for the parade of mice".

Most Unique Blazes-The Penetowobikong Club have pioneered tack-on plastic blazes which seem to be standing up quite well.

Strangest event of the year-Steve Dominy's tapioca pudding. This mysterious mixture seemed to actually liven the fire when it was dumped on.

Youngest hiker of the year-Six year old Mike Podgorski accompanied dad on the Pictured Rocks weekend. By the end, he was tired, but he appeared to be a little more lively than some of the veteran hikers.

View of the year-From the lookout over Orphan Lake and Lake Superior on the Orphan Lake hike in July. This vista shouldn't be missed by anyone who is in the Lake Superior Provincial Park area.

Runner-up for view of the year-The view of two people in a truck driving away while putting on clothing after they were ambushed by VTA hikers on the April 28 hike in the Saulteaux section.

Shortest hike of the year-The August 17 hike terminated after about 1/2 km for two people due to a scenic view and a blueberry patch respectively. The rest of the group was much harder and struggled on about another 1/2 km in the muggy heat. After lunch, which was back at the

blueberry patch by Shaw Dam, some ridiculously ambitious long distance trekkers even went a bit further. After such a strenuous day, most of the group jumped into the water at the Kirkwood tree nursery.

Bird nest of the Year-A huge bird nest, probably belonging to a bald eagle, was spotted from the Lonely Lake Road on the July 13 hike to the lookout above the Coffee Creek Falls. The ambitious bird built its home on a metal frame supporting hydro wires. Birds must be getting more sophisticated than we think when they tap into Ontario Hydro for energy for their nests.

Best glide of the year-The March 2 ski outing in the Saulteaux section just northwest of the Sault occurred over a thick ice crust, so that people accelerated to high speeds on the slightest inclines. One way of navigating through the woods was to push oneself from tree to tree. We considered also referring to conditions on this trip as causing the worst grip of the year.

Most Noteworthy Event of the Year-Steve Dominy's tapioca pudding.

Fall of the year-The current VTA Newsletter editor's plunge into the icy waters of one of the creeks just northwest of the Sault on the April 28 hike. All other hikers, including fourteen adults and two children, made it across safely.

Biggest hill skied up last year-Six hardy or deranged cross country skiers crawled up the hill at the north end of Tower Lake on the Voyageur Trail. This feat was accomplished in -29°C weather on February 2. In spite of the obstacles encountered on the trip, all on hand seemed to enjoy it and were proud of their accomplishments as they mulled it over with mulled wine.

Best wildlife sighting of the year-A cow and calf moose swam in the lake in front of about a dozen entertained on-lookers during the September 28-29 hike at Stokely. The following morning, a bull moose swam across the lake to the near shore in the mist and stood a mere fifty or so feet away from a couple of members of the party.

Quote of the year-From Tom Allinson, who stated that "bushwacking just isn't any fun unless I'm a bit lost".



Outings and Events

SAULTEAUX CLUB

Saturday February 22-"Hiking for Health" workshop. Details are elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

March 8- Bushwack Gros Cap area on skis (difficulty-intermediate)

Meet beside the gas bar in the Stedmans Plaza second line parking lot at 10:00 A.M. sharp. Bring lunch.

April 5- Bushwack Goulais Ave. area (difficulty-intermediate

and details of the trip are weather dependant). Meet beside the gas bar in the Stedmans Plaza second line parking lot at 10:00 A.M. sharp. Bring lunch.

May 3-Hike Red Rock area- We will hike the trail off the Red Rock Road and return to the road along the Superior shore (Approx. 12 km). Bring lunch and meet at Stedmans at 9:30 A.M.

Note that it is not policy for the trip leaders to assume responsibility for accidents on hikes. Leaders are unpaid volunteers. Trip participants should carry suitable clothing for all possible weather conditions and should

have equipment for all possible needs. Be aware that weather conditions can change rapidly when you plan. All are welcome to attend VTA outings unless there is a statement to the contrary.

CANOE TRIP A SUCCESS

Although the Voyageur Trail Association is primarily a hiking club, there is no reason why the trails can't occasionally be on water when canoes are available and the interest is there. On the Labour Day weekend, nine people rested their feet on a VTA canoe outing in Wakami Lake Provincial Park. The park contains a mixture of northern forest types around a large lake oriented north-south, and for those who would rather fight than swish, there is a 50 km hiking trail around the lake as well as several shorter trails. There are drive-to campsites at the north end of the lake, and many others around the lake which must be hiked to or paddled to.

We gathered Friday evening under a full moon in the campsite at the north end and froze. The sun warmed things up the next morning as we observed what we believed to be a black bellied plover in the campground, and then set course for a campsite at the south end of the lake. As we paddled into a stiffening south wind, we quickly realized that canoeing can be every bit as physically demanding as hiking in rough terrain. We ate lunch on a sandbar where we first realized one of the unique things about canoeing. It seems that you can take incredible amounts of food with you, and not even realize it until you stop for a bite. Two days later, we were to find that you can also take most of it back home with you.

As we continued to fight our way down the lake past the hills that were bobbing up and down, ospreys glided overhead in the at first warm blue and then cloudy skies. By late afternoon, we arrived at a peaceful campsite beside a small cove near the south end and pitched tents. The crew pulled together to construct a fire as everyone, including

young Rachel Squire, helped with the gathering and cutting of wood. Supper was prepared and conversation ensued for a while before the exhausted troop prepared for bed. Just before we hit the sac, we saw a giant moon, veiled by thin cloud, rise above the treetops.

The crew was suddenly awakened by a blast of thunder shortly before 7:00 A.M. the next morning. After about an hour of rain, Darcy Ortiz and I donned raingear to retrieve the food. We had placed it in a canoe tied to a sunken log, and were afraid the canoe would fill up with water. Then, we went to bed for another hour while the rain petered out. The rain was over for the rest of the weekend.

Sunday was more relaxing than Saturday. We cruised around the south end of the lake in the canoes and generally observed nature. At one point, we even landed and hiked for a while on the hiking trail. Lunch was consumed on the rocks by a tumbling stream. Virve Squire unceremoniously discovered that the moss on some of the rocks was slippery. On the way back, I caught a nice sized pike of about a pound and a half. On arrival at the site, it was placed on the fire that had been prepared by Steve Dominy and Jack Squire. We discovered that these two had been playing board games all day (board games usually don't go on hiking trips). After supper, we were back on the Lake for sunset time.

The trip back occurred under ideal conditions with blue sky and light winds. Surely this was the relaxing side of paddling. After a swim at the north end of the Lake, Steve Dominy and I visited the logging museum in the park. If you are ever in Wakami Lake Park, it is well worth saving about two hours for the museum. There are many elegant and ingenious pieces of equipment from Northern Ontario's early logging days.

During the night after returning to the Sault, a tremendous thunderstorm struck. If we had been camping then at the south end of Wakami Lake, it would have been a nerve-wracking experience for

some, and I'm sure we all would have been soaked.

We resolved to plan another canoe outing in 1986. We now have faith that the weather always co-operates with those who plan such events (there hasn't been a Saulteaux outing in the past few years where the weather has been terrible), and we know that canoeing also has its virtues.

Steve Taylor

A VISIT TO KILLARNEY PROVINCIAL PARK

At 8:00 in the morning on Saturday May 11, 1985, two members of the Saulteaux trail group were on their way to try Killarney on for size. A stop was made at Sudbury to pick up a third member of the group and to have lunch. We met our fourth hiker, a member of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club at the camp gate around 2:30.

Our original intention was to do Silver Peaks the hard way. That meant we were going to take the Baie Fine trail as far as it went, and then we were to bushwack on to Silver Peaks, returning to George Lake on the established trail. We talked with an official of the park, and he remarked that the route we had picked was considered to be a twelve day hike. Since we had planned on six days, we revised our thinking and decided to go until Tuesday evening before retracing our steps on Wednesday. Saturday night saw us camped at the second campsite on Lomdsen Lake.

Sunday was warm and pleasant. We followed the 1,700 yard portage from Baie Fine over the Blue Ridge to Three Narrows Lake, which is the steepest portage in the park. All good things come to an end and we finally reached the dam at Three Narrows Lake. This lake is man-made, with the dam being built in 1934. At this point, one has to walk downstream for a few minutes to cross on a bridge over a narrows.

We camped Sunday night beside Three Arrows Lake. During the night, we were awakened several times by what seemed to be someone throwing large stones in the lake, accompanied by 'snuffling' noises. After breakfast on Monday, the mystery was solved when we were visited by four otters. They came quite close to us and put on quite a show.

Monday night saw us at the western end of one of the arms of Three Narrows Lake, after crossing over the 'great bog'. It was a piece of cake. The country was nice and flat and not all that wet, although, legend has it that the early maps of this area used to be captioned; "beyond here be dragons".

Temperatures reached 80°F on Monday and the sweat ran freely. At least the male members sweated but the ladies apparently perspired.

Tuesday was the last day before turning around so we left the tents and sleeping bags on site and headed out along the La Cloche mountains for the day. Views were spectacular with the temperature in the 80's again. This far in, the trail becomes a little harder to find. A lot of the blue flagging tape is on the ground (I think the moose untie the knots). We got back to our campsite around 1700 hours.

Wednesday night brought us back to our campsite at Three Narrows Lake. No otter tonight though. What we got instead was an eleven hour rain. The precipitation was very co-operative though. It didn't start until seven in the evening. We had eaten, so outside of making us retire early, it didn't really bother us.

Thursday night was spent at an idyllic campsite on a narrows between Acid Lake and another small lake. At least it was idyllic on Thursday evening. During the night, the temperature dropped to 40°F accompanied by high winds. The only thing that kept the tents from blowing away was the fact that we were in them.

We got back to George Lake shortly before noon on Friday, checked out, said our goodbyes, and started for home. We found that Killarney was much bigger than we were, but all that means is that there is still some trail left for next year.

Tom Allinson

TRIBUTE TO MRS SHEILA RENAULT

Sheila Renault passed away in November, 1985 after a lengthy illness. She was a member of the Wawa branch of the Voyageur Trail Association, and was very active in the club, having been secretary treasurer for the last five years. Sheila was also active in the community of Wawa for many years, serving as member of the board of directors of both the Michipicoten Township Public Library and the Sault College Board of Governors. She was librarian at the Michipicoten High School from 1968-1979. Her interest in the community and participation in many organizations will be sadly missed.

HIKING WORKSHOP

The Voyageur Trail Club (Saulteaux Section) is proud to present a workshop entitled HIKING FOR HEALTH on Saturday February 22, 1986 at the YMCA auditorium, Sault Ste Marie Ontario.

ALL ARE WELCOME

ADMISSION IS FREE

TIME - 2:00 P.M. UNTIL ABOUT 9:30 P.M.

Talks are to include the following;

- 1- HIKING AND BACKPACKING-A NOVICE APPROACH - by Willard Kinzie, noted speaker and outdoor enthusiast from Willard's Adventure Expeditions, Barrie Ont.
- 2- FINDING YOUR WAY IN THE WOODS - by Sally Childs, instructor at Lake Superior State College

- 3- FOOD AND DRINK FOR THE TRAIL - by VTA outdoor enthusiasts Darcy Ortiz and Virve Squire.
- 4- FIRST AID FOR WALKERS - by Andre Riopel, physiotherapist with the Group Health Centre in Sault Ste Marie.
- 5- EMERGENCY OUTDOOR SURVIVAL TACTICS - by Glen Humphreys, local authority on outdoor survival.

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION CLUB NEWS -
MICHIPICOTEN CLUB

The year 1985 was an eventful one in the short history of the Michipicoten Club, although it ended on a sad note with the passing away of Sheila Renault. We will all miss her.

The club has developed a way of rewarding the efforts and talents of people such as Sheila Renault, who have volunteered countless hours of their time to maintain trails and in organization. Club president Phil Egan is developing blue diamond-shaped trail signs on which is routed the name of a hardworking club member. For a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer labour, club members can have a side of one kilometer of trail named after them.

Our club membership also topped 25 this year, and a new executive was formed. New Club President Phil Egan was assisted by Vice-President Kris Stinnissen, Secretary Treasurer Sheila Renault, and Publicity Co-ordinator Dorothy Egan. The infusion of new

members helped change the club from a task-oriented trail building organization to a more socially oriented group, with emphasis on hiking as a fun activity. To this end, monthly hikes were organized for both club members and the public. Bird watching and observation of wild-flowers were popular activities.

Despite the occasional cancellation due to rain, the events were well attended. The hikes on the Gargantua Harbour and South Old Woman trails in Lake Superior Provincial Park were enjoyed by 12 and 18 people respectively. Rain didn't always deter hikers as Trail Master Pete Onchulenko can attest to. He led a group of undaunted local hikers around the mission village through the pouring rain.

Club activities were not limited only to hikes. Trail building crews were successful in completing the trail link between Fort Friendship and the Bridget Lake Mine, five kilometers south on the coast of Lake Superior. This trail section is extremely rugged and challenging with the footpath winding its way along the cliffs and valleys of the coast of Lake Superior. The sights along the trail are spectacular, especially the numerous lookouts over moody Lake Superior.

The climax of the hiking season was a year end banquet, held, appropriately enough, at the local Voyageur Restaurant. With a successful year behind us, we are all looking forward to what we hope will be a great time in 1986.

TAKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE OUT OF THE CLOSET

Long-distance hikers are thought of as the elite of the sport. The picture of the self-sufficient hiker striding through a thousand miles of back country is a lot more exciting than that of the maintenance volunteer creeping along a few miles of trail in the hot sun clearing briars and picking up garbage as he goes.

We have to get away from looking at maintenance as a "duty" and as "work", and start selling it as a fun sport separate from hiking - with its own types of equipment, styles, methods, approaches, rewards, etc. Maybe we should go out on a limb and sell maintaining as the sport that gets you into nature(literally!). Unlike simple hiking, maintenance exerscises the whole body, requires a variety of skills and knowledge of the out-

doors, and makes a contribution. We all know that, with modern equipment, it is possible to back-pack without ever having to touch the ground.

Let's take trail maintenance out of the closet. Why is the maintenance volunteer looking up to the hiker? Why is the greater dream to walk 2000 miles and not to maintain the perfect five mile section?

We can improve our trail maintenance by recognizing the efforts of the people we have and by recruiting more people through a program that demonstrates our true concern for, and belief in, the importance of maintenance.

(adapted from The Register, a newsletter of the Appalachian Trail and from Caledon Comment, a newsletter of the Caledon Hills B.T.C.)



TRAIL CAPTAINS

A trail captain's job is not a difficult one: you are assigned several kilometers of trail and asked to check its condition at least twice a year. Minor maintenance tasks you handle yourself; touching up blazes, picking up litter, clearing small deadfalls, trimming back overgrowth. Major tasks are reported to the trailmaster and a team of volunteers clears up the problem.

We can still use more trail captains. In particular need are portions of the Thessalon, Desbarats and Echo Ridges Sections and the northern extension of the Sauleaux Section.

Please volunteer by contacting Paul Syme (49 Huntington Park, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., P6A 3P3; (705) 254-4791 (home); (705) 949-9461 (work)

Have your own piece of the Voyageur Trail and develop a real sense of pride in its quality.

1985 MEMBERS LIST

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION

SAULTEAUX SECTION - TOTAL OF 95 MEMBERS

885	Adams, Mrs. Rita & Paul	254-2068	* 813	Dominy, Stephen	942-3042
* 126	Allinson, Tom	256-8742	847	Donovan, John	253-3461
* 629	Anderson, John	942-1678	1040	Fasanello, Helen	779-2753
895	Aspinall Fran	254-5839	1035	Foster, H.W.	254-4875
881	Ballak, Alan & Helen	942-6620	1041	Frankenhuyzen, Kees Van	759-2965
1025	Bennett, Michael	N/A	1007	Gabel, Lorna	253-6428
* 189	Bertoli, Rita	949-9277	1027	Gillis, David	254-5604
1005	Boyonoski, Nick	253-9885	840	Girardi, Lynne	949-4381
318	Bullock, Lois	253-3091	1008	Gotuaco, Barbara & Barney	256-7362
778	Buskard, Dorothy	759-2147	1042	Gringorten, Larry	949-7953
* 626	Capper, Patrick	253-4470	690	Guerrero, James & Doreen	253-7950
* 227	Cayford, Mr. & Mrs. J. H.	253-8516	779	Hamilton, Ian & Sheila	253-5706
832	Chapman, Paul	N/A	14	Harvey, George	253-4008
862	Chong, Nancy	N/A	300	Hickey, Father James	N/A
* 600	Cohen, Robert & Joy	942-0297	688	Hutchinson, Bob & Helen	254-3648
* 897	Comfort, Alan	949-1822	* 268	Jondreau, Nancy	253-7974
858	Costa, J. 1st Searchmont Boy Scouts	781-4341	* 851	Kansikas, Ken	256-2706
890	Coulas, Brian	256-5182	* 34	Kersey, Eve	253-1517
883	Cranston, Bruce	253-8122	796	Kidd, Donna	N/A
1039	Currell, Bob	942-2730	1026	Kingsford Rd Group Home	942-5544
1006	David, Catherine	942-3914	765	Kniivila, Paul	949-0520
1023	Davies, Helen	N/A	* 273	Lawrence, Florence	906-632-7483
287	Dennison, Russ	254-4077	1029	LeBlanc, Valerie	949-3416

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MICHIPICOTEN SECTION - TOTAL OF 28 MEMBERS

1010	Baronette, Claire & Ray	856-7029	834	LeFeuvre, Barbara	856-4338
124	Baxter, Tom	856-7206	692	Leschishin, Barb & Mark	856-7466
1011	Berkins, Gerry & Nellie	856-2451	1017	LeVeille, Jean & John	856-4376
1012	Berduco, Ed & Pat	856-7183	631	Mills, Ralph	856-2213
1016	Brooks, Joan	856-7083	604	Onchulenko, Pete	856-2826
1030	Chalykoff, Mike	856-2082	424	Ostermeier, Agnes & Max	856-4473
764	Chauvin, Mike & Marney	856-2519	705	Owen, Anne & Mark	856-7319
1013	Connell, Danny & Denise	856-4299	1018	Pitre, Carol & Yvon	856-7483
444	Crozier, Don & Jean	856-7040	460	Renault, Sheila	856-7123
805	Egan, Dorothy & Phil	856-2226	1019	Romer, Inga & Klaus	856-2203
710	Hammett, James	856-4347	573	Smith, Mrs. Edith	856-4303
1015	Jenkins, Lloyd	N/A	365	Stinnissen, Peter & Kristine	856-4270
1014	Keith, Gary & Sandy	889-2153	1020	Thomas, Fr. Randall	856-2032
465	Kontschieder, Pete	856-2180	* 699	Turgeon, Sister Dolores	856-4258

PENEOBIKONG SECTION - TOTAL OF 15 MEMBERS

782	Archambault, Mrs. Helen	356-7648	892	Menard, Kaye	356-7198
1032	Berry, David & Verna	356-9808	229	Merseth, M.O.	356-7608
731	Giles, Pat	N/A	* 293	Phillips, Harold & Mary	356-7640
614	Grainer, E. Edward	N/A	674	Pritchard, Mr. & Mrs. A.R.	356-7187
681	Kerr, George	356-7408	893	Provencher, Henry G.	356-7816
36	Lediatt, Norman	356-7608	* 781	Puhm, Mr. A.	356-9817
431	Lediatt, Vernon	356-7730	675	Sellers, Randal	N/A
732	Lediatt, Vernon	N/A			

OTHER SECTIONS - TOTAL OF 28 MEMBERS

3	Echo Ridges	10	Rainbow	21	Thunder Bay	29	Goulais River
4	Desbarats	11	Little Current	22	Nipigon		
5	Thessalon	12	Sheguiandah	23	Casque-Isle		
		14	Sudbury	25	Pukaskwa Park		
4	171 Bell, Lex & Tita	782-6618	23	718 Jessup-McGrath, Heather	824-2110		
11	574 Gingaman, Dan	368-3176	5	668 Juhola, Ruth	N/A		
5	669 Brown, Bettie	N/A	4	598 Keast, John & Jean Hershey	785-3534		
29	1021 Carmichael, Neil	949-2547	23	772 McGrath, Mr & Mrs Michael	824-2056		
23	472 Collinson, William E.	824-2774	29	482 Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Derroll	649-2859		
22	578 Crawford, David	887-3827	* 21	491 Petch, Judith	344-1012		
23	866 Falcioni, Ralph & Patricia	622-4296	* 4	7 Ropke, Dieter & Erika	253-8375		
* 10	410 Fanning, Bob & Enid	416-298-7250	14	818 Schoenefeld, M & D	522-3085		
5	742 Fleming, Horace	N/A	21	1003 Scott, John	852-3665		
4	219 Haavisto, Fred	782-6864	* 12	237 Smit, Jack & Evelyne	848-9863		
* 23	585 Hamel, Arlene	824-2074	25	774 Tierney, Karen & Jim	229-1229		
3	80 Hansen, Barry	248-2897	12	860 Wittman, Mike	848-2171		
12	859 Hauguth, Hedi	848-3852	* 10	13 Wood, Ralph & Gene Ann	339-2899		
23	814 Hodgins, C & M. Phillion	825-3969	10,14	804 Zalan, Peter	522-1983		

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ASSOCIATION-AT-LARGE - TOTAL OF 47 MEMBERS

1031	Acker, Robert, Chicago, IL	*	345	Lemanski, Larry, Lansing, MI
886	Beckerton, Sheila, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.		1002	Leslie, John & Jill
* 744	Berens, Barbara, Austin, Texas		802	Mackiewicz, Michael, Minneapolis, MN
894	Booth, Ralph, Toronto, Ontario		887	McLean, Ross, Guelph, Ontario
* 769	Bowyer, Dave, Kitchener, Ontario		899	McQuarrie, Craege, Spragge, Ont.
351	Boyce, Bill, South Bend, In.		1028	Mariotti, Frank, Copper Cliff, Ont.
1038	Brindel, Gerry, Charlevoix, MI	*	728	Muma, Walter, Toronto, Ontario
771	Cann, Andrew, Eden Mills, Ontario		708	Nadir, Mark, Toronto, Ontario
489	Cartwright, Kay, Kingston, Ontario		809	Newman, Joyce, Mississauga, Ont.
259	Chi-Cheemaun, M.S. North Bay, Ontario		654	Paavila, Jack, Alexandria, Ont.
1001	Cooley, Jean, Bethesda, MD	*	891	Ramig, Kurt D. New York, N.Y.
1043	Duffy, Shawn, Petosky, MI	*	207	Small, David, Pickering, Ontario
* 863	Ellis, Delmar, Sarnia, Ontario		652	Smith, Jean, Toronto, Ontario
363	Fast, Paul, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario	*	873	Stewart, John, Ottawa, Ontario
31	Fliess, Henry, Don Mills, Ontario		773	Strong, Allan, Waterloo, Ontario
586	Gingras, Marcel, Chilliwack, B.C.		582	Tavadia, Jamshed, Toronto, Ontario
753	Gonsik, Peter, Toronto, Ontario		360	Thompson, Arthur, Dunnville, Ont.
870	Gourlie, Al & Christine, Richards Landing		1024	Tick, Frank, Downsview, Ontario
777	Hofmann, Hank & Marian, Ottawa, Ontario	*	484	Toronto Hiking & Conservation Club
379	Jacobs, Robert, Royal Oak, MI	*	874	Watts, Raymond, Ottawa, Ontario
* 562	Janis, Andrew, Youngstown, OH		889	Wood, John & Joy, Thunder Bay, Ont.
831	Keller, Lawrence, Raleigh, N.C.		877	Wright, Allan, Sudbury, Ontario
* 559	Kelly, James, Waterford, MI		819	Young, James, Utica, MI
* 698	Larsen, Roddie, Menasha, WI			

* Indicates payment of 1986 dues received.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 1986

ASSOCIATION

1047	Gunn, John, Thornhill, Ontario
1051	McDonald, Rob, Ottawa, Ontario
1050	Rodgers, J. Ann Arbor, MI
1052	Kopin, Sister Marie Mt Pleasant MI

SAULTEAUX SECTION

1044	Baldwin Ken	942-1959
1049	Campbell, Jeff,	
837	Fuller, Janet	942-2951
106	Pandzic, Jacob	253-3423
1048	Robinson, Bill	949-4956
1045	Stephenson, Ann	942-6906
1046	McGregor, Peter	254-1354

"Broadening Horizons"

Second Ontario Hiking Conference

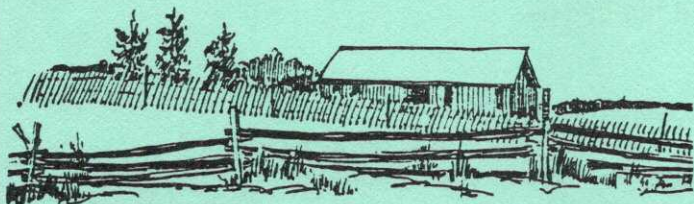
May 16 to May 19, 1986

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

**Hike
Ontario!**



Hike Ontario! Conference, 22 Argyle Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2P2



Plan to spend the long May weekend '86 discovering new trails, learning new skills and making new friends at the second Hike Ontario conference, May 16th to 19th at the University of Guelph.

Register now for this family event and take advantage of the reduced fee. The program is designed with the whole family in mind, with special events for children, hikes to appeal to all ages, and workshops and discussions on many exciting topics.

Participation is the name of the game. Either in Saturday afternoon sessions or in the free-for-all of the Town Meeting, participants will have opportunities to air their views and contribute to the hiking scene. Proposal sheets and a Suggestion Box mean suggestions will be formally considered by the Hike Ontario directors. The Sunday afternoon trail-planning session will help develop skills in working together to improve the trail network. There will also be lots of opportunities for informal get-togethers over meals, at the social hour and on hikes.

The keynote speaker will be the Hon. Vince Kerrio, Minister of Natural Resources, who will address the subject of the role of government in hiking trails.

A highlight of the program will be "High Arctic Journey", a presentation by internationally known conservationists and film makers, Janet and John Foster. The Fosters' interest in camping, wilderness hiking and canoeing has resulted in such exciting nature photography as the CBC-TV shows "This Land" and "To the Wild Country".

The University of Guelph has several trails in the Arboretum, adjacent to the campus; maps are available for these walks and for a self-guided tour of the campus. The Macdonald-Stewart Art Centre, also on campus, is well worth a visit, and the swimming pool and other athletics facilities are available for a small daily fee.

There will be activities for preschool children, baby-sitting will be available, and outings are planned for school children.



Illustrations by Stephen Lewis

Hike Ontario! is the Federation of Ontario Hiking Trails Associations.

Members of Hike Ontario! are:

Avon Trail Association, Box 384, Stratford, Ontario N5A 6T3

Bruce Trail Association, Box 857, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3N9

Ganaraska Trail Association, Box 1136, Barrie, Ontario L4M 5E2

Grand Valley Trails Association, Box 1233, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4G8

Guelph Trail Club, Box 1, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6J6
Rideau Trail Association, Box 15, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V6

Thames Valley Trail Association, Box 821, Terminal B, London, Ontario N6A 4Z3

Voyageur Trail Association, Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5L2

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Friday, May 16, 1986

5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Registration
Get-acquainted party and hikes

Saturday, May 17

7:00 am

Bird watching
Jog around the campus

9:30 am- 5:30 pm

Displays

9:30 am-11:30 am

Opening Session
Hon. Vince Kerrio, Minister of Natural Resources
Opportunities for Ontario Hiking: Chairman, Gordon Thompson, President of Hike Ontario; Ray Lowes, father of Ontario trails; Doug Robertson, Executive Director of the Bruce Trail Association; Douglas Campbell, National Trail Association of Canada

11:30 am- 1:30 pm

Outdoor barbecue

1:30 pm- 3:00 pm

Sessions

3:30 pm- 5:00 pm

Sessions

7:00 pm

Opening of the Art Exhibition arranged by artist Stephen Lewis; Faculty Club

8:00 pm-10:30 pm

Square dance with caller David Williamson
Slide presentations: a) Hiking in Faraway Places
b) Bruce Peninsula National Park; Robert Day, Georgian Bay Islands National Park

Sunday, May 18

7:30 am- 9:00 am

Sunrise service

8:00 am- 9:30 am

Open-air pancake breakfast

9:30 am- 5:30 pm

Displays

9:30 am-11:30 am

Town Meeting: Setting Goals for Hiking Trails

11:30 am- 6:00 pm

Art Exhibition, Faculty Club

1:30 pm- 5:00 pm

Workshops/Wrap-up session and Theme hikes

5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Social hour, Faculty Club

6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Banquet and presentation of awards, followed by "High Arctic Journey", slides and narration by Janet and John Foster

9:30 pm

Bierdo Brothers, the colourful folk group

Monday, May 19

7:00 am

Bird watching
Jog around the campus

9:30 am

All-day hikes or informal discussion groups

Conference Registration

Choice of sessions workshops or hikes

Please enter in the table below the program reference numbers of the sessions, workshops and hikes that you wish to attend. Indicate an alternative in case your first choice is full. On Sunday you have time for either a workshop or hike but not both.

	Saturday Sessions				Sunday Workshops or Hike	
	1:30-3:00 pm (a)		3:30-5:00 pm (b)		1:30-4:30 pm (c)	
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	1st Choice	2nd Choice	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Person 1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Person 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Person 3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Person 4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Person 5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Send your registration to:

Hike Ontario Conference '86
22 Argyle Dr.
Guelph, Ontario
N1G 2P2



Registration Form

Registration Fees

Fee before Apr. 15/86	_____	Individual	\$25.00	\$ _____
	_____	Family	\$40.00	\$ _____
Fee after Apr. 15/86	_____	Individual	\$30.00	\$ _____
	_____	Family	\$45.00	\$ _____

Registration Total \$ _____

Special Meals

(Includes 7% sales tax)

	Adults	Total	Child	Total
BBQ Lunch (SAT)	.... x \$ 6.75 =	\$ _____	.... x \$6.75 =	\$ _____
Pancake Breakfast (SUN)	.... x \$ 5.75 =	\$ _____	.... x \$2.90 =	\$ _____
Banquet (SUN)	.... x \$13.45 =	\$ _____	.... x \$6.75 =	\$ _____
Box Lunch (MON)	.... x \$ 4.00 =	\$ _____	.... x \$4.00 =	\$ _____
TOTALS		\$ _____		Meal Total \$ _____

Accommodations in U of G Residences

Indicate one of A or B

	Persons	Cost	Total
Package A			
— Single	.... x	\$ 88.50	= \$ _____
— Twin	.... x	\$ 79.50	= \$ _____
— Family (2 twin rooms)		\$246.00	= \$ _____
— Child under 10 sleeping on floor		\$ 21.40	= \$ _____
Package B			
— Single	.... x	\$ 64.25	= \$ _____
— Twin	.... x	\$ 58.25	= \$ _____
— Family (2 twin rooms)		\$185.00	= \$ _____
— Child under 10 sleeping on floor		\$ 17.90	= \$ _____

Twin room to be shared with

Accommodation Total \$ _____

CHEQUE TOTAL \$ _____

Please make cheque payable to: FOHTA CONFERENCE '86

Please place the name of each person registering on this form in the spaces below:

NAME		CLUB AFFILIATION TO BE SHOWN ON BADGE	AGE OF CHILD PARTICIPATING IN YOUTH PROGRAM
FIRST	LAST		
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)

Address to which confirmation is to be sent:

NAME
 ADDRESS
 POSTAL CODE
 PHONE

DESCRIPTIONS OF SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Saturday afternoon

Proposals from these sessions will go to the Sunday Town Meeting

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

- A1 The elements of a trail management plan: how to make it through the next ten years
- A2 Designing an exciting program for your club: ideas to bring club members together
- A3 Backpacking for fitness; Bill Savage, science resource teacher, London Board of Education
- A4 How to develop new trails: Ganaraska and Caledon Hills lead the way
- A5 Designing trails for the disabled; Alan Watson, naturalist at the University of Guelph Arboretum
- A6 Wildflowers on the trail; Nature Centre (20 minute walk from the University Centre)
- A7 Nature photography with Norm Lightfoot, wildlife photographer

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

- B1 The Voyageur Trail: hiking it and working on it; Peter Stinnissen, Lake Superior Provincial Park
- B2 Wilderness first-aid and survival; Bonnie Laurie and Frank Yamich, Humber College
- B3 Securing public trails: government and trails in partnership; Rick Dowson, Grand River Conservation Authority
- B4 Keeping in touch: a workshop for newsletter editors and other communicators
- B5 Walking with Katz: where to go and what to take; hints from author Elliott Katz
- B6 Identifying birds on the trail; Nature Centre (20 minute walk from the University Centre)
- B7 Edible wild plants: recognition and conservation; Alan Watson, naturalist. Arboretum Centre (20 minute walk from the University Centre)

Sunday afternoon

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Planning the Ontario Trail System: Making the most of our volunteers. Participants will include Douglas Campbell, National Trail Association of Canada; John Saywell, Executive Director of Sentiers Quebec; representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

- C1 Section one. The National Trail perspective in Ontario; co-ordinator Doug Robertson, Executive Director of the Bruce Trail Association.
- C2 Section two. Improving Hike Ontario trail clubs; co-ordinator Wm. Thorsteinson, management consultant.

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

- C3 A walk through old Guelph
- C4 Orienteering with the Guelph Gators at Arkell: three levels of difficulty and introduction for beginners
- C5 Geology on the trail: a hike with University of Guelph geologist Ward Chesworth
- C6 Outdoor sketching with Guelph artist Marlene Jofriet
- C7 Trees on the trail: a hike with John Ambrose, Curator of the University of Guelph Arboretum
- C8 Historic railways: a visit to Halton Country Electric Railway Museum

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm Wrap-up session: "Where do we go from here?"

Monday hikes

Participants do not need to pre-register for these events. Hikes will be in attractive countryside within 60 km. of Guelph. Car pools will be arranged as needed: 9:30 am onwards.

Guelph area trails
Grand Valley Trail
Crawford Lake and Rattlesnake Point (historic Indian Village and buffalo pound)
Hockley Valley, in a dramatic part of the Niagara escarpment
Canoeing down the Grand River: a rapid-free trip. Bring your own canoe.

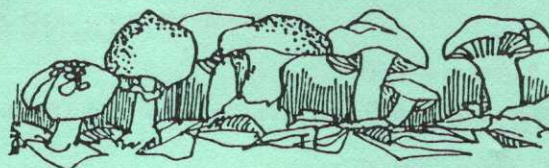
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday May 18

9:15 am - 5:15 pm

Pre-school activities and babysitting. School-age program including visits to Kortright Wildfowl Park, Electric Railway Museum, and a nature program. Bierdo Brothers concert for children. Babysitters available in evening.

Registration



Please complete *both sides of the registration form* and send it to the address shown. Confirmation of registration including directions to the conference registration desk will be sent to you by mail.

Registration for the conference will be at Lambton Hall, University of Guelph from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm Friday, May 16 and at the University Centre from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday, May 17.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation is available on-campus in student residences. Both single and twin rooms — all with shared washroom facilities — are available. Note that family rate is based on 4 persons in two twin rooms; all prices include sales tax and meals as specified. Children under 10 years of age may share parents' room, in a sleeping bag on the floor, in which case the children are charged only for meals.

Package A

Accomm. Fri., Sat., Sun.
(3 breakfasts, 1 lunch
and 1 dinner)

Single	\$88.50/person
Twin	\$79.50/person
Family	\$246.00/family
Child	\$21.40

Package B

Accomm. Sat. & Sun.
(2 breakfasts, 1 lunch
and 1 dinner)

Single	\$64.25/person
Twin	\$58.25/person
Family	\$185.00/family
Child	\$17.90

Hotel accommodation is also available at the Holiday Inn (phone 836-0231, 1 Km), the Biltmore Hotel, (phone 822-9112, 0.5 Km), and the College Motor Inn (phone 836-1240, 0.5 Km). Camping is available on a non-reservation basis in Grand River Conservation Authority parks at Guelph Lake and Rockwood both about 13 Km from the conference site.

MEALS

All meals except the special meals mentioned below are included in the accommodation packages and delegates residing in the university residences are required to take meals in campus cafeterias. Some special meals are planned: BBQ lunch, Sat. May 17; Pancake breakfast, Sun. May 18; and the banquet on Sun. May 18. The Pancake breakfast is included in packages A and B but can also be purchased separately by other registrants. Other special meals must be reserved and purchased separately; they are available to all registrants. A box lunch is available for purchase by those wishing to hike on Monday, May 19. For those staying off-campus meals can be purchased on-campus on a cash basis or obtained at nearby commercial establishments.

TRANSPORTATION

Guelph is easy to reach by bus or train from Toronto. It is 70 Km from Toronto airport (Red Car Service 1-519-824-9344). A special bus will leave from Yorkdale at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 16, returning from Guelph at 4:30 pm on Monday (details in Toronto Bruce Trail Club newsletter "Footnotes", or Ron Baylis, 1-416-445-2628).

IMPORTANT

1. All on campus accommodations packages must be purchased in advance.
2. Special meals must also be purchased in advance.
3. *No refunds after April 30th.* Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by this date.
4. Conference registration limited to 500 people.

Questions should be directed to the conference registration chairman:

Jim Pierce Phone 519-821-3057



VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 5L2.

THE TRAIL USERS CODE

- Hike only along marked routes. -Do not climb fences, use the stiles.
- 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 (better still, carry lightweight hiker's stove).
- Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- Never strip bark from trees. -Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- Keep dogs on the leash on or near farmland.
- Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.

The membership year of the Association runs from January 1st to December 31st. Dues paid after November 1st will be applied to the next membership year.

Fee includes membership in one Voyageur Trail Club. To join additional V.T. Clubs, add an extra \$2.00 (\$1.00 for student) for each Club.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

NEW [] or RENEWAL [] (Please check.)

Sections (please check)

- ☐ Association-at-large
- ☐ Saulteaux V.T.C.
- ☐ Echo Ridges V.T.C.
- ☐ Desbarats V.T.C.
- ☐ Thessalon V.T.C.
- ☐ Iron Bridge
- ☐ Penewobikong V.T.C.
- ☐ Elliot Lake
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Massey
- ☐ Rainbow V.T.C.
- ☐ Little Current
- ☐ Sheguiandah
- ☐ South Baymouth
- ☐ Sudbury V.T.C.

- ☐ Thunder Bay V.T.C.
- ☐ Nipigon
- ☐ Casque-Isles V.T.C.
- ☐ Marathon
- ☐ Pukaskwa Park
- ☐ Michipicoten V.T.C.
- ☐ Lake Superior Park
- ☐ Batchawana
- ☐ Goulaie

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE () _____

DECLARATION

I have read and will abide by the TRAIL USERS' CODE

_____ signed _____ Date _____

FEES

Individual	-----	@ \$7.00	= -----
Family	-----	@ \$7.00	= -----
Student	-----	@ \$3.00	= -----
Crest	-----	@ \$1.00	= -----
Lapel Pin	-----	@ \$3.00	= -----
Guidebook, Members	-----	@ \$5.00	= -----
Guidebook, Non-Members	-----	@ \$8.00	= -----
Donation (qualifies for income tax deduction) = -----			
Total Amount Enclosed = -----			

SIGN UP A FRIEND