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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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Hunting for Hidden Treasure on the Voyageur Trail

by Steve Dominy

Well I can only conclude that someone was looking out for us again this year. The 2nd annual Voyageur Trail Geocaching Outing on May 16 was met with a wonderful warm and sunny day and the bugs were tolerable. Over 30 people came out to spend about three hours learning about geocaching and taking part in the treasure hunt we developed. The weather certainly added to the enjoyment of those who came to hunt for the small jars (geocaches) and tried to solve the clues. We were pleased to see many non-members; a display board and brochure helped inform them about our trail.

The winners were Ron Tyynela and family, who received a free one-year membership in the Voyageur Trail Association compliments of the Saulteaux Club. They found all 8 geocaches, which were hidden along a two kilometre portion of trail, and solved the clues, all in a little over an hour. Everyone went away with a small prize and was treated to punch and delicious home-baked chocolate chip cookies (compliments of Bev and Shawn).

We are again indebted to Glenview Cottages and Campground for providing wonderful trails and facilities, and the Sault College School of Natural Resources for loaning us

the GPS units. Volunteers who graciously assisted were Bob Sinclair, his wife Lillian and daughter Meagan, and Shawn and Bev Greenwood.

Anyone who wishes to learn about geocaching or using a GPS, but couldn't attend the outing this year, is invited to contact Steve Dominy in the Sault or Phill Barnes in Elliot Lake (see back page of newsletter for phone numbers). The VTA has purchased some Garmin Rino GPS units – both the Saulteaux and Coureurs de Bois Clubs have them and would be happy to share their knowledge with other members.



A Natural Resource for Hikers *by Steve Dominy*

I guess it was one of those few rainy summer days when the only walking I wanted to do was with my fingers – on a mouse and keyboard that is. It had been quite a while since I had visited the Hike Ontario website, so I was pleasantly surprised to see it had been updated with some great new content and a new look. I was particularly impressed by the focus on youth – either aimed at getting young people onto trails, or giving them resources to help get their parents to join them.

I thought I'd share with Voyageur Trail members and friends my top-ten list:

10. A Cool Hiking Stuff section with interesting facts about hiking in Ontario.

9. Resources for Teachers, including Young Hikers Program Activity Resource Booklets and CDs.

8. A Manual of Best Practices to Increase Trail Use by Hikers and Walkers in Ontario, both in summary form and downloadable in its entirety.

7. Lists of books on hiking, separated into kids and adult titles.

6. An ongoing photo contest with monthly winners.

5. A Resources for Parents section with ideas on getting kids started on the trails, including '30 Great Trail Activities' and 'Games for Restless Little Hikers'.

4. An Activities and Games page.

3. Programs for Youth, including a Long Distance Hiker Awards that rewards hikers with a badge if they record and submit their total distance.

2. A Developing Your Hiking Skills section that includes how to predict the weather.

And my number one favourite feature is the banner and new motto on this website – *Hike Ontario: experience it...one step at a time.*



Getting Children Out on the Trails *by Dawn Elmore*

My son will be turning three in September, and it is time to start thinking about introducing him to the many wonderful hiking trails in the area. I have already done this to some degree. My family is lucky enough to live in Goulais River where we happen to have a very short hiking trail that loops around the end of our road. At best, it is 1 kilometre—perfect for two-year olds!

It is amazing how toddlers can find fascination in the small details that we adults usually fail to notice. I did not realize that two trees close together with a small rise between them are called “silly trees” and that

it is really, REALLY fun to race between the silly trees. I also didn't realize that hiking is no longer just plain hiking, it is “playing trail”. And, most importantly, it is very important to pack a Spiderman backpack full of Hotwheels cars just in case you need to take a break from hiking to drive cars in the mud.

Since my son was born three years ago, I have not been able to get out on as many VTA outings as I would like, for obvious reasons. This led me to thinking...how can I lead a VTA outing with my son??

The solution? Lead an introduction to hiking outing for children and include a scavenger hunt! For those of you with

small children, there will be a children's hike and scavenger hunt on Sunday, October 10th at 10am at Hiawatha Highlands. Children of any age are welcome as we will be hiking on stroller-friendly trails.

Remember to phone Dawn at 649-4936 to register to ensure there is a prize for your child at the end of the hunt. All parents and children are welcome to pack a lunch and stay for a post-hike picnic at Hiawatha Highlands.

Hope to see you there!!

A Day at the Cottage *by Phill Barnes*

Every year about mid-July, a couple of Coureurs de Bois Club members invite the entire membership to descend on their cottage. This year, we went to a cottage situated on the north channel of Lake Huron near Thessalon for a day of fun.

Whether you are a canoer, kayaker, hiker, or laze-around-in-the-sun type, you were welcome! It was a BYOB and pot-luck with the Forsyth's supplying the BBQ sausage and hamburgers.

This year, Fred told the water-born types to come early and he took a group out along the shoreline near the cottage in the morning. Later on, in the afternoon before the BBQ went on, he conducted a hike in the bush near the cottage.

It was a great day with lots of companionship. There are always lots of tall tales, fun, and laughter, and this year was no exception. There was tons of great food and another memorable outing.

Thanks Maxine and Fred. Great job once again!



Call for Nominations for the Steve Taylor Award

Nominations are being sought for the annual Steve Taylor Volunteer Award, which was created to honour an individual or group who, during the course of the previous year, contributed in an outstanding way to the goals of the Voyageur Trail Association.

If you know of someone who should be recognized for their commitment and devotion to the VTA, please send your nominations in before September 25, 2010 to the snail mail address: Voyageur Trail Association, P.O. Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 6W3, or email them to: info@voyageurtrail.ca. Please include a short explanation of why you consider this person or persons deserving of the award. This year's winner will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on October 2, 2010.

Paddler's Rendezvous

The sixth annual Paddler's Rendezvous will take place September 10-13, 2010 on St. Joseph Island, Ontario. Paddlers are welcome to come up on Friday night for a long weekend of paddling on the St. Mary's River. The Township of St. Joseph has offered to allow tent camping at the Women's Institute Park in the village of Richards Landing. On Saturday and Sunday, day trips will be organized from the park to a number of locations around the island. For more information, you can contact: Gary De Kock at gdekock@gmail.com, 616-791-9490 or 705-246-1685, or Detlef Berndt at 705-246-1570.



Feeling creative?? Been on the Voyageur Trail lately and have a story you want to get down on paper??... The next newsletter deadline is December 1st!!

*Send your submissions to:
cheryl.landmark@sympatico.ca*

What is Pierre the Bear doing at the Sault Locks??

Susan Graham and Pierre the Bear proudly promoting the VTA.



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.

Mon., Sept. 6 ~ Labour Day holiday family hike on HUB Trail with Gayle. Meet at 1PM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Call 705-942-1891 for more information.

Sun., Sept. 12 ~ Hike the Red Rock trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet at 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Thurs., Sept. 16 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sat., Sept. 18 ~ Hike Stokely Lodge to Robertson Cliffs with Mark (705-254-2356). Meet at 9:30 in Goodlife parking lot to car pool.

Mon., Sept. 20 ~ Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

Thurs., Sept. 23 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

***Sat., Sept. 25** ~ Bike tour on St. Joseph Island to Richard's Landing. Meet at 10:30 am in the parking area on Hwy 548, just off Hwy 17. Bike helmet is mandatory. Bring bike, water, snack, & rain gear.

Bring your own lunch or dine at the Lighthouse Grill before returning. Total return distance about 24 km. Must register in advance with Larry at 705-541-5674 or 705-949-7953.

Thurs., Sept. 30 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sat., Oct. 2 ~ VTA Annual General Meeting @ 2PM in the Prince Township Community Centre, 3042 Second Line West. After the meeting, we will hike the Gros Cap Loop Trail. The general public is welcome! Call 705-949-4105 for more info.

***Sun., Oct. 3** ~ Kayak on Tunnel Lake with Mark (705-254-2356). Call to register.

Thurs., Oct. 7 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sat., Oct. 9 ~ Hike the Odena trail with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet at 10AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Oct. 10 ~ Children's hike and scavenger hunt. Meet at 10AM in the Hiawatha Highlands parking lot. Call Dawn at 705-649-4936 to register.

Thurs., Oct. 14 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

***Sat., Oct. 16** ~ Fall colours hike in the Goulais/Stokely area with Carole/Chris (705-649-2235) Call for details.

Thurs., Oct. 21 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

***Sat., Oct. 23** (rain date Sun., 24th) ~ Hike in Iron Bridge with Susan (705-949-4105) and stop for restaurant dinner afterwards. Meet at 9AM in the Wellington Square Mall to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

Thurs., Oct. 28 ~ Work party with Susan. Tools will be provided. Call 705-949-4105 for meeting place and time.

Sun., Oct. 31 ~ Easy, family hike on HUB Trail with Gayle. Meet at 1PM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Call 705-942-1891 for more information.

Sun., Nov. 7 ~ Gales of November hike at Red Rock with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet at 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Nov. 13 ~ Hike in the Camp Korah area with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet at 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sun., Nov. 14** ~ Hike with Dawn north of the city. Call 705-649-4936 for meeting place and time.

Sun., Nov. 14 ~ Trail Leaders/Adopters Appreciation Evening (by invitation only.)

Mon., Nov. 15 ~ Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. After



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./

voyageurtrail.ca/saulteaux.html

the meeting we will plan our winter outing schedule. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

***Sun., Nov. 21** ~ Hike in the Goulais/Stokely area with Carole/Chris (705-649-2235). Call for details.

***Sun., Dec. 12** ~ Hike (or snowshoe, depending on snow conditions) in the Goulais/Stokely area with Carole/Chris (705-649-2235). Call for details.

Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule

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Fri., Dec. 24 ~ To honour our landowners, the Voyageur Trail is closed.

Sun., Dec. 26 (Boxing Day) ~ Hike (or snowshoe depending on snow conditions) at Glenview Cottages with Don (705-946-9599). We will enjoy some refreshments afterward in the Glenview common room. Meet at Glenview at 10AM. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) ~ Hike (or snowshoe depending on snow conditions) with Ila (705-949-1097). Meet at 10:30 AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat. Jan. 8 ~ Hike in the Crimson Ridge area (or snowshoe depending on snow conditions) with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet at 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Mon., Jan. 17 ~ Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

Coueurs de Bois Club Outing Schedule (Elliot Lake)

For fun, fitness and friendship come and join us. Unless otherwise posted, we meet at 10:00 am in the Sears parking lot. We enjoy regular Tuesday (easy), Thursday (intermediate) and Saturday (easy) hikes. For the latest schedule and photos of past outings check our website at www.coueursdeboiselliottlake.blogspot.com and/or the Elliot Lake Standard Community Board.

PLEASE CONTACT HIKE LEADERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

For outings bring water, lunch and proper footwear. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions. Be prepared to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement". Make sure your fitness level corresponds to the outing level in which you participate.

Hike Levels:

Easy: 2-3 hours Level 1 Ontario

Intermediate: 3-4 hours Level 2 Ontario

SPECIAL OUTINGS PLANNED FOR THIS FALL

Saturday, September 11th
Cobre Lake Trail (intermediate) – Hike Leader:

Jean-Guy Letarte –705-848-2544

The Cobre Lake Trail is located on the east side and just off Highway 639, about 11 km north of Mississagi Park. This 11-12 km hike starts at the parking lot at the west tip of Cobre Lake. The hike begins with a steep climb to the

Coueurs de Bois Club Outing Schedule

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panoramic view of the area. The trail winds through stands of majestic red and white pine and follows the shore of Tenfish, Blue Sky and Cobre Lake with a glimpse of the west tip of Vasseau Lake. Along the trail there is evidence of mining activity that took place in this area in the mid 1900. Please contact Jean-Guy for more information regarding this outing.

Saturday, September 25th

The VTA trail from Rossmere Creek (Elliot Lake) to Birch Lodge (Blind River) (intermediate) – Hike Leader: Fred Forsyth – 705-848-2956

From the Sears parking lot (upper plaza), the group will car pool in vehicles with high ground clearance following the Pipeline (Boline) Road to Rossmere Creek. This is located at the 9.1 Km mark of the CdeB section (access point CB A2a) where the hike will begin. Proceeding south and west to Birch Lodge at the 40.6 Km mark (access point PE A8) of the Penewobikong (Blind River) section. A total distance of 14 Km. This hike will traverse undulating terrain using old logging roads, skidder roads, trapline trails and the portage trail between McGiverin and Grannery Lakes. Look for evidence of logging both old (1920's) and new (1990's). It is reported there is a site of First Nation Historic Significance just prior to entering Maninenda Provincial Park. If the fall is wet be prepared to get your feet wet (you can take wet shoes to change into) while crossing the various creeks on route. If it's a dry fall you can rock hop across these creeks. Part of the trail follows the Crooked Creek valley where you may encounter glacial till which is very slippery when wet. The hike finished at Birch Lodge, North of Blind River where we will carpool to return to Elliot Lake. It is hunting season so wear something that is "bright hunting orange", bring your camera for some excellent photo opportunities, and bring your guide book for reference.

Saturday, October 2nd

Old Baldy Hike (intermediate) - Leaders: Gerry and Nickie Jean – 705-461-6304

We will leave from the Sears Parking lot and carpool to Laurentian Lodge. From the lodge, we will take rented boats across Flack Lake to the trailhead. This 5-6 km trail begins with a very steep climb (430m) to the top of Old Baldy. The lookout offers a spectacular view of Flack Lake and of seven other smaller lakes. The fall colours are an added bonus to this magnificent panorama. The descent is quite steep in places, so caution is advised. Because the boats must be reserved, please advise Gerry well in advance if you want to attend this outing. To cover the cost of the boats, a \$5.00 fee is required of non-members wishing to join us.

Thursday, October 14th

McBean Mountain (intermediate) – Hike leaders: Phill and Liz Barnes – 705-848-8767

We will carpool to McBean Harbour which is situated on the Sagamok Reserve south-west of Massey. The hike begins with an easy but steady climb (450m) that changes to a rocky trail to the peak. The view overlooking the North Channel is magnificent. On a clear day you see Manitoulin Island, the LaCloche mountain range and the many islands that characterize this part of Lake Huron. Because of the distance, hikers are asked to contribute to the cost of the gas and parking.

Jim Miller Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Members of the VTA were honoured to be part of the Jim Miller dedication ceremony on June 12, 2010. The City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Trails Advocacy Committee hosted the official opening and dedication of the James S. Miller Trailhead and the Finn Hill section of the Hub Trail.

Jim Miller was a well known forester, outdoor enthusiast, community volunteer and founding member of the Sault Trails Advocacy Committee (STAC). As a member of STAC, Jim was instrumental in the formulation of the City's Hub Trail Concept and Design Study, and the Cycling Master Plan. He devoted countless hours working to support trails and cycling routes throughout the community. He was an avid hiker and friend of the VTA.



Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Voyageur Trail Association

The following proposed changes will be voted on at the Oct. 2, 2010 Annual General Meeting (changes are in italics or struck-out).

ARTICLE 3—COORDINATING COUNCIL

2. The business of the Association shall be directed by a Coordinating Council, including the following officers who will serve as its executive:

- President,
- Past President,
- Vice-Presidents: East, Central, and West,
- Treasurer/Tool Master, **(Oct. 2007)**
- Recording Secretary,
- Membership Secretary/Landowner Database Administrator, **(Oct. 2007)**
- Publicity Director,
- Database Manager,
- Hike Ontario Representative,
- Guidebook Coordinator,
- Newsletter Editor, and
- a Standing Committee of all club executives but no more than two representatives with voting privileges from each recognized active club (elected by the club's membership).

The number of officers may increase or decrease as deemed necessary by the Coordinating Council. Where possible *Except in the case of President as noted in this Article*, it will be discouraged to hold two positions on the Coordinating Council concurrently. Each person shall have one vote for the transaction of business except the Chair of the meeting. (Refer to Article 3.8).



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In no case shall the Positions of President and Treasurer be held concurrently by the same individual. **(Sep. 2008)**.

The position of President of the Voyageur Trail Association shall be fulfilled on a rotating basis by each Vice-President in turn for a period of two (2) years from election year to election year. The position of President shall be held concurrently with the said Vice-Presidential position.



VTA hikers out enjoying the beautiful summer of 2010 in Lake Superior Provincial Park.

Hike Leadership Course

by Dawn Elmore

This past May, the VTA ran a hike leadership course in Sault Ste. Marie. Twenty-two participants registered and participated in a full-day training session facilitated by Wendy Hoerning, a Hike Ontario trainer.

Participants learned about what to bring on hikes, how to choose trails, leadership techniques, and risk management. Mike Landmark from Sault Ste. Marie and Gerald Jean from Elliot Lake helped Wendy facilitate the course and received their Hike Ontario trainers certification. This means that we now have local trainers next time we want to run a course—and we don't have to pay someone to travel from southern Ontario!

The highlight of the day for me was seeing the wide variety of people who participated. There were a number of Girl Guides from the Trex program (a special branch of Girl Guides for teens who enjoy outdoor adventure and activities), members of the Sault Naturalists, and members of the VTA. The young Trex participants were eager and especially enjoyed the practical scenario training. I learned a few things myself from their creativity!

Overall, it was a great day. Many thanks to the owners of Glenview Cottages who graciously donated space in their common room and trails for the training. Special thanks also go out to the Saulteaux Club for contributing to the lunch and the Community Development Corporation of Sault Ste. Marie & Area for funding the workshop.



Keep An Eye Out for a Lakehead University Researcher out on the Trails this Fall!!

My name is Graham Atkinson and I am a graduate student at Lakehead University. I am currently conducting research to complete my Master's of Environmental Studies in the Nature-Based Recreation and Tourism programme. As many of the trails that are maintained by the Voyageur Trail Association are within the boundary of my study area, I am looking forward to participating in upcoming events this summer and into the fall in hopes of completing the data collection requirements for my thesis.

The research I am conducting examines how closely people's perception of the resource matches different classification of landscapes. Understanding this relationship will help management agencies better provide opportunities to satisfy recreational users in a variety of landscapes. Using a brief questionnaire, I ask about perceptions of characteristics of the physical and social environment that recreational users see around them. This includes thoughts about the level of human development, types of access, size and naturalness, and social encounters.

I hope the rest of your hiking season goes well and I look forward to meeting you on the trails!

If you have any further questions, I can be contacted via the following information:

Graham Atkinson
gatkins1@lakeheadu.ca



Thinking about Holiday Shopping??? Give the Gift of Hiking!!

What better way to show your friends you really care about their health and well-being than to buy them a gift membership in the Voyageur Trail Association. Not only will you be supporting the costs of operating this fine organization and its hundreds of kilometres of trails, but you will be giving those you care about discounts on hiking resources, sending them a regular newsletter, and bringing them into contact with a group of outdoor enthusiasts who will welcome them as family. Memberships can be purchased using the application in this newsletter or through our secure online store (credit card payments are accepted through PayPal) at www.voyageurtrail.ca. We now offer a three year membership option, as well. Talk about the gift that keeps on giving!

Let your Fingers do the Walking!! *By Steve Dominy*

Most trail users have access to the Internet these days. It is a wonderful source of information on new hiking locations, stories from hikers, where to get the right gear and so much more. If you are so inclined, you can easily connect with other hikers around the globe using some of the social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter. Well, here's a little tip that I recently picked up - others may find it useful too.



You can set up **Google Alerts** to keep you posted on your favourite hiking topic. For example, if you enter "voyageur trail" (use double quotes for multiple words), you can receive notices in your Inbox whenever something new shows up on a website, blog, etc. related to that topic. I have set up such an Alert and have been notified when the Coureurs de Bois and Sauleteaux Clubs have added to their blogs, and recently received a story about the National Hiking Trail. That story even spelled Voyageur without the 'u' and Google was smart enough to find it! Quite impressive...

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2. It refreshes the mind.
3. It reduces fatigue.
4. It boosts energy.
5. It gives us time to share and socialize with friends and family.

AND THE LIST GOES ON...

From Hike Ontario Fact Sheet found at <http://www.hikeontario.com/bulletin/factsheets/fact02.htm>

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FORM

(please print)

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Address: _____

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Please check one: New Member Renewal Phone (home): _____

(work/cell): _____ Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Individual—\$25.00 = _____

Family or Group—\$30.00 = _____

(*please provide names)

Student (full-time) - \$10.00 = _____

Donations (tax receipt will be sent) = _____

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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 = _____

Make cheques payable and mail to:

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PO Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd.

Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W3

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Please send my VTA newsletter via: _____
Reminder to upload pdf from VTA web site.
Email address: _____



The Voyageur Trail News is published three times per year. Your articles and photos are welcome! Deadline for the next issue is December 1, 2010.

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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
- ◇ TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- ◇ LANDOWNER LIAISON, RECORDS, MAPS
- ◇ 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 _____.

