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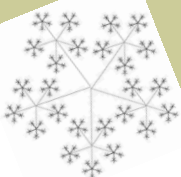
The Voyageur Trail Association is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to building and maintaining a public hiking trail along the northern shores of Lakes Superior and Huron, from Thunder Bay to Sudbury.

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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2011 VTA Annual General Meeting

by Susan Graham

The Sugar Shack on 5th Line in Sault Ste. Marie was the location of the 2011 AGM of the Voyageur Trail Association held October 29, 2011. The Coordinating Council met in the morning to hear updates on several topics; probably the most exciting was the news from the Thunder Bay area, reported by Kelsey Johansen. There are approximately 25 people there who have been investigating the development of a multi-use Rails to Trails project between the town of Red Rock and Thunder Bay, and they would like to form a new Thunder Bay VT Club. If this trail becomes a reality, it would be a significant addition to the Voyageur Trail system as well as the Trans Canada Trail. Kelsey was given permission to proceed with negotiations with CN on behalf of the VTA regarding the Kinghorn Trail development.

We also had a look at the new VTA website being created by Jack Dunning. Jack has made considerable progress on the site and appreciated the feedback from those in attendance. The topic of using social media to contact predominately younger people was raised. It was noted by Gayle Phillips that the VTA has had both a blog and a facebook page for some time, but few are in the habit of posting anything on a regular basis.

Carole Blaquiere reported on the Hike Ontario Summit held in Elliot Lake in October. Six Saulteaux Club members attended as well as the Coureurs de Bois members that hosted it. Alan Day thanked Phill Barnes for his effort in organizing the Summit, which was well attended by Southern Ontario clubs.

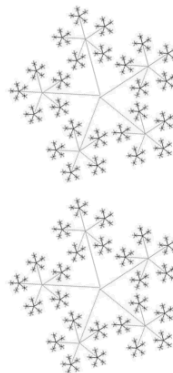
Several issues related to our insurance through Hike Ontario were addressed. One was the requirement that we have a Risk Management Plan. Kelsey Johansen volun-



Alan Day receives Steve Taylor Award

teered to work on one for us, as it is directly related to her work at Lakehead University. There was also discussion on Hike Leader Certification, and the November 12 course scheduled by Mike Landmark.

A Visioning Session is planned for the upcoming year. With the dynamics of the VTA changing, it's time to address where we want to go. We have nearly 40 years of experience with our trail system now, and we need to take a realistic look at what we can achieve. A committee will meet to come up with discussion topics, and the CC and general membership will be asked for input at a later date.



VTA Annual Meeting *cont'd from Page 1*

Sadly, we accepted Alan Day's resignation as President and Vice-President, East due to health problems. Susan Graham has replaced Alan as President, Gail Andrew has replaced Debbie Morettin as Treasurer and Dawn Elmore was acclaimed as Director-at-Large. There were no nominations for 4 positions on the Coordinating Council: VP East, VP West, Recording Secretary, and 2nd Director-at-Large. It is hoped we will be able to fill those positions from either Elliot Lake or Thunder Bay, as there is little representation on the Coordinating Council from outside of Sault Ste. Marie. Many thanks to Gayle Phillips for filling in as Recording Secretary for the AGM.

The Steve Taylor Award was presented to Alan Day for his years of dedication to the VTA and his attention to details, ensuring a number of projects came to fruition. We wish Alan and his wife, Diana, all the best.

Free memberships were drawn from the list of hike leaders and those in attendance on work parties. The three winners were Sylvie Reid, Ted Edgar and Emily Windle. Attendance at the meeting was, again, dismal. (We really missed you!) The Coordinating Council will be discussing options at a later meeting, including the possibility of a "virtual meeting", where we would have the membership respond via electronic means and perhaps get more input.

Following adjournment, there was a hike on the new Hiawatha Loop trail. You would have enjoyed it!

Find us on Facebook!!

We encourage all members to check out the VTA on Facebook. Facebook is a great way to share pictures and thoughts on your favourite hikes, get a group together at the last minute, or to stay in touch with your many VTA friends!! Social media only works if members are using the site...so have a look and consider contributing!

Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club (only) page:
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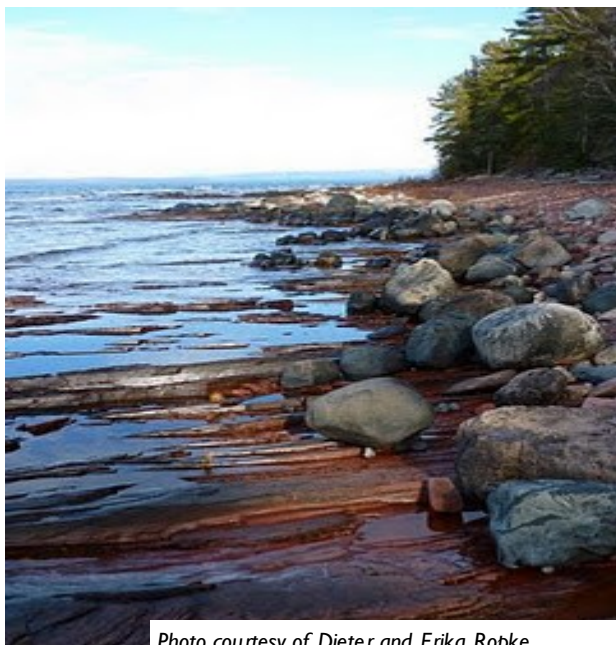


Photo courtesy of Dieter and Erika Ropke

Annual "Gales of November" Hike

Excerpt from VTA blog

The sun came out and 17 people joined us for our annual "Gales of November" hike (including the 3 original 'gales!') We hiked the Red Rock shoreline and the waves rolling in would have been great for surfing! I was pushing the snow on the road on the way there (as the plow hadn't been by yet), but once we hit the shoreline of Lake Superior, there was not a snowflake in sight-in the air or on the ground! It was remarkable! The temp didn't rise up past the -3 degree mark so we had an inprompto fire at lunchtime by the side of a little stream that typically doesn't have much water in it, but it was ripping today! All in all, a great day!

TRAIL SECTION CLOSURE

After a number of years of unsuccessfully trying to re-route a section of VTA trail in the Saulteaux area that had landowner issues (unauthorized motorized use and logging), this section has now been decommissioned due to the landowner retracting permission for our use. In Version 4.0 of the guidebook, Map 21, this section is from A2 (the 2.3 km mark) east to A5 (at Creek Road), a distance of approximately 10 kms.

Please respect the landowner's wishes and do not use this section of closed trail. Signage will be erected at appropriate access locations in the near future.

What's Happening in the Wawa Area?? *by Andy Stevens*

I have finished a busy summer and finally have had a chance to look at some of the trails in the area. The winds of "November" have been hard on the trails. Obviously, the trails close to Lake Superior get some very high winds but the area has had a few occasions with sustained high winds. Therefore there are numerous trees down along the trails. I had to detour around the major tree obstructions along the various routes.

Trail – Bridgette Road South to Smokey Point

Trail going north is marked with 6 " x 6" VTA sign – trail going south marked with yellow flag tape. Trail heads towards the western end of Bridgette Lake. Before the small creek draining out of the lake there is a clearing with diamond drill holes. There is a beaver dam at this end of the lake. There are quite a few logs down along the trail – need a chain saw to clear the trail. I cleared the trail as well as I could using a bush knife.

Trail – Silver Falls to GLP Road

Started at the bus parking lot by the boat launch. Trails goes to the eastern edge of the dam and then goes down the hill and over the wooden bridge and to the area by the pavilion. VTA trail is well marked and follows a high ridge that follows the Magpie River. The trail is in fairly good condition. Cleared the trail with bush knife. There are some small trees that can be cut with a Swede saw and (2) areas that require a chain saw. Note trail is quite rugged and slippery when wet. Also, note there are a couple of "look out" areas – use caution as these areas are overlooking a very steep ridge. Trail is marked well – could use a few more markers.

Trail – Marker 1032 (Highway 17) towards Lake Superior (Smokey Point)

This trail is in the Superior Park. Trail is quite good – needs a chain saw in a few areas. Trails starts off through an area that is quite swampy. Trail connects up with the trail that goes from Noisy Bay over to Smokey Point. Need to find the trail that heads south to Noisy Bay. There is a blue trail marker as the trail heads northward. See gps waypoint.

Bridget Trail – Noisy Point

About 40 minutes. Trail fairly good shape. Some minor clearing done on the way to Lake Superior.

Voyageur Trail South from Fort Friendship

Did the trail past the second lookout down to the bay at Lake Superior

Lots of large trees down – starting near the beginning of the trail once you cross the beaver dam at Mission Lake.

Needs chain saw work. Cleared a usable trail down to the bay at Lake Superior.

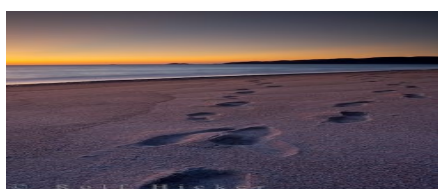
Bridget Road and then the VTA Trail

Hiked the trail to the beaver dam. Cleared the trail to the dam. Some chain saw work required. Some large trees down by the beaver pond. Note – there is an area in this area that I cleared some to make a look out area. Note – this is also about a 40 minute hike from the pond back to highway 17.

Hiked the Hudson Bay Trail

Starts behind Fort Friendship and goes to the old Hudson Bay Post and then to Lake Superior close to the mouth of the river. Followed the bush trail parallel to Lake Superior.

LOTS of trees down and had to make several detours around many of these sites. NOTE: This trail is not marked – only in a few of the detour areas. Many of the new detours require some more work – need a chainsaw crew. The trail is passable now but as noted the trail is not marked. Took about 3:45 hours which is normally a 1 ½ hour hike.



STOKELY CREEK LODGE



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2012 Events

Women's Weekend Away	Jan 20-21
Snowshoe Festival	Jan 28-29
Super Bowl Weekend Hut to Hut	Feb 3-5
Paintball Biathlon	Feb 18
Wabos Loppet	Mar 3
Ski & Snowshoe the Frozen Lakes	Mar 9-11
Season Finale Spring Fun	Mar 16-18



More Info on Stokely Events

Snowshoe Festival

January 28 and 29, 2012

10:00am to 4:00pm

Join nature enthusiast, artist and Stokely Creek snowshoe trail designers Lucie Gagnon and Bob Yankus for a Snowshoe Adventure. On Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th, Lucie and Bob will host a day of snowshoeing along the 20 km of trails they have developed. The snowshoe trails highlight the scenic beauty of the Algoma Highlands. You'll crisscross Stokely Creek as it flows into the Goulais River, ascend along natural waterfalls frozen in time, or stand just a little back from the Summit's edge as you survey the Lake Superior shoreline. There is so much to fill your senses. Cost is only \$20 per day for adults and children under 12 are free. The event includes Stokely's famous chili served at the King Mt summit and the Day Skiers Log Hut. Contact# 705-649-3421

Super Bowl Weekend Hut to Hut

Super Bowl Weekend February 3, 4, 5, 2012

With two beautiful new huts on the Stokely trails, we have come up with a great way to use them both in one day. On Saturday the day before Super Bowl Sunday ski to Richard's first hut on the Peterson trail. Enjoy a snack and hot chocolate. Your snowshoe will be delivered to the hut while you are skiing. Then snowshoe to Richard's newest hut near the Lonesome Beaver Ponds where a great lunch and your skis will be waiting. Skiing back to Stokely Lodge will be lots of down hill. This will be a rewarding day of scenery, exercise, food and friends. Bob Yankus will be sure to join us since this was his idea. Free for over night weekend guests and \$35 a person for the day. Contact# 705-649-3421

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.

Sat., Dec. 24th ~ To honour our landowners and keep the Voyageur Hiking Trail from becoming a right-of-way, the entire trail system is CLOSED on this day.

Mon., Dec. 26th ~ Boxing Day Snowshoe/Hike at Hiawatha Highlands with Don (705-946-9599). We'll enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the clubhouse. Meet at the Hiawatha Highlands clubhouse on Landslide Road at 10:15AM. Please leave your pets at home.

Thurs., Dec. 29th ~ Family Snowshoe as part of the Community Christmas for Children at Fort Creek. Call Susan at 705-949-4105 for more details.

Fri., Dec. 30th ~ Family Snowshoe as part of the Community Christmas for Children at the Sault Locks. Call Susan at 705-949-4105 for more details.

Sun., Jan. 1st ~ New Year's Day snowshoe/hike with Ila (705-949-1097) in the Camp Korah area. Meet 10:30 AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool.

Sat., Jan. 7th ~ Snowshoe Connor Road to Mabel Lake via the Link Trail (10km)

with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

***Sun., Jan. 8th** ~ Snowshoe in Tahquamenon Falls State Park in U.S. Participants must have a valid passport. Call Dawn at 705-649-4936 for meeting time and place.

Mon., Jan. 16th - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891 for more info.

Sat., Jan. 21st ~ Snowshoe west of Glenview Cottages with Jon. Meet 11 AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more details. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Jan. 22nd ~ Snowshoe in the Hiawatha area with Garry (705-949-1302). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Please leave your pets at home.

Sat., Jan. 28th ~ VTA Coordinating Council meeting at 10AM. Location TBA. Call Susan at 705-949-4105.

Sun., Jan. 29th ~ Snowshoe Connor Road to Trout Lake and return with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

Sat., Feb. 4th & Sun., Feb. 5th ~ Bon Soo ~ Volunteers Needed! Call Susan

at 705-949-4105.

Sat., Feb. 4th ~ Moonlight snowshoe w/ campfire at Glenview Cottages with Jon. Meet 6:30 PM at Glenview. Call Don (705-946-9599) for more details. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Feb. 11th & Sun., Feb. 12th ~ Bon Soo ~ Volunteers Needed! Call Susan^ at 705-949-4105.

Sat., Feb. 11th ~ Moonlight snowshoe at Hiawatha with Jon. Meet 6:30 PM at the Hiawatha Highlands office on Landslide Road. Snowshoe rentals are available. Contact Hiawatha Highlands (705-256-7258) for more details. Please leave your pets at home.

***Sat., Feb. 18th** ~ Snowshoe the lakes in the Heyden area with Ila (705-949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool.

Sun., Feb. 19th ~ Family snowshoe in Hiawatha Highlands with Dawn (705-649-4936). Meet 1 PM in front of Hiawatha Highlands clubhouse.

***Sat., Feb. 25th** ~ Ski the Link Trail from Upper Island Lake to Trout Lake and return with Mark^ (705-254-2356). Not for the "faint of heart". Call for meeting place and time.

Sat., Mar. 3rd ~ Saulteaux



NEW!!

Check the VTA events calendar on the website for up-to-date information on outings. This may include new outings added since the newsletter was printed OR last minute changes to scheduled outings.

For changes or additions to VTA events, check the calendar - click on www.voyageurtrail.ca

Club Annual Dinner at Sandro's Restaurant. Call 705-949-4105 for more info.

***Sun., Mar. 4th** ~ Snowshoe in the Echo Ridges area with Garry (705-949-1302). Meet 9:30 AM in the Wellington Square parking lot to car pool. Please leave your pets at home.

Sat., Mar. 10th ~ Snowshoe at Red

Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule *Cont'd*

Rock to see the 'ice formations' with Dieter & Erika (705-942-9636). Meet 10AM in the Goodlife parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets welcome but must be under control if there is thin ice or open water.

Sat., Mar. 17th ~ Snowshoe with Doris (705-942-9466). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Mon., Mar. 19th ~ - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891 for more info. After the business meeting we will plan our summer outings.

Fri., Mar. 23rd to Sun., Mar. 25th ~ Volunteers are needed to help "man" a display at the Home, Leisure & Outdoor Recreation Spring Expo (at the John Rhodes Community Centre). Please call Don at 705-946-9599.

Sun., Mar. 25th ~ Ski past the "ice sculptures" from Red Rock to Gros Cap (depending on ice conditions) with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

Sun., Apr. 1st ~ First of four end-to-end hikes of the city's HUB Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Please call for meeting time and place.

Fri., Apr. 6th (Good Friday) ~ Second of four end-to-end hikes of the city's HUB Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Please call for meeting time and place.

April 14th, Apr 21st, and Apr 28th ~ Introduction to Hiking and the Voyageur Trail. Locations TBD (considering Wawa, Sault Ste. Marie & Blind River). Volunteers required either to help plan the presentation and/or plan a short local hike. Call or email Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Sun., Apr. 15th ~ Third of four end-to-end hikes of the city's HUB Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Please call for meeting time and place.

Sun., Apr. 22nd ~ Final of four end-to-end hikes of the city's HUB Trail with Gayle (705-942-1891). Please call for meeting time and place.

Fri., May 4th to Sun., May 6th ~ Volunteers are needed to help "man" a VTA DISPLAY at Passport to Unity (at the Essar Centre). Please call Don at 705-946-9599.

***Sun., May 6th** ~ Hike through early spring wildflowers to Robertson Cliffs with Mark (705-254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

Sun., May 13th (Mother's Day) ~ Hike the trails at Horst's place. Bring lunch, water and meet at Horst Wetzl's cabin (driveway begins at the northern terminus of Peoples Road). Call Horst at 705-971-4812 or 705-542-8978 or Gayle at 705-942-1891.

Mon., May 14th ~ Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891 for more info.

***Sun., May 20th** ~ Hike in Pancake Bay area with Ila (705-949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife; no pets please.



Thank You Landowners!!

The Voyageur Trail Association is able to offer its members and the general public a superb hiking and snowshoe trail that leads to all kinds of wilderness adventures. This is due in large part to the generosity and goodwill of private landowners, who are kind enough to allow us to trek across their properties. Continued use of the trail is dependent upon the proper care of the lands entrusted to us by these landowners. Please be respectful of the landowner's wishes and property and adhere to the Trail Users' Code at all times whenever you venture out on the trail. Thanks once again to the landowners who support the VTA and make these outings possible.



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Hike Ontario Leadership Course *by Mike Landmark*

On Saturday, November 12, 2011, a Hike Ontario Certified Hike Leadership course was held in Sault Ste. Marie and Mike Landmark was the instructor. Ten people received their certification. A big thank-you goes to the Saulteaux Club for sponsoring the course to assist the VTA with its Risk Management initiatives!

The following people received certificates:

Garry Koteles
Gale Koteles
Carole Blaquiére
Doris Welz
Gayle Phillips
Don McGorman
James Kohut
Jonathan Turik
Mhat Briehl
Anthony Perreault



Congratulations newly-certified hike leaders!!

Donate On-Line!!

The Voyageur Trail Association is able to accept credit card donations on-line. Payments are made via our secure PayPal site, through the on-line store. There is no need to set up a PayPal account.

Welcome New Members!!

Calla Anderson
Susan Arbouw
Allan Bennett
Simone Benoit
Barbara Blackburn
Cathie Coulson
Elizabeth R. Cummins
Anne Dobie Dutlinger
Dana Doughty
Russ Fillmore
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Christine Gareau
Ray Gareau
Kyle Genoe
Ron Genoe
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New VTA signage at the Ontario Tourist Information Centre in Sault Ste. Marie



Join us on the Original Voyageur Trail!!

Step back 200 years....voyageurs, Anishnabe and Canadians are joining to form a flotilla of canoes travelling down the ancient water trail that is the upper St. Mary's River, bound for Fort St. Joseph. This flotilla is joined at the fort by others arriving from the east. In the early hours of July 17th 1812 the combined force makes the voyage from Fort St. Joseph to Mackinac Island. Fort Mackinac was surrendered by the Americans hours later without a shot being fired. Thus, Algoma was the stage for one of the opening actions of the War of 1812.

2012 marks the bi-centennial of the start of the war. You are invited to join a group of paddlers leaving the Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday July 15th, 2012 following the same water trail, bound for the official "Algoma 1812" bicentennial opening ceremonies at Fort St. Joseph on Tuesday July 17th 2012. There will be options to paddle all or part of the way. This is a perfect outing for Voyageur Trail Association members. Contact Mark at 254-2356 or mcrofts@shaw.ca for the early details. For information about the "Algoma 1812" celebrations go to <http://www.algoma1812.ca/Home.aspx>



Walking makes you smarter

Regular exercise in midlife may improve brain health and improve thinking and memory in later life. A 2010 collaborative study from researchers at the University of Pittsburgh, U. Nevada, and U. California suggests that people who regularly take long walks experience less brain shrinkage and less cognitive impairment as they grow older than sedentary folks. For their study, the team looked at data on 299 adults of average age 78 years who took part in the Cardiovascular Health Cognition Study, where researchers had taken measures of grey matter volume as well as physical activity (distances they walked in a typical week) and cognitive impairment. None of the participants had dementia at baseline.

Nine years later the volunteers underwent MRI scans, which measured their brain size. After four more years, they were tested for signs of cognitive impairment or dementia. The study suggests the simple act of walking can help prevent or slow the loss of grey matter. The people who walked between 10 and 15 km per week had less brain shrinkage compared with those who walked less. That's only a mile a day!



Trans Canada Trail Has a New Website!!

The Trans Canada Trail just launched a brand new website with an interactive map function. Check out www.tctrail.com and learn more about Canada's longest footpath that will eventually link the entire country coast-to-coast.



Interesting "Sightings" from 2011

By Dawn Elmore

This year, I led a number of hikes where I had the opportunity to discover interesting natural phenomenon. I am seeking assistance from the VTA membership in answering the following questions about the photos below: 1) Is this a wolf track? and, 2) What is it that makes butterflies flock to patches of dirt in the spring? If you know the answer (or answers), post them on our new Facebook page (just search Voyageur Trail Association and click on "like" - you can post the answers on the wall).



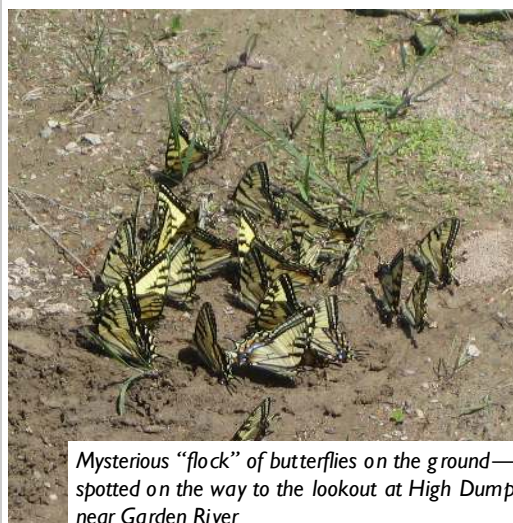
Unidentified track on the trail to Batchewana Falls— the hand is Garry Koteles, the track remains unidentified.

VTA MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE

1 Pr Black Diamond Expedition Poles
7075-T6 Aluminum. Brand new, still in package. Three-stage poles with FlickLock* system. Ergonomic, dual-density foam grips with Variable-width wrist straps. BD *-baskets with a toothy front edge for climbing. Weight: 610g. Extended Length 140cm. Shortest Length for traveling 62cm.
\$80 Ian 705-206-5422

FOR SALE: Sierra Design TENT, stretch dome, sleeps 3, like new, \$85. Phone 705-942-9636.



Mysterious "flock" of butterflies on the ground— spotted on the way to the lookout at High Dump near Garden River

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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.*

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- 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.
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- Respect the privacy of people living off the trail. Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs. **BE A LOW-IMPACT HIKER!!**

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail development | <input type="checkbox"/> Hike leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization—executive, directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter, guidebook, photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner records, maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sorry, not at this time. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact me with information on what's needed, and I'll decide then. | | | |

☐ Please add my membership to the membership list of the club closest to my home, OR ☐ consider me a member-at-large, OR

☐ consider me as a member of the following club _____.

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DECLARATION: I understand that the Voyageur Trail is a wilderness trail and some remote or little-used sections may be in poor condition due to fallen trees or regrowth of vegetation. I understand I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code (above).

(signature): _____