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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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Spring into Challenge Hikes by Carole Blaquiere

Even though there are still several feet of snow on the ground and the Goulais River is still frozen solid, I am hoping that, by the time you read this, hiking season will be here. Get out there and enjoy spring. Just remember that there may be ice and snow in the bush for many more weeks, so be prepared. Check out some spring hiking tips on my blog at caroleblaquiere.blogspot.com or find them on the VTA Facebook page/website. Whether you are new to hiking or have hiked many times, it's good to refresh your memory about safety issues.

This season will lead up to the culmination of the VTA's 40th anniversary, and there are a number of hike challenges to take part in. The first is to hike 40km over the year and register your hike on the VTA website. We would like to have hikes registered for the entire length of the Voyageur Trail by the end September so that we can celebrate that achievement at our next AGM. In addition, I will be leading Challenge Hikes again this year. There will be 10 scheduled hikes starting in late April until September. The challenge will be to hike from Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie on the Voyageur Trail. We will be hiking over 200km and will be checking out portions of the trail that don't normally see a lot of boots. This may entail many detours and changes to planned hikes, so we have decided to just publish the dates in advance and decide the details the week before. We will be updating the VTA calendar on the website and will be posting on Facebook to let you know those details. Stay in touch.

Let's get out there and hike!





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More Leaders Certified for the VTA by Mike Landmark

Over the winter I participated in three hike leadership courses.

Thanks go to the Hike Ontario Certifying Committee for their help, and especially Lewis Williams who traveled up from the south to Thunder Bay. The Nor'Wester Voyageur Trail Club, Thunder Bay Hiking Club and Lakehead University Outdoors students took part in Certified Hike Leader (CHL) and Wilderness Day Hike Leader (WDHL) classes on Feb 1-2, 2014. We graduated 11 leaders in the CHL and 10 leaders in the WDHL courses. As well, Kirsten Spence of the Nor'Wester VTA club is now an instructor for Certified Hike Leader, and I am an instructor for Wilderness Day Hike Leader.

On Feb 22, 2014, a class of Sault College Outdoors students took part in a CHL course at the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority Sugar Shack. We graduated 9 college students and one Saulteaux VTA member in this course.

Congratulations to all!!

This coming fall in Thunder Bay, we will be holding a Wilderness Overnight Hike Leader course. Check the **Nor'Wester Club** Facebook page for updates and to sign up. Anyone wanting to become certified in any Hike Ontario leadership courses, please contact your local executive and we will try to hold a course in your area.



Remember...we want to hear from you!! Send future articles to info@voyageurtrail.ca We'd love to hear your stories of being out on the trail!







Strategic Planning Committee

Now that the planning for the 40th anniversary is winding down we will be looking to re-start up the strategic planning committee in the fall. This would be a continuation of the work that was done just over a year ago. We need team members to help with important issues regarding the trail, the association and several other topics. Please contact Carole Blaquiere if you are interested in participating. Read the original article in the Spring 2012 newsletter, which can be found on the VTA website.

* Risk Management Plan by Carole Blaquiere

The coordinating council (CC) has been hard at work developing a risk management plan for the benefit of the club and to meet its obligations for Hike Ontario membership, as well as for insurance purposes. It has been through many iterations over the winter months, with a least one more round to go for the hike leaders. Once they have had a chance to

comment we hope to approve the final version at the May CC meeting and send it in to Hike Ontario. If all is approved, I hope to have it posted on our website by summer.

REMINDER...THE VTA IS STILL CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY!!

You can still contact Gail Jones at 705-942-0768 or jones-gail@shaw.ca for 40th anniversary blazes or VTA promotional pencils.

You still have until August 24, 2014 to fill in your Hike Record Sheet. Remember there are two challenges...one to hike and document at least 40 km of the Voyageur Trail and the other to contribute to our end-to-end challenge where we strive to have each of the 700+ kms of trail hiked this year. Let's make it happen!

And...don't forget the photo challenge! All are encouraged to submit photos—just go to the website at www.voyageurtrail.ca for details on how to submit your photos for a chance to win a prize!!

Planned Logging Activity on the VTA

by Bob Sinclair

There will be logging on crown land at the start of the Robertson Cliffs trail this summer. The logging will not affect the main trail (white blazes), but will affect the return trail (yellow blazes). The return trail will be closed for a short time to allow for the logging to occur. Signs will be posted at the trail head and at the start of the return trail when the logging commences.

There will also be minor logging in the Huron Shores (Thessalon), Penewobikong and Coureurs de Bois Sections, but this should not affect hikers.

In all cases, please use caution when in areas where logging activities are taking place.















Membership Report by Mike Landmark

In honour of our 40th anniversary, membership secretary Mike Landmark has provided a list of the club's current membership, by section. As far as we know. Paul Syme and Erika and Dieter Ropke have been members for the past 40 years. Congratulations to those members! If you are aware of anyone else who can claim 40 year membership, please let us know.

Members At Large

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Astrid Turner

Michipicoten Toni Rutland Andy Stevens Tony Thomas

Nor'Wester Claire DeLong Jessica Falcioni Jim Houston Dave Smith Kirsten Spence

Daniel Boileau Joanne Marck Andy Penikett Carolynn Reid Tom Van Roon Willie Van Roon Patricia Wynter

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 Second Line side near Country Style Donuts); Wellington Square Mall, 625 Trunk Road (near the corner of Trunk Road and South Market Street). All outings are volunteer-led. If you participate, you do so at your own risk. Call the outing leader listed for more information about that specific outing.

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., April 26th Join Gail in the Bruce Mines area for a bike outing. Call 705-942-0768 for more information.
- * Sat., April 26 ~ Saulteaux Club's Annual Dinner and presentation at the Lighthouse Lounge at Bruce Bay Cottages in Bruce Mines. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.
- *Sun., April 27th Challenge Hike 2014 - The first of ten hikes scheduled to complete the Elliot Lake to Sault Ste. Marie challenge for the VTA 40th anniversary. Join Chris and Carole after the Saulteaux Annual Dinner for a hike to kick off this year's hikes. The hike will be in the Bruce Mines area and will be between 8 and 10km long. Details to be determined the week before so contact us if you want to join us. Call Carole or Chris at 705 -649-2235 2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca
- *Sun., May 4 ~ Hike Robertson Cliffs and look for spring wildflowers. Contact Mark 705-254-2356 for details.

Sun., May 4 @ **7PM** ~ VTA Coordinating Council meeting at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre building. <u>Go To Meeting</u> will be available.

*Sat., May 10 ~ Hike in the Pancake Bay area jointly with the Sault Naturalists. Call Ila (705-949-1097) for meeting place and time.

Sun., May II (Mother's Day) ~ Annual hike with Horst. We will enjoy hotdogs over a campfire afterwards. Meet 10AM on Goulais Avenue in front of Camp Korah.

*Sat., May 17 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 - Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Sun., May 18 ~ Hike the Gros Cap Loop trail with Gayle (705 -942-1891). Meet at 10AM in the Market Mall to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

*Sun., May 25 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 - Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Sun., June 1 ~ Hike at the Sault Canal with Gayle (705-942-1891). Meet IPM in the parking lot at the Sault Canal. Behaved, leashed pets welcome.

*Sat., June 7 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 - Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

*Sat., June 14 ~ Stretch those paddling muscles. Canoe/kayak Trout Lake. Contact Mark 705-254-2356. All boats have to meet Coast Guard regulations.

*Sun., June 22 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 - Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca



It's been a long winter!!

Come on out and enjoy some hiking!!

*Sat., July 5 ~ Annual cycle loop tour on St. loe Island to Hilton Beach. Meet at 10:30 am in the car pool area on Hwy 548, just off Hwy 17. Bike helmet is mandatory. Bring water, snack, & (if necessary) rain gear. Bring your own lunch or dine at one of the eateries before returning. Total return distance about 35 km. Easy to moderate pace on paved roads. Register in advance with Larry at 705-541-5674, 705-949-7953

Saulteaux Club Outing Schedule Cont'd

or lgringo@nrcan.gc.ca. Contact Larry or check the Saulteaux Club events page for July at http://www.voyageurtrail.ca/ eventssaulteaux.html for updates.

*Sat., July 5 (Bad weather date: July 6) ~ Kayak to Batchewana Island. Call Mark 705-254-2356

*Sat., July 12 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 -Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike *Sat., Aug. 9 ~ Paddle and Potluck - Join as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

*Sat., July 19 ~ Hike in the Desbarats area, 8 km with possibly some climbing, hike followed by a potluck, no dogs please. Meet at Wellington Mall at 10:00 a.m. Dieter and Erika (942-9636)

*Sat., July 26 ~ Paddle a 5-lake loop in the Island Lake area with Rick. Portaging will be involved. Call Rick at 705-777-2493 for meeting place and time.

*Sun., July 27 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 -Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

*Sat., Aug. 2 ~ Bike ride with Larry on 17B to Echo Bay, continue to Watson Rd., Pioneer Rd., and loop back on 638 to Echo Bay. Meet at 10.00 am at the eastern (Food Basics) end of Wellington Square Mall. Bike Sun., Sept. 7 ~ Hike the Crimson Ridge helmet is mandatory. Bring water, snack, & (if necessary) rain gear. Bring your own lunch or dine at one of the restaurants in

Echo Bay before returning. Total return distance about 55 km. Easy to moderate pace on flat, paved roads. Register in advance with Larry at 705-541-5674, 705-949 -7953 or lgringo@nrcan.gc.ca. Contact Larry or check the Saulteaux Club events page for August at http:// www.voyageurtrail.ca/ eventssaulteaux.html for updates.

us for a paddle down the Goulais River for an easy paddle and potluck afterwards. Participants must have their own equipment and wear their pfds. This event is dependent on weather. Contact Chris or Carole for details 705-649-2235 caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Sat., Aug. 16 ~ Hike with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters with a BBQ afterwards. Call Gayle at 705-942-1891 for meeting location and time.

*Sun., Aug. 17 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 -Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

*Fri. & Sat., Aug. 22 & 23 ~ War of 1812 Bicentennial event. Paddle from Thessalon to Fort St. Joseph on the original "voyageur trail". Contact Mark 705-254-2356 for more info.

Sun., Aug. 31 ~ Hike at Red Rock cottage area with Gayle (705) 942-1891. Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Loop trail with Gayle (705) 942-1891. Meet 10AM in the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved, leashed pets welcome.

*Sat., Sept. 13 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 -Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca

Mon., Sept. 15 ~ Saulteaux Club bimonthly meeting at 7PM. Location TBA. Call 705-942-1891 for more info.

*Sat., Sept. 20 ~ Hike up to Griffin Peak (Turkey Lakes area). This is a challenging all day hike...your reward is a stunning view of Algoma in its fall splendour! This outing is not for the faint of heart. Contact Mark at 705-254-2356.

*Sat., Sept. 27 ~ Hike a section of the Lake Superior Park Coastal Trail with Doris. Call 705-942-9466 for meeting place and time.

*Sun., Sept. 28 ~ Challenge Hike 2014 -Ten hikes scheduled over 5 months to hike as much of the Voyageur Trail as possible. Hikes will be between 10 and 15km over rough terrain. Proper hiking boots/shoes will be required. Details will be determined the week before so contact us for details. Chris or Carole 705-649-2235 or caroleblaquiere@yahoo.ca







Welcome New Members!!

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Joseph See Adrienne See Olivia See Harris Mary Smalec Dave Smith Caleb Suter

Helene Vachon

John Valerio

Eric Vincent Chris Whaley Grace Whaley Sarah Whaley William Whaley Patricia Wynter Luis Zurawinski It's time to start thinking about the Steve Taylor Award! Do you know a VIIA member who has gone above and beyond the call of durty as a volunteer? Email your surbinissions to info@voyageurtrail.ca

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Luis Zurawinski

News from Algoma Highlands Conservancy

The AHC's website recently underwent a makeover www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org.

We invite you to check it out, and revisit often, as we will be continuously posting news and updates on events, projects, course offerings, and fundraising.

Sylvie Vanier-Reid I am also thrilled to announce that, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of individuals, recreational clubs, and businesses alike, we have successfully maximized the matching funds offered by the Echo Foundation! Since November 2012 we have raised a total of \$100,000 through our Foster a Forest Campaign (\$50,000 in donations + \$50,000 matching funds). We are well on our way to the ultimate goal of becoming debt free once and for all! To be part of this huge conservation success, please consider making a donation today! http://algomahighlands.wordpress.com/foster-a-forest/



The National Hiking Trail by David Francis

The National Hiking Trail (NHT) across Canada has been around for over 40 years, but most hikers have not heard of it. Have you heard of the Bruce Trail? Well that is a part of the NHT, trail systems that link Canada together through its trails and hikers as one hiking nation. The NHT comes under the jurisdiction of Hike Canada En Marche (HCEM), which has representatives in most provinces and in Ontario is represented by Hike Ontario. No question, the NHT has been overshadowed by the Trans Canada Trail, the multi-use trail that allows motorized use on many parts, whereas the NHT is just for hikers.

The NHT and HCEM both have Facebook pages, so perhaps you could add both of these as friends to your Facebook page. Don't have Facebook? Well it is the way young people connect with each other, and if we are to pass on our hiking heritage to the next generation, we have to connect with them on their terms.

Posting hiking notes, photos of your trail and hiking experiences will help to connect all hiking Canadians together while at the same time promote hiking to a younger generation.

So what is the state of the NHT trail? Well, BC, Alberta, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland have done a great job of connecting and promoting their trail systems. The largest province, Ontario, not so good! We seem to be so busy maintaining our own trails, and we lead such busy lives, and so on and so on, that, well, the NHT just doesn't seem that important.

Is it worth bothering about our national treasure, our very own hiking trail? It is so easy to say, "I have too much going on, I will take a pass on this one." I for one am guilty as charged. It is so easy to say, "they can look after it." Fortunately, there are some movers and shakers who do care, and for forty years have kept the trail alive. If they have done so much, could you just befriend the trail on Facebook, and post one item per month. If every hiker did, we could light up the country, so be daring and post a Facebook note a month.

David Francis Director of Hike Canada En Marche

Links: Hike Canada En Marche Web Site: http://nationalhikingtrail.ca/en/

Facebook: Hike Canada En Marche: https://www.facebook.com/hikecanada.enmarch?fref=ts

Facebook: National Hiking Trail: https://www.facebook.com/groups/hikeacrosscanada/

Backcountry Recipes from gorp.com



Chicken Quesadillas

- 4-5 small flour or corn tortillas
- 1 small onion
- 1 6-ounce can chicken
- 1 teaspoon oil

■ 4 ounces Monterey jack (with jalepeno peppers if you like it spicy)

Dice onion, packing out the outer skin and end pieces. Thinly slice up cheese. Drain the chicken well away from camp. Assemble quesadillas by sprinkling chicken, onion, and cheese on half of the tortilla. Fold the tortilla over omelet style and lightly brown in oil.



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The Voyageur Trail News is published three times per year. Your articles and photos are welcome! **Deadline for the next** issue is August 1, 2014.

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Voyageur Trail News—Spring 2014



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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
- 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
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs. BE A LOW-IMPACT HIKER!!

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□ consider me as a member of the following club								
☐ Please add my membership to the membership list of the club closest to my home, OR ☐ consider me a member-at-large, OR								
☐ Sorry, not at this time. ☐ Contact me with information on what's needed, and I'll decide then.								
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☐ Newsletter, guidebook, photography	☐ Landowner records, maps	☐ Publicity committee	☐ Special events					
☐ Trail maintenance	☐ Trail development	☐ Hike leader	☐ Organization—executive, director					

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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).