



# VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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WHITE LADY'S-SLIPPER ON THE RAINBOW SECTION

## V. T. A. MEMBERSHIP

For the sixth successive year (in fact, since the inception of the V.T.A.), the year-end total membership of the Association has shown an increase over the year preceding. This year, on March 31, the total stood at 251 membership-units (many more members if one considers that over half of these membership-units are families or in a few cases even groups). But there is no room for complacency. While the total number did increase over last year, it was only by 7, and that in turn was only 4 greater than the year preceding it!

As a member of the Voyageur Trail Association, you receive certain benefits, such as the Voyageur Trail Guidebook at a preferred rate and regular mailings of the Voyageur Trail News (wherein is not only news of the Association, but also updates on the trail such as changes of route).

More importantly, however, YOUR continued membership is ESSENTIAL to the Association. Trails, of course neither build nor maintain themselves. Someone must do it for them, and we are a volunteer organization. The more support we have, the easier the job becomes and the more trail we all have to enjoy. The more supporters we have, the better known the Voyageur Trail becomes.

The larger our membership, the stronger the voice with which the Association can speak to promote better hiking and gain more support for trails in Ontario.

Who belongs to the V.T.A.? Here is a percentage breakdown by membership categories:

Individuals	35%
Families/Groups	55%
Students	10%
	<u>100%</u>

Another encouraging feature is the "staying power" that many of our members have. The following is a percentage breakdown by date of first joining:

Members since	1974-75	9%
"	" 1975-76	8%
"	" 1976-77	11%
"	" 1977-78	17%
"	" 1978-79	18%
"	" 1979-80	37%
		<u>100%</u>

So keep up the good work and let's continue to support the V.T.A. If you have not already sent in your renewal, do it today! And remember, we always welcome new members. If you have friends who are interested, please introduce them to us.

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EDITOR NEEDED

The Voyageur Trail News is still without an Editor. Would someone PLEASE step forward and take on this responsibility? The job is not really a heavy one and you would be helping out in a big way.

If you would be willing, please notify the Secretary, Dr. Ian Morrison, 949-9220, or at Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., P6A 5L2.

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HAVE WATER, WILL TRAVEL  
(from the Quinte-Hastings Newsletter)

Many hikers these days are carrying water bottles that have the lid secured by a plastic strip or chain. This can be used to your advantage when carrying it: simply go to a hardware store and purchase a set of metal shower curtain hooks.

One of these hooks attached to the belt or a belt loop makes a handy spot for your water bottle. It can be easily undone or redone and saves fumbling about for a drink when needed. One can purchase metal clips that do the same job for about \$2 each, but the runaway favourite among many hikers is the cheap (10 for 89¢) shower hook.

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HIKE ONTARIO!

With your last issue of the Voyageur Trail News, you received an invitation to participate in Ontario's first-ever hikers' conference, known as "HIKE ONTARIO!". At that time, the programme was only partially developed, and the printing of the registration form (in our newsletter) was less than perfect. It may not have whetted your interest.

However, with this issue, there is an enclosure with the completed programme outlined. We are sure it will appeal to all interests and ages. Why not fill out the registration form now and send it off? Many of our members may feel it is too far to travel, but talk it over with your friends and perhaps you can share the driving and cost. You are promised a terrific weekend of learning, participation and enjoyment for the whole family at minimal cost.

Read the insert regarding this important weekend, and we'll hope to see you there, May 16, 17 and 18.

## VOYAGEUR TRAIL SUMMER ACTIVITIES 1980

- May 11 SAULTEAUX SECTION - CONSERVATION WEEK PUBLIC HIKE: We  
 Sunday will enjoy the trail where it crosses Hiawatha  
 2 P.M. Park above Crystal Falls.  
 MEET: In front of Hiawatha II Lodge.  
 LEADER: Various members of the Club will be on hand to  
 act as guides.
- May 16, 17 & 18. HIKE ONTARIO! CONFERENCE at Trent University.  
 See enclosure for details. REGISTER NOW in  
 case of a POSTAL STRIKE!
- June 7 SAULTEAUX SECTION - END-TO-END HIKE, PHASE ONE: Plan to  
 Sat. hike the whole length of the Sauleteaux Section  
 8 A.M. this year in three laps. We will do another  
 part of the Voyageur Trail next year.  
 LENGTH: About 16 km.  
 MEET: At corner of 6th Line and Landslide Road.  
 BRING: Lunch and insect repellent.  
 CALL: Paul Syme, 254-4791 for information.
- July 15 SAULTEAUX SECTION - EVENING WALK. After the heat of  
 Tues. the day is a good time for a walk in the woods.  
 6 P.M. MEET: On the Carpin Beach Road at the Second Line.  
 BRING: Insect repellent.  
 LEADER: Bert Dearing. Phone 256-7796.
- July 6 DESBARATS SECTION - HIKE on a very lovely part of the  
 Sunday trail near Ottertail Lake.  
 9 A.M. LENGTH: About 11 km.  
 7.45 from MEET: At Graham's Store on Centre Line Road (12 km  
 the Soo. north of 17 E.) at 9 A.M.; or meet at  
 Churchill Plaza by Suny Gas at 7.45 A.M.  
 BRING: Lunch.  
 LEADER: John Keast. Phone 785-3534.
- Sept. 7 SAULTEAUX SECTION - END-TO-END HIKE, PHASE TWO: Cont-  
 Sunday inue from the end of the hike on June 7.  
 8 A.M. LENGTH: About 14 km.  
 MEET: At north end of Brule Road.  
 BRING: Lunch.  
 CALL: Paul Syme, 254-4791 for information.
- Sept. 28 ONTARIO HIKING DAY. Details in the September issue.  
 Sunday SAULTEAUX END-TO-END HIKE PHASE THREE will also go on  
 this day - same format as the others and ending  
 at the Bluewater Inn for coffee with the hikers  
 from the Ontario Hiking Day Public Hike. Details  
 later.



## VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION

### 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.

### VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Bridge-building       | 8. Map-making         | 14. Editorial Work                       |
| 2. Carpentry             | 9. Publicity          | 15. Typing                               |
| 3. Stone Masonry         | 10. Display Designing | 16. Legal Advice                         |
| 4. Trail Maintenance     | 11. Photos and Slides | 17. Correspondence                       |
| 5. Trail Building        | Clearing House        | 18. Envelope Stuffing                    |
| 6. Contacting Landowners | 12. Fund-raising      | 19. Serve on Board of own club or V.T.A. |
| 7. Leading Hikes         | 13. Publications      | 20. Other                                |

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### 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.
- Spanish
- Massey
- Rainbow V.T.C.
- Little Current
- Sheguiandah
- South Baymouth
- Sudbury V.T.C.
- Thunder Bay V.T.C.
- Nipigon
- Schreiber V.T.C.
- Marathon
- Pukaskwa Park
- Michipicoten V.T.C.
- Lake Superior Park
- Batchawana
- Goulais V.T.C.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_

#### DECLARATION

I have read and will abide by the TRAIL USERS CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

#### FEES

- Individual \$ 5.00
- Family \$ 5.00
- Student \$ 2.00
- Crests \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1.00 each)
- Guidebook \$ 3.00 (for members)
- \$ 5.00 (for non-members)
- Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (receipt for income tax purposes will be sent)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN UP A FRIEND