



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.

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.

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.

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 Sauteaux 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 | 12. Fund-raising | 19. Serve on Board of |
| Landowners | 13. Publications | own club or V.T.A. |
| 7. Leading Hikes | | 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



Hike Ontario, Box 422, Cambridge, Ontario, N1R 5V5.

Have you got on the trail to HIKE ONTARIO! yet?

Over 180 people have preregistered for one of the biggest hiking events ever held, the first Ontario hiking conference, HIKE ONTARIO! May 16 to May 19 at Trent University, Peterborough.

Many families preregistered before the final program was released, an indication that our fellow hikers believe in the sponsors, The Federation of Hiking Trail Associations. Now, FOHTA offers the final program — three grand days of hiking and outings, 12 workshops, panel discussions, well-known speakers, a cookout, banquet, pioneer breakfast, and lots of entertainment.

The weekend is planned for the entire family. There will be a young people's program and a preschooler's program with free babysitting facilities.

If you have registered, the details provided here will help you map out the activities of most interest to you and your family. If you have not registered, read on, and then, quickly, fill out the registration form on the next page.

Friday, May 16.

Registration begins Friday afternoon in the Otonabee College foyer. This is the time to sign up for your workshops, hikes and outings, car pools and buses. Here, you will pick up the conference kit containing information about events, their locations and times. An orientation tour will help you to become familiar with the campus. If you have sports equipment for the exchange/sale, leave it at the registration desk.

After you have made yourself comfortable in your living quarters, take some time to visit displays by the FOHTA hiking trail clubs and by hiking equipment stores.

In the evening you will be welcomed to a get-together in the Otonabee Junior and Senior Common Room. There will be wine and cheese, snacks, soft drinks, a cash bar, and musical entertainment for all ages.

Saturday, May 17

Be up bright and early this morning for the Sunrise Jog with Greg Vincent, which begins at 6:45 at the Otonabee College. By 7 a.m. you should be hungry enough to dig into the big Get Acquainted Pioneer Breakfast (pioneer garb optional).

Registration also continues this morning and then you may watch at Wenjack Theatre, visual tours of Ontario's network of trails in presentations by three FOHTA clubs.

Midmorning marks the presentation by the keynote speaker on the conference theme, "The Future of Hiking In Ontario," followed by a panel discussion. While adults are participating

in this discussion, the young people's program of crafts and indoor and outdoor activities will be in full swing at Lady Eaton College. Babysitting services are also available.

The afternoon program is devoted to study groups and technical workshops. The four study groups are:

Group 1: Uses of Government Funds by Hiking Trails

Group 2: Non-Financial Government Assistance to Hiking Trails.

Group 3: Tactics to be Adopted by Trail Associations and FOHTA to Influence Government Decision.

Group 4: Self-help Versus Government Help: How Hiking Organizations Should Make Use of Their Members and Volunteers.

Several concurrent technical workshops are also offered in the afternoon. You may choose to attend the following:

Group A, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Session 1: Trail and Campsite Maintenance, by Jim Douglas, Parks Canada.

(The author of the 1978 Parks Canada Trail Manual will describe its intent and contents and obtain feedback from trail builders).

Session 2: Map Reading and Orienteering, by Professor Al Brunger, Trent University.

(Get yourself in the act and find out how to go through the woods to where you want to be).

Session 3: Birds Along the Trail, by Professor Fred Helleiner, Trent University.

(Introduction to birds in the Peterborough area, followed by an outing to the wildlife sanctuary adjacent to the University).

Session 4: Walkabout Peterborough, by Professor Elwood Jones, Trent University.

(The author of the booklet Walkabout in Peterborough, will give you the urban history of the City and guide you on a walking tour).

Session 5: Modern Hiking Equipment, by Karen Abbott, Thomas Black and Sons, Canada Ltd.

(This session will help you sort out the necessities from the gimmicks and gadgets in hiking equipment).

Session 6: Weatherwatching and Hiking, by Carol Kaplonski, Ontario Weather Centre.

(What you can tell from the sky and climate on the trail and what to expect before you finish your hike).

Group B, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Session 1: Petroglyph Park — An Anthropological Perspective, by Bill Sherman, Ministry of Natural Resources.

(Get more out of your visit to this famous park with the full historical and cultural story of the Petroglyphs). →

Please mail this form with your cheque (payable to Hike Ontario!) to:

Hike Ontario!
Box 422, Cambridge,
Ontario.
N1R 5V5

(Please print the names of each registrant and list ages of children.)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Telephone _____		
Club Association, if any _____		
Insert # of persons		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single member(s) at \$8.00 each		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single non-member(s) at \$10.00 each		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family member(s) at \$20.00/family (Family registration applies to 3 or more persons)		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family non-member(s) at \$25.00/family		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch(s) at \$3.75 each		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Supper(s) at \$4.50 each		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Breakfast(s) at \$2.75 each		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Banquet(s) at \$9.00 each (Children \$4.50 each for banquet only)		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Breakfast(s) at \$2.75 each		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus transportation at \$14.00 adults, children 13 and under \$10.00 per seat.		\$ _____
TOTAL		
ENCLOSED		\$ _____
Please reserve single <input type="checkbox"/> double <input type="checkbox"/> room(s) for:		
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> All 3 nights <input type="checkbox"/>
(If you stay in residence you <i>must</i> take the meal plan.)		
Please reserve campsite(s) for:		
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> All 3 nights <input type="checkbox"/>
(Select campsite <i>before</i> registering.)		
Payment for residence accommodation and campsites is payable on arrival.		