

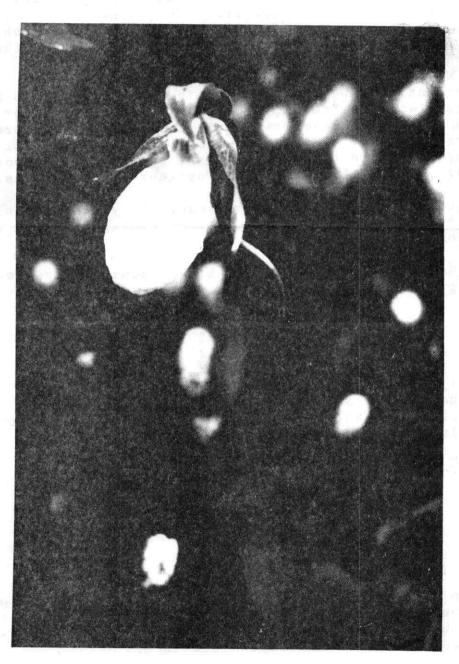
# VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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#### 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%
	100%

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	2	%	
" 1975-76	8	%	
" 1976-77 1	1	%	
" 1977-78 1	7	%	
" 1978-79 1	8	%	
" 1979-80 3	7	%	
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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

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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

SAULTEAUX SECTION - CONSERVATION WEEK PUBLIC HIKE: We May 11 will enjoy the trail where it crosses Hiawatha Sunday 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 Saulteaux Section 8 A.M. this year in three laps. We will do another part of the Voyageur Trail next year.

LENGTH: About 16 km.

At corner of 6th Line and Landslide Road. MEET:

BRING: Lunch and insect repellant.

CALL: Paul Syme, 254-4791 for information.

SAULTEAUX SECTION - EVENING WALK. After the heat of July 15 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 repellant.

LEADER: Bert Dearing. Phone 256-7796.

July 6 DESBARATS SECTION - HIKE on a very lovely part of the trail near Ottertail Lake. Sunday

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 8 A.M. inue from the end of the hike on June 7.

LENGTH: About 14 km.

At north end of Brule Road. MEET:

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

- 1. Bridge-building
- 2. Carpentry
- 3. Stone Masonry
- . Trail Maintenance
- 5. Trail Building
- 6. Contacting Landowners

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7. Leading Hikes

- 8. Map-making
- 9. Publicity
- - Clearing House
- 12. Fund-raising
- 13. Publications
- 14. Editorial Work
- . 15. Typing
- 10. Display Designing 16. Legal Advice
- 11. Photos and Slides 17. Correspondence
  - 18. Envelope Stuffing
  - 19. Serve on Board of
    - own club or V.T.A.
  - 20. Other

#### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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### The Future of Hiking in Ontario

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 Aquainted 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 Session 2: Bruce Trail Association Structure and Organization, by Mary Munro, executive director of the Bruce Trail Association.

(A new perspective on the BTA from its first full-time paid staff member. Hear about her program).

Session 3: Trailside Flowers and Trees, by Brian Crawford, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

(An outline of the flora in the local wilderness area).

Session 4: The Niagara Escarpment Commission, by a senior planner of the NEC.

(An outline of the plans for the escarpment area, features of the NEC plan as it relates to the Bruce Trail and other environmental aspects).

Session 5: Photography Along the Trails, by Farouk Kassam, Bruce Trail Association.

(Brush up on your techniques or pick up new tips. Break into small groups for outdoor practice).

Session 6: Hike Leading, by Gordon Thompson, Toronto Bruce Trail Club.

(A look at problems and potential solutions for various types of hikes).

Bring appropriate equipment for your selected workshops.

A social hour with a cash bar follows the workshops. After dinner, you may continue your tour of Ontario's network of trails in the Champlain Lecture Theatre by viewing three other trail club presentations. By 8:30 p.m. you will have hung up your sneakers and put on your dancing shoes for the old time square dance for all ages in the Great Hall of Champlain College.

#### Sunday, May 18.

Joggers will be out again by 6:45 a.m. for a Greet The Sun Jog. After breakfast, there will be an ecumenical church service in Wenjack Theatre. Following coffee break, the young people's program and the preschooler's program begins. Again, babysitting facilities will be available. Adults will meet for a general assembly on the conference theme and consider resolutions.

After the Sunday Cookout, we all head out into the great outdoors for hiking trips to Petroglyph Park, High Falls Park, the Serpent Mounds Provincial Park, the Warsaw Caves and a three-mile hike on the Ganaraska Trail. Tours of Peterborough's lift lock system and the wildlife sanctuary next door to the University are also planned. Additional topical outings may be arranged if there is a demand. Do not forget to register for these hikes and outings at the registration desk where information on the length and difficulty of the hikes and outings, equipment needed, car pools and box lunches, may be obtained. Some activities have restricted group sizes, so registration will be based on a first-come first-served basis.

On Sunday evening, we will all gather in the Great Hall of Champlain College for the banquet, presided over by the newly-elected FOHTA President, Al Gamble of Ottawa. Mr. Justice Thomas Berger will speak on "Growth Consumption and Environmental Values." The first FOHTA Hiking Award, a handsome wood carving, will also be presented. The banquet is limited to 375 people. Order your tickets now as these are going fast. The Canadian folksinging groups, "Maple Syrup" will provide the envening's entertainment for all ages. There will be dancing and a cash bar and soft drinks will be available.

#### Monday, May 19.

For those who want a weekend with more hiking, plan to stay through to Monday. There will be two hikes, 6 miles and 10 to 12 miles respectively, on the Ganaraska Trail led by members of the GTA and a hike in the Ganaraska Forest, 8 to 10 miles, lead by Dieter Vierek.

Register now to get on the trail to HIKE ONTARIO! You're sure to enjoy HIKE ONTARIO! at trail's end and, we hope that you, too, will become committed to THE FUTURE OF HIKING IN ONTARIO.

#### REGISTRATION

A draw will be held at the conference for all persons who register before March 31. There are two prizes worth \$100 each, donated by Margesson's Sports Ltd. and Thomas Black and Sons Canada Ltd. The draw will be made at the Conference.

#### Conference Fee

Full weekend: Single member\*; \$8; single non-member \$10; Family member, \$20 (family registration applies to three or more persons); Family non-member, \$25. Your registration will be acknowledged by a post card with a map of the location of Peterborough and Trent University.

\* A member of one of the Associations which is a member of FOHTA.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation is in Otonabee College residence on the east side of the Otonabee River.

Rates: Single, \$14 per night; Double, \$22 per night. There are a limited number of double rooms, so book early. Children may use sleeping bags at no additional cost. No cots are provided.

#### CAMPING

Camping is permitted on the west side of the Otonabee Rivel at \$3 per day per campsite. Fresh water and outdoor and dormitory washrooms are available, but no camp fires are allowed and there are no electrical outlets. Select your campsite before registering.

#### MEALS

Delegates are encouraged to buy meal tickets. Those choosing to stay in residence *must* take the meal plan. The registration fee includes the pioneer Breakfast on Saturday and the noonhour cookout on Sunday. It also includes coffee/tea/juice all weekend. Meal tickets for children 12 years and under are half-price for the Sunday banquet only — \$4.50 each.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

A bus service to and from the Conference will be available at \$14 per adult and, for children 13 years and under, \$10 per seat. The bus will leave the York Mills subway station (south entrance) Friday night at 7:30 p.m.; departing from Trent Monday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

#### ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Trent University has athletic facilities available at \$2 per person per day. These include squash and tennis courts, saunas, and a swimming pool.

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