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NEWSLETTER

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The Voyageur Trail Association came into existence in the winter of 1973-74 to co-ordinate and support the efforts of people interested in the construction of a walking trail from South Baymouth to Sault Ste. Marie and thence northward. The Association already has 50 members scattered along the length of the trail, and for the use of anyone else who is interested in joining, an application form is given at the end of this newsletter. Membership will be for the year from April 1, 1975.

The Association would like to build up a file of photographs and slides on the Trail. If you are a photographer and would like to contribute to this file, please take an extra exposure of each picture and send it to the V.T.A. The Association will gladly reimburse you for the cost of the extra film.

This is the first issue of what is hoped will become a regular newsletter on activity along the Voyageur Trail. In this issue coverage of goings-on along the trail can at best be described as patchy, but please do not feel slighted if your activities have not been mentioned. Instead, send us information on what has been done or is going to be done in your area and we will include it in the next issue, which should be out before the winter is over. The address is in the top right hand corner of this page.

We have reports from four of the clubs along the trail.

The Rainbow Trail which runs from Espanola towards Manitoulin Island, is not only the largest completed section of the Voyageur Trail, but has been in existence the longest. George Morrison is largely responsible for this through his leadership of the Trail Blazers Club at the Espanola High School. At Mr. Morrison's invitation a group from Wawa, the Sco and Thessalon hiked this trail in June 1974. They brought back an enthusiastic report and an invitation to repeat the walk next spring. Many of us are looking forward to this. Over the summer the trail has been lengthened so that it now reaches Raven Lake, and a side trip to some caves south of Horseshoe Lake has been laid out.

The Desbarats Club was inaugurated November 28, 1974. Bill Gunn agreed to serve as temporary chairman and Lynn Ingham as secretary. Members had their first field outing December 1, when they walked the part of their "territory" that runs from Ottbertail Lake to Gordon Lake. The club invites other members of the V.T.A., and anyone else who is interested, to hike part of their trail in March. The exact date will depend on snow conditions. Contact Bill Gunn, Lynn Ingham or Deiter Ropke for more details.

