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Once a year

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Voyageur Trail Association will be held on Saturday, November 28, 1981, at 2.00 P.M., at Hiawatha II Lodge, corner of the Fifth Line and Landslide Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The Saulteaux V.T. Club will be hosting it. There will be a general business meeting with the results of the Board meeting announced, and a movie entitled "Introduction to Forest Adventuring". A supper (\$8.25) will follow at 5 P.M.

Be sure to attend and bring a friend.

SCHREIBER CHANNEL PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE

The Schreiber Channel Provincial Nature Reserve located approximately 6 km southwest of Schreiber, was designated as a Provincial Nature Reserve on March 7, 1979 under the Provincial Parks Act and encompasses an area of about 12 hectares.

Provincial Nature Reserves are one of six park classes established under the Provincial Parks Act for the purpose of protecting significant natural features. The Schreiber Channel reserve includes a highly significant geological feature illustrating ancient life forms which evolved in a particular environment approximately 1.6 billion years ago. As a Provincial Nature Reserve, the site will be managed for scientific research, outdoor education and low intensity recreation. The Voyageur Trail passes through this site and the Provincial Parks Act prohibits the collection of fossils and other materials without the written permission of the Minister of Natural Resources.

We would like to stress the need to protect this area and maintain it in its natural state for educational and research purposes. It has international significance and is unique and therefore requires a high level of co-operation in protecting it. Remember the Trail Users' Code - Take nothing but pictures - leave nothing but your thanks!

FEDERATION OF ONTARIO HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATIONS MEETS IN SAULT STE. MARIE

On Saturday, September 12, 1981, the Federation of Ontario Hiking Trail Associations (F.O.H.T.A.) held a Directors' Meeting in the Conference Room of the Great Lakes Forest Research Centre in Sault Ste. Marie. Members came from other trail associations/clubs in Ontario, from as far away as Kingston and Ottawa, and were met at the airport and driven to the homes of billets, arranged for by the Sauteaux Voyageur Trail Club.

Lunch was eaten on the lawn behind the Centre, overlooking the shipping lanes of the Sainte Mary's River. After a productive and successful meeting, members repaired to the Purple Lantern Restaurant for a social get-together with many of our local members and a sumptuous meal. This event was organised by a committee headed by Rita Bertoli and was deemed a first rate success by all who attended.

On Sunday, the guests were conducted on a hike over part of the Sauteaux Section of the Voyageur Trail, beginning at Prince Lake Road. The weatherman co-operated, one might say, to the skies, providing a warm, sunny day for the hike. By noon we had reached the bluffs north of Gros Cap, where we had lunch and where some guests saw for the first time, the largest and coldest of the Great Lakes, Lake Superior. This was a fitting climax for a wonderful weekend.

Appreciative comments on the hospitality enjoyed in Sault Ste. Marie were numerous and there were many complimentary comments about the beautiful country the Voyageur Trail traverses and about the condition and marking of the Trail itself. Several letters of appreciation have been received since (see p. 5) and I wish to thank all of our members and friends who worked so hard to make this historic event such a smashing success that it turned out to be. We can all be proud of our efforts to turn the Voyageur Trail from an idea into a reality.

.....Paul D. Syme, Pres.

STATUS OF THE GUIDE BOOK

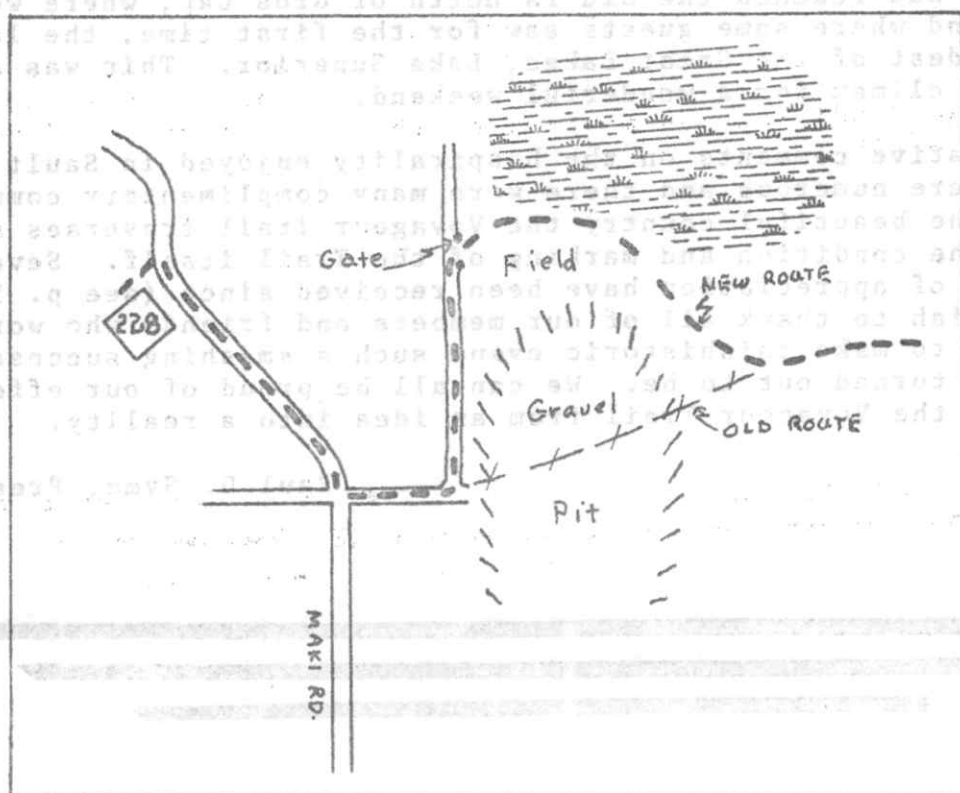
The Echo Ridges Section of the Voyageur Trail has been measured and described. Editing and map-making will be done this winter and the description should be mailed next spring in time for summer hiking. This Section links the Saulteaux and Desbarats Sections, and will give a description to guidebook holders of continuous trail from Gros Cap to just north of Rydal Bank.

NOTICE

GUIDE BOOK OWNERS

Please make the following correction on page S4, Saulteaux Section, and on the accompanying map S2. At 22.8 km, the Trail turns SE on Maki Road and after 0.5 km, takes a road E. Follow this to the gravel pit and turn N on a dirt road. After almost 0.5 km, the Trail leaves the road E through a gate into a field. Walk around the N edge of the field and behind (N) of the gravel pits and back into the bush. Here, the Trail climbs a short steep hill and shortly joins the original route. See map below.

At this time, the route is blue flagged and partly cleared, but should present no real problem to travel. Blazing will be completed in the spring.



F.O.H.T.A.



Federation of Ontario Hiking Trail Associations

32 Gretna Green,
KINGSTON, Ont., K7M 3J2,
September 27th, 1981.

Dr. Paul Syme, F.O.H.T.A. Rep.,
Voyageur Trail Association,
49 Huntington Park,
SAULT STE. MARIE, P6A 3P3.

To the Voyageur Trail Association:

As President of F.O.H.T.A. I am writing to express the gratitude of the F.O.H.T.A. Board of Directors for the very hospitable weekend that we recently enjoyed as guests of the V.T.A.

Our Saturday dinner at the Purple Lantern was a great opportunity to meet some of your local members. Organization of this reception by Rita and her committee was very much appreciated as was the attendance of so many of the Saulteaux Club.

We are also grateful for the contribution of those who billeted our directors. It seemed so much warmer and more personal than just staying in a hotel somewhere.

Taxing our directors - to and from Saturday's reception, Sunday's hike and also the airport was also really appreciated. The hike was great too - the first sunny day that most of us had seen in two weeks, and such a beautiful trail perfectly topped off a terrific weekend.

I am sure that F.O.H.T.A. directors found our visit to the Voyageur Trail to be most rewarding, and we sincerely hope that the experience was a positive one also for our hosts. We want F.O.H.T.A. to be perceived by the V.T.A. as a body in which they are well represented, which makes the V.T.A.'s concerns its concerns, and which is able to genuinely contribute to the V.T.A. as it tries to do for each of its other members.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,

President of F.O.H.T.A. 1981

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR GRATITUDE

The Algoma Steel Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie, has again provided us with steel blanks, cut and drilled, for our new signs. These signs are in production now and some have been placed along the Saulteaux Section. Others will be put up along other sections next spring. We extend our thanks to Algoma Steel, and especially to Mr. Jim Marinelli, Community Relations Officer, who kindly expedited the transaction.

DISCOUNTS TO HIKERS

On presentation of a current membership card, the following businesses offer a discount to V.T.A. members.

Joe's Sports and Surplus, 9 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., offers a 10% discount. Sale items and all "Woods" brand articles are excluded.

Kinney Shoes of Canada Ltd., offers a 10% discount on hiking boots.

Margessons of 17 Adelaide Street East, Toronto M5C 1H4, offers a 10% discount on most camping items. Margessons issue a camping catalogue which may be obtained by writing to them.

Freeze-Dry Foods of 579 Speers Rd., Oakville, Ont., L6K 2G4, offers a 20% discount on their freeze-dried products to club members.

Wild Waters Wilderness Shop on Lakeshore Drive, Thunder Bay, Ont., offers a 10% discount on regularly priced items to members of the Voyageur Trail Association.

SPECIALISED SERVICES

Sport Sewing Shop of 1659 Bayview Ave., Suite 201, Toronto, Ont., M4G 3C1, Tel. 1-416-486-9666, specialises in repairs to down-filled items, backpacks, tents, harness, etc. They also can supply specialised fabrics, zippers for sleeping bags, etc., webbing and fasteners. Free sewing advice is also offered.

merry christmas
and a happy new year



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.

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 \$ (for members)
- ☐ Guidebook \$ 3.00 (for non-members)
- ☐ Donations \$ (receipt for income tax purposes will be sent)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

SIGN UP A FRIEND

- ☐ 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.