



# VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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TOM ALLINSON - HIKING THE PUKASKWA.

*Editorial*

September 1982

*Hello Voyageur Trail Association members and landowners receiving the V.T.A. News! I have not had the pleasure of meeting most of you, so I would like to introduce myself and set out some of my thoughts on the trail.*

*First of all, on behalf of the volunteer staff of the V.T.A News, the V.T.A. membership and myself, a big heartfelt thank you to Lori Armstrong for her efforts as editor of this newsletter from December 1980 until April 1982. Your editions were informative and enjoyable reading.*

*Secondly, thanks to all the members who have come before me -- your efforts have sustained the trail through the formative years. Although I have walked only perhaps 20 of the 260 odd kilometers of trail presently constructed, I can say with conviction that your labour has been paid off many times over.*

*Finally, to all the new members, let's keep the ball rolling. There are some 750 km of trail to go to make a continuous trail to the Lakehead. Such a massive project will likely require more than one generation of volunteers to complete, so let's give a little extra effort now so that we will be ready to carry on when the founding members find their tasks too onerous. In the Spring 1982 edition of the Bruce Trail News, Isabel East, one of the founding members of that club identified the "relaxation of voluntary effort" as the primary threat to the continued existence of long hiking trails in Ontario. We can meet the challenge and overcome it, so let's do it.*

KJ:1a

KEN JOHNSON

Dear Lorie:

Noted the write up on our great, new 3,246 mile North Country (National Scenic) Trail, in your newsletter. Thank you for mentioning the NCT.

Perhaps you might want to let the VTA members know they can obtain information on the NCT by writing to: North Country Trail Assn., P.O. Box 311, White Cloud, Michigan 49349. Have your members enclose one dollar (Canadian or U.S.) to cover cost of information packet and postage, please.

Also, the VTA might want to contemplate connecting with the NCT at some feasible point. It's a thought to ponder.

The very best,

"Lance"  
Lance Feild  
President  
NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Editor's Note:

Correspondence of interest to Voyageur Trail Association members will be printed in this column. Please forward to V.T.A. News, Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 5L2.

NOTICE

Voyageur Trail Association

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, November 20, 1982

at Algoma University College  
1520 Queen Street East  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Board of Directors 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting 2:30 p.m.

NOTICE

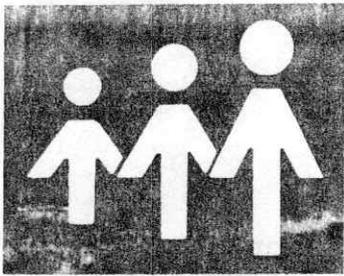
According to the recent ballot, the Membership Year has been changed to the Calendar Year - January 1 to December 31. The cutoff date is September 1, with members joining after that date being awarded full membership until the end of December of the following year. Accordingly, your membership renewal will be due January 1, 1983.

-- Ian Morrison, Secretary

LATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ray Bonenberg, Supt. Lake Superior Prov. Park

Will speak at the annual V.T.A. meeting



FEDERATION OF ONTARIO HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATIONS,  
Box 422, Cambridge, Ontario N1R 5V5

# FOHTA OUTLOOK

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Editor: Jean White

## NEW LIABILITY AND TRESPASS ACTS CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LANDOWNERS AND PERSONS ENTERING THEIR LANDS

(Excerpts from the Spring 1982 edition of CUESTA — Niagara Escarpment Commission Publication)

Two recent Ontario laws — The Occupiers' Liability Act and The Trespass To Property Act — were enacted in late 1980, after months of discussion with landowners and various recreational groups, including the Bruce Trail Association.

The following are some highlights of both Acts:

### THE OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY ACT

#### Basic Duty

The basic duty of occupiers in the new Act is that an occupier (owner or tenant) owes a duty to take such care as is reasonable to see that persons entering the premises, and the property brought on the premises by those persons, are safe.

If an occupier fails to take reasonable care, the law imposes civil liability for any injury that may result.

While the new law recognizes a basic duty of occupiers to provide reasonably safe premises, it also recognizes that entrants may freely choose to assume risks by taking the environment as they find it.

While the Occupiers' Liability Act establishes a basic duty of care, it also recognizes that this should not extend to the following type of entrants:

1. **Entrant Who Willingly Assumes Risk.**
2. **Entrant for Criminal Purposes.**
3. **Non-Paying Recreational Entrants.**
4. **Others** — in general, all entrants who do not pay a fee for entry assume their own risks. Also included in the class of persons deemed by law to assume their own risk on rural land are trespassers where entry is prohibited under the Trespass to Property Act and entrants who are neither prohibited nor expressly permitted to enter or use the land.

### THE TRESPASS TO PROPERTY ACT

This new Act is designed to give owners greater control over the use of their property and to increase fines for trespassing.

The Act provides that every person who is not acting under a right or authority conferred by law and who, without the express permission of the occupier, the proof of which rests on the defendant,

- enters on premises when entry is prohibited under this Act; or
- engages in an activity on premises when the activity is prohibited under this Act; or
- does not leave the premises immediately after he is directed to do so by the occupier of the premises or a person authorized by the occupier.

is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

The Act also deals with the type of property protected, compensation for damages incurred, costs in prosecuting and

the entitlement of the occupier to authorize any person to enforce the arrest procedures, where necessary. The owner of rural land permitting a trail association to establish a limited-use recreational trail over his land may wish to authorize members of the association to exercise his powers as occupiers under the Act.

**An arrest is a grave imposition on another's liberty and should only be attempted if other options prove ineffective.**

The new legislation also creates a colour marking system to permit occupiers to give notice of their intentions; i.e., red markings mean that any entry is prohibited and yellow markings mean that entry is prohibited except for certain activities. In addition, the new legislation recognizes the need for a symbol code to give legal meaning to signs. A sign naming an activity, or showing a graphic representation of an activity, gives notice that the activity is permitted or prohibited.

Further information on the variety of signs available, or on acquiring copies of the new legislation may be obtained by writing:

Communications Officer,  
Ministry of the Attorney General,  
18th Floor,  
18 King Street East,  
TORONTO, Ontario M5C 1C5.

### HIKE ONTARIO!

The Ontario Hiking Day will be held on Sunday, October 3, 1982. A promotional campaign will be conducted by the Ontario Hiking Day Coordinator, Doug Paton, on behalf of FOHTA. Local clubs are suggested to contact their radio stations, etc., for publicity in your area.

### FOHTA MERIT AWARD

During the planning for the 1980 Hike Ontario Conference, it was proposed that an award be made to someone deemed to have contributed the most to hiking in Ontario in recent years. A judging committee was formed and nominations were solicited by FOHTA from the membership of each FOHTA member association, to be accompanied by supporting information as to why the nominee should be selected for this honour. From the several nominations received, the award, in the form of a black walnut carving of a hiker, was presented to Douglas J. Knapp, Kingston, Ontario. Among his many other contributions to hiking, Doug is the Past-President of FOHTA and the founder of the Rideau Trail Association.

Following this initial presentation, FOHTA Directors agreed to present, on an annual basis where warranted, an

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award of merit to one person from each of the FOHTA member organizations. Nominations are to be made by the member organization and presentations made by that association. Names of recipients of this award will be published in Outlook once a year.

#### MAN-ENVIRONMENT IMPACT CONFERENCE

FOHTA has received offers of exhibit space at the above conference, to be held October 22 - 24, 1982 in Hamilton.

#### NEWS FROM THE TRAILS

Two long-time members of the **Guelph Trail Club** have been named by the Guelph Chamber of Commerce to receive the city's Award of Merit for 1982. They are: Florence Partridge, one of the founding members of the club in 1970, and Phil Gosling, also a founding member and a major surveyor of the Bruce Trail.

Although the **Ganaraska Trail Association** is experiencing an all-time low paid membership, the Simcoe section will be working on the wilderness section of the trail between Sedona and Morres Falls.

The **Rideau Trail Association** has requested volunteers to assist in inspecting the entire trail this year. Unfortunately, vandals have once again closed a section of the trail by burning a section of about 1,000 feet of boardwalk and have badly damaged a foot bridge, at the beginning of the trail in the Kingston area.

Although the Sudbury and Thunder Bay Clubs of the **Voyageur Trail Association** have folded an active trail maintenance program is carried out every weekend from mid-May until mid-October. Members make a commitment, in advance, to work two Saturdays. There are five or six permanent leaders on this program.

Bell Canada is continuing its program of providing manpower and equipment support to the **Grand Valley Trail Association**. Also, to improve communications, a Bell Canada representative is now on the Board of Directors of that association.

The **Quinte Hastings Recreational Trail Association** had three hikes this spring.

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Items of interest from each club are solicited for publication in Outlook.

Please mail submissions directly to the Outlook Editor, 350 Meadowcrest Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 3S5.

#### PROVINCIAL PARK HOME MOVIES

If you were unable to visit any of Ontario's 131 provincial parks this summer, you will now be able to enjoy them from the comfort of your armchair.

Twenty-four park films in 16 mm color and sound, may now be borrowed from most libraries across the country. Some titles recommended by Ministry of Natural Resources are: *Natural Journey*, *Ontario by Canoe*, *The Loon*, *The North and You*, *In Search of the Perfect Campsite*, and *Imprint on the Land*.

The films may also be obtained on a loan-free basis from Ontario Provincial Parks Information, Ministry of Natural Resources, Third Floor, Whitney Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1W3.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION 1982

Last October, the Honourable John Roberts announced Environment Canada's new public consultation and information availability policy. Public Consultation meetings will be held at regional centres across Canada, to allow the Canadian public to dialogue directly with government officials on environment matters.

The first annual headquarters meeting will be held in Ottawa on September 21 - 23, 1982.

The Department's policy is set out in a brochure issued by Environment Canada. Briefly it is divided into four parts:

(A) **Public Consultation**, which will assure a regular and predictable opportunity for the public to meet with department officials in order to discuss environmental issues and concerns; (B) **Regulation Making**, which will require that all significant new regulations and guidelines be subject to an explicit procedure that allows for public comment at all stages of their development; (C) **Information Availability**, which will make most departmental information accessible to the public; and (D) **Contribution to Transportation Expenses**, which will provide assistance to help qualifying groups to attend designated meetings.

Further information about this matter may be obtained by contacting:

Gail Turner  
Public Consultation Officer  
Information Directorate  
Tel: (819) 994-1410

or by writing to:

Environment Canada,  
10 Wellington Street,  
Hull, Quebec K1A 0H3.

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#### REMEMBER ONTARIO HIKING DAY

October 3, 1982.

Take a Hike, Eh!

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The Pest Diagnostic and Advisory Clinic, the Department of Environmental Biology, Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, has issued a revised circular on some references on edible wild plants in Ontario, their identification and use, and on poisonous plants. (C.B. Kelly). A few examples of the many publications are:

Angier, Bradford, 1974. *Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants*. Stackpole Books, Harrisburg, Penna.

Gibbons, Euell, 1962. *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*. David McKay Co., New York.

Groves, J. Walton. Addendum by S.A. Redhead. 1979. *Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms of Canada*. Agriculture Canada Publication No. 1112. Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Ottawa.

Turner, Nancy J. and Adam F. Szczawinski, 1978. *Wild Coffee and Tea Substitutes of Canada*. National Museums of Canada, Ottawa.

(More titles to be published in future issues of Outlook.)

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### X-C SKIING OF THE TRAIL

The winter months are approaching more quickly than perhaps we would like. The following article is reprinted from the Voyageur Trail News No.6 - December 1976. Perhaps some of our readers would like to comment or add to the list with descriptions of X-C Skiing experience on the trail. Forward replies to Editor - Voyageur Trail News, P.O. Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 5L2. Our next publication is December 15th. Submissions received by December 1st will be included.

" CROSS COUNTRY SKIING ON  
THE SAULTEAUX TRAIL  
Cross Country Ski Committee

Gros Cap Area: Access by Jackson Island Road. Ski south or east from where trail crosses the Jackson Island Road. As you go east, after an easy stretch, it gets progressively more difficult. Turn back when you reach your limit of capability.

Third Line and Creek Road:  
Access by Creek Road. Parking is poor (please don't block drive-ways) Ski east where trail crosses Creek Road. After a steep climb, the trail is quite level until Bennett Creek. There is no bridge and the crossing is dangerous. Don't attempt it.

Maki Road Area: Skiing east of Maki Road to West Davignon Creek is not recommended for novice skiers.

Nettleton Lake Area: Access by Goulais Avenue north of the Fourth Line. Trail to east is wide, and good for skiing but is used by snow machines. Easy trail until north of Brule Road where it gets hilly after the beaver dam.

Old Goulais Bay Road Area:  
Access by Old Goulais Bay Road from Fourth Line. Parking at Fourth Line with two mile hike north to where trail crosses the Old Goulais Bay Road. Just north of here, an old trail leads east and soon joins the trail. It is flatter and easier skiing than the trail where it crosses the road. There is good skiing east for a while, but snow machines probably use this section.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS - LANDOWNERS

Will any landowners who have changed their address or are going to do so, and who wish to continue to keep in touch with the V.T.A. through the Newsletter, please send their new address to the Secretary, V.T.A.

### PLANETS LINE-UP

Observers of the night sky this past summer may have noticed the line-up of three bright star-like objects low in the southwest early in the evening. They were, from brightest to least bright, the planets JUPITER, MARS, and SATURN. The distinctive red colour of MARS has been particularly noticeable.



Members of Sauleaux Section

Allinson	Tom	McHattie	Graham
Anderson	John	Megan	Ron
Bertoli	Rita	Morrison	Dr. Ian
Bullock	Lois	Pandzic	J.
Capper	Patrick	Pearson	J. & Lee Ann
Cayford	Mr. & Mrs. J.H.	Prevost	Yves
Delfgov	A.E.	Pringle	Ernie
Dennison	Russ	Ricciatti	Mrs. Marie
Flemming	Robert	Robinson	Don & Bev
Garson	Helen	Ruicci	Mrs. J.
Greenwood	Shawn	Smith	Kathryn
Guerriero	James & Doreen	Smythe	Jack
Harvey	George	Stevenson	Robert
Hill	Mrs. M.	Sweezey	Daniel
Johnson	Ken	Syme	Dr. Paul
Jondreau	Nancy	Towers	Noreen
Kersey	Mrs. Eve	Triplet	Barbara
King	Dr. Timothy	Troje	J.V.
Kniivila	Paul	Wallworth	C.
Lawrence	Florence	Wass	Robert
Mahlman	Oskar	Williams	B.D.
Malcolm	Colin R.	Williams	J.H.
McCutcheon	Dick	Yanni	Ralph

Members of Other Sections

3	Echo Ridges	21	Thunder Bay
4	Desbarats	22	Nipigon
5	Thessalon	23	Casques-Isle Schreiber
7	Penewobikong (Blind River)	25	Pukaskwa Park
10	Rainbow (Espanola)		
11	Little Current		
14	Sudbury		
23	Beckett	23	McGrath Dan
11	Bingaman	23	McGrath Heather
23	Burke	23	McGrath Mr. & Mrs. Micheal
23	Collinson	7	Merseth Mrs. M.D.
22	Crawford	10	Mollison Ron
21	Duffus	10	Morrison George
10	Fanning	25	Ort Marty
5	Fleming	21	Petch Judith
23	Glad	7	Phillips Harold & Mary
5	Grote	5	Purdy Morriss
4	Haavisto		
3	Hansen	4	Ropke Dieter
3	Hansen	7	Sellers Ronald
4	Keast	21	Semeniuk Diana
7	Kerr	4	Sonderby Helen
7	Lediatt	4	Smookler B.H.
7	Lediatt	14	Weight Barney
7	Lediatt	10	Wood Ralph
5	MacDonald		
5	MacDonald		
	Tom & Carol Coyne		
	Dan		
	Lorne		
	William		
	David		
	Dianne		
	Bob & Enid		
	Horace		
	Colleen		
	Jean		
	Fred		
	Barry		
	Mrs. Phyllis		
	John & Jean Hershey		
	George		
	Brenda		
	Norman		
	Vernon		
	Jack		
	Jim		

Up to September 1st, there were 136 paid individual or family memberships.

If you wish to continue receiving newsletters and your name is not on the lists below and there is an M on your address label, you will have to send in your \$5.00 renewal in order to remain on the mailing list.

Landowners and other hiking clubs (indicated by an L or F on address label) will continue to receive the Club's newsletter.

Members of the Association at Large

Anderson	A.R.	Willowdale	MacGibbon	Diana	Waterloo
Bankier	Mike	Ottawa	Muma	Walter	Toronto
Bardonnex	Katherine	Sault Ste. Marie	Murphy	J.F.	Sault Ste. Marie
Belyea	Scott&Marg	Holland Landing	Nadir	Mark	Toronto
Berens	Barbara	Austin, Texas	Nierlich	Helma	Sault Ste. Marie
Cann	Andrew	Eden Mills	Noël	Fernard	Sarnia
Coote	Lonny	Sault Ste. Marie	Sainsbury	Fred	Weston
Fears	John	Hines, Ill.	Smit	Jack	Elliot Lake
Gonsik	Peter	Toronto	Smith	Jean	Toronto
Hall	Don&Vivian	Richards Landing	Tavadia	Jamshed	Toronto
Harris	Peter	Milton	Tebby	Vernon	Belmont
Hay	Rick	Thornhill	Thompson	Arthur	Dunnville
Hueton	John	Oakville	Toronto Hiking & Cons. Club		
Jacobs	Robert	Royal Oak Mi.	Towers	Noreen	Sault Ste. Marie
Janis	Andrew	Youngstown	Tucker	Dave	Guelph
Juhola	Aarne&Helen	Toronto	University of Guelph Outdoors Club		
Kelly	James	Thessalon			
King	Brian	St. Catharines	Wilush	Don	Rexdale
King	D.M.	Toronto	Woodruff	James	Lansing
Knapp	Robert	Owen Sound			
Koczekan	Steve	Toronto			
Lapinski	Patrick	Minneapolis			
Lemanski	L.L.	Lansing			
Magner	Mark&Judy	Mississauga			

Members of Michipicoten Club (Wawa)

Baxter	Thomas	Mills	Ralph
Chauvin	Mike & Marney	Ostermeir	Agnes
Gaudreault	Leona	Renault	Sheila
Gravelle	David	Runkel	Dr. J.D.
Hamett	James	Turgeon	Sr. Dolores
Kontscheider	Ed		

Addendum

1	Marzolf	Richard	W.Va.
1	Strong	Allan	Waterloo
2	Dearing	Albert	S.S.Marie
25	Tierney	K.	Marathon
2	Mitchell	James	S.S.Marie



## 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### DECLARATION

I have read and will abide by the TRAIL USERS CODE

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

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

#### FEES

- 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.

- 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