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THE VOICE

I wish to introduce myself and to use this publication as a voice for some opinions. I am Steve Taylor and I have volunteered myself to become editor of the Voyageur Trail News.

Several people have expressed to me the opinion that the newsletter is not really living up to its function as a voice for the Association. In particular, there have been few articles documenting trips on the trail and no one seems to want to post coming events. I have heard of some recent trips and there must be other people out there who have had trail experiences of interest to all of us. Are you in this category? If so, I wish to encourage short articles from you for the newsletter. In fact, I wish to encourage anything in writing from you that you think will interest other V.T.A. members. You need not be a world renowned writer to contribute. Remember that the newsletter is your voice too and at last report, the club has about 840 ears (well, actually, I guess they're eyes) waiting to hear from you.

My home address may change in the near future so please send articles to me in care of the V.T.A., Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., P6A 5L2.

IMPORTANT

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you are a member, there is a list of members included with this newsletter. Please check it and respond according to the instructions at the beginning of the list. If you are not paid up for 1984, please renew now. We appreciate and need your support. Remember, our membership year runs from January to December. Thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENTION

If any member does not have a copy of the Constitution of the V.T.A., and wishes to obtain a copy, please notify us and we will send you one forthwith.

MEETINGS MEETINGS MEETINGS

President Syme tendered his resignation and Corresponding Secretary I.K. Morrison gave notice of his intention to resign at a V.T.A. Board meeting on 4 January 1984.

The Board then made the following appointments:

PRESIDENT	Patrick Capper
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Rita Bertoli
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Stephen Dominy

Eight out-of-town members were contacted by letter and asked to endorse the proceedings of the 4 January 1984 meeting. We have received eight written replies of endorsement. I.K. Morrison subsequently submitted his written resignation.

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The new executive met informally on 10 January 1984 to discuss various aspects of regrouping. Among the topics discussed were:

- definition of VTA objectives
- frequency and types of meetings required
- enlarging the executive
- shorter terms of office for the executive
- role of the executive within the VTA
- duties of members of the executive
- landowner contacts
- newsletter
- annual greeting cards for landowners
- trips and outings



NOTICE

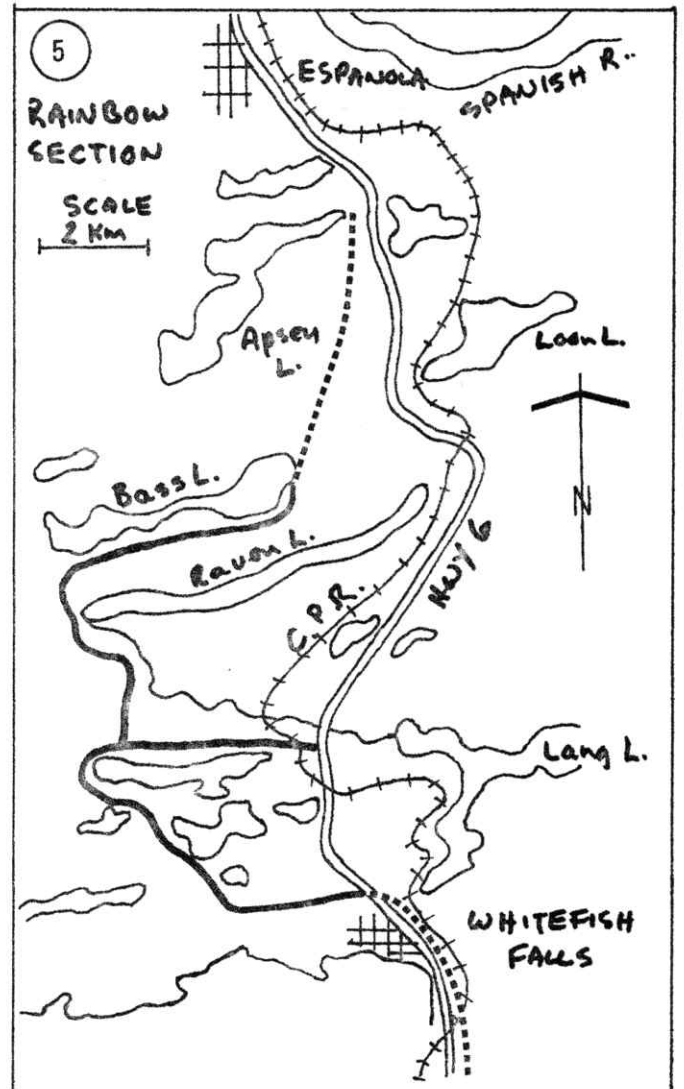
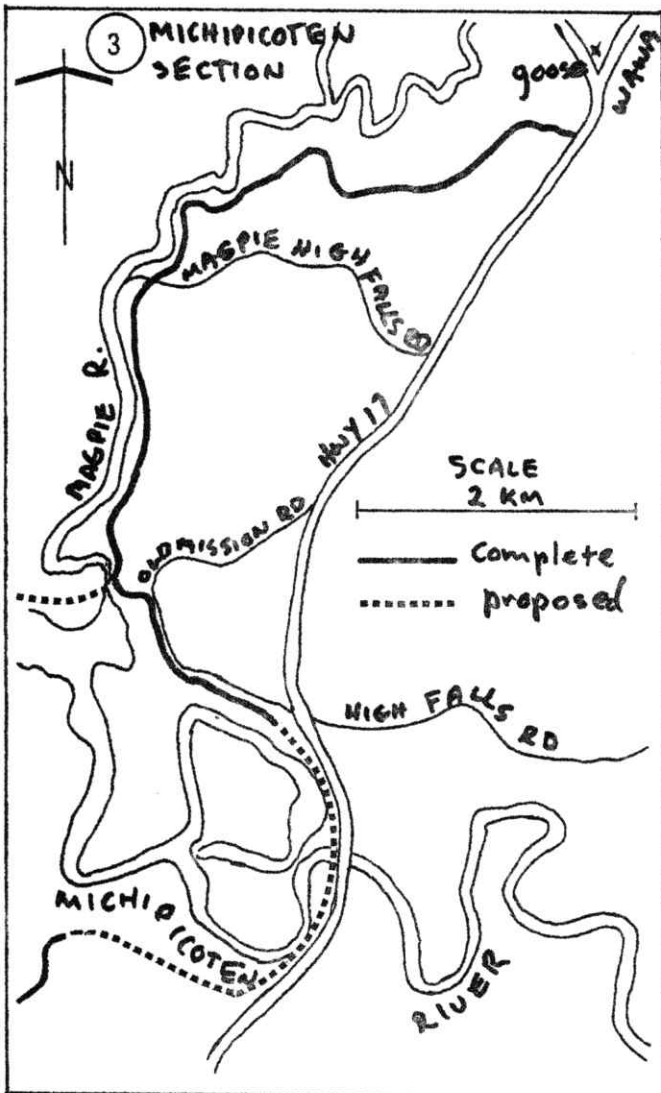
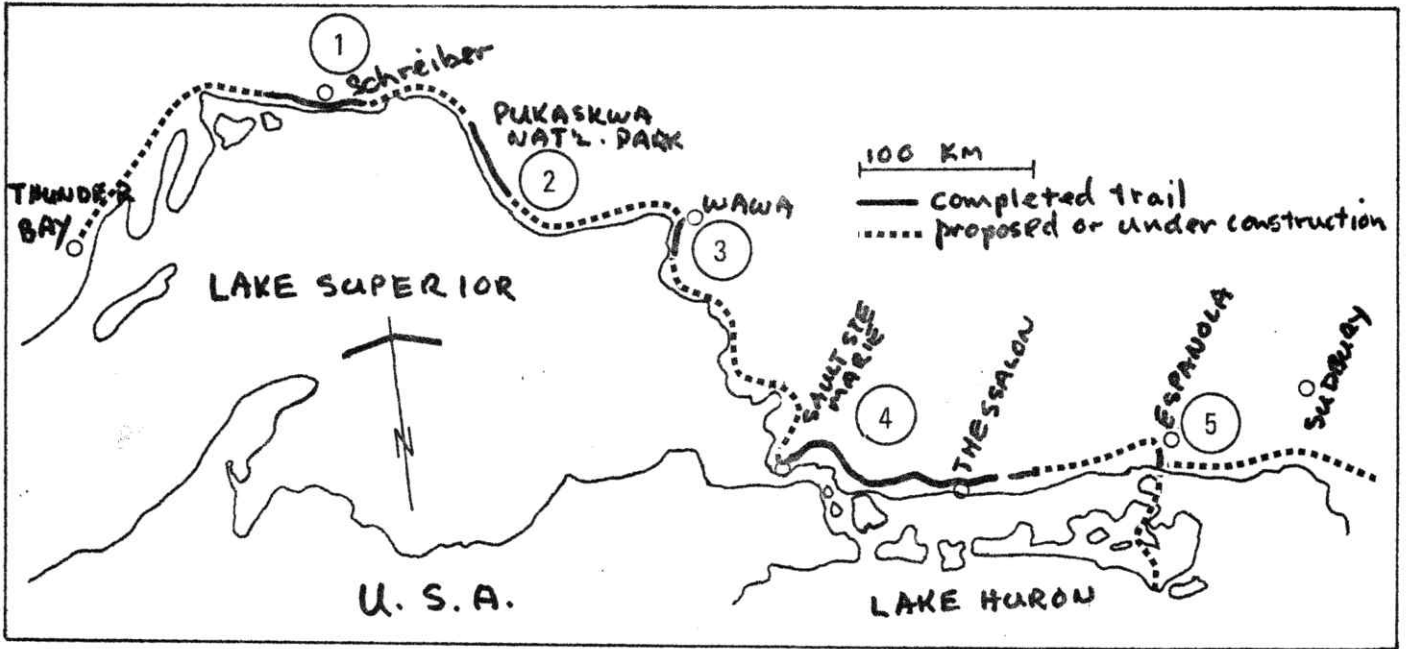
The Voyageur Trail will be closed along its entire length Monday, March 12, 1984.

STATUS OF THE TRAIL

1. Casque-Isles Section: Between Terrace Bay and Rosspoint, approximately 50 km of shoreline hiking trail are completed and blazed. The part between Terrace Bay and Rainbow Provincial Park is described in the guidebook.
2. Pukaskwa National Park: Seventy kilometres of coastal hiking trail winds its way from Hattie Cove south through the boreal forest and over the hummocky volcanic rock of the Shield to the Swallow River. When completed to the Pukaskwa River, we will include this in our guidebook. For further information, contact the Superintendent, Pukaskwa National Park, P.O. Box 550, Marathon, Ont., P0T 2E0.
3. Michipicoten Section: Approximately 10 km of trail from Highway 17 near the goose to the bridge at the Michipicoten River and Hwy. 17, and beyond, is completed. Work continues south towards Lake Superior Provincial Park.
4. Saulteaux-Echo Ridges-Desbarats-Thessalon-Iron Bridge-Penewobikong Sections: There is complete and continuous trail from Gros Cap, west of Sault Ste. Marie, to the town of Iron Bridge. This comprises 137 km plus approximately 50 km of the Thessalon Section, which is being mapped and will be ready for the guidebook next fall. About 18 km of the Iron Bridge and Penewobikong Sections are completed and the rest is under construction. Going north from Gros Cap, there are approximately 9 km completed.
5. Rainbow Section: Although there are approximately 20 km of trail completed south of Espanola, there has been no activity in recent years and that section has not expanded. Some of it may be in poor shape and we cannot recommend it for hiking.

Thus, there are approximately 360 or so kilometres of the Voyageur Trail completed and hikeable, for an average of about 36 km per year of our existence. Good work!

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