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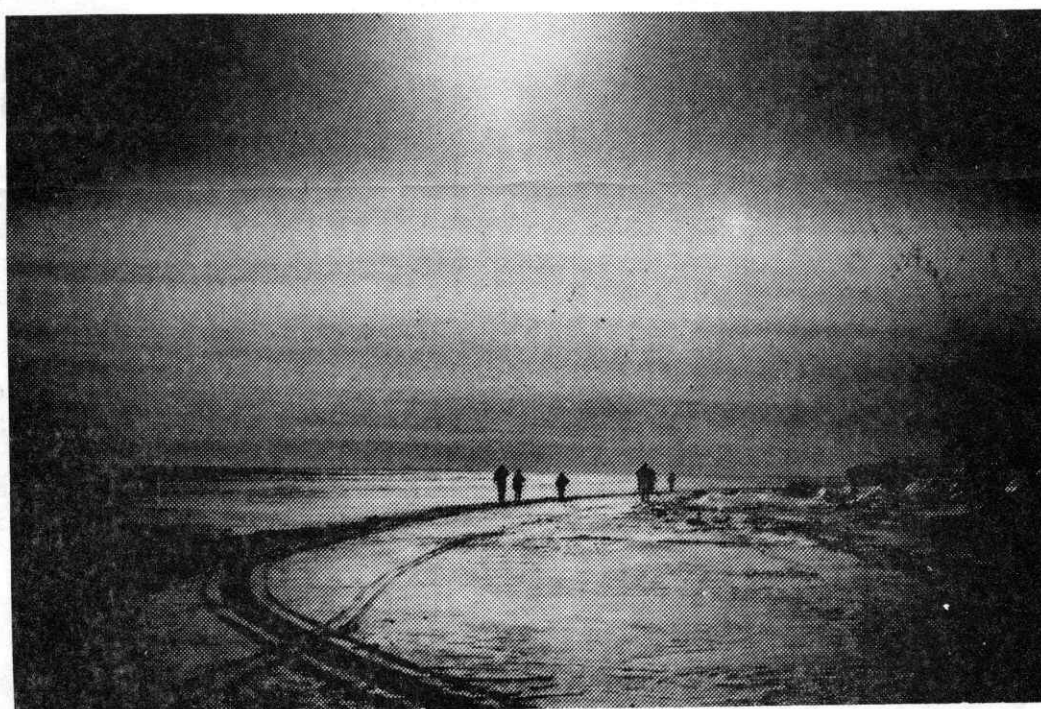
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SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING
A WINTER WONDERLAND

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SAULTEAUX VTA COMING EVENTS - WINTER/SPRING 1988

February 13 Bushwhack on skis North from Nettleton Lake into a winter fantasy-come-true. Intermediate difficulty. Meet 10:00 at Market Mall* by the gas bar and bring a lunch.

March 19 Ski Trout Lake-Mable Lake area. Intermediate difficulty. Meet 9:30 at K-Mart Plaza* by the gas bar and bring a lunch.

April 7 Saulteaux Club Annual Dinner - members of Saulteaux Club see note accompanying this newsletter. Other people interested in attending should contact Steve Taylor at 759-2480 or Susan Graham at 949-4105.

April 16 Ice breakup hike in the Gros Cap area. Easy to intermediate difficulty. Meet at

Market Mall by the gas bar at 10:00 with your lunch and a compass to get your bearings straight.

May 8 Mother's Day Sunday wildflower hike in the Echo Ridges Section north of Tower Lake. Fairly easy hike, but boots are required. Meet 9:00 at Churchill Plaza* beside the gas bar.

*Market Mall- Second line west at Farewell Terrace

K-Mart Plaza- Great Northern Road and Northern Avenue, north-west corner

Churchill Plaza- Trunk Road just east of the Trunk Road-Wellington Street intersection.

Please note that trip leaders are unpaid volunteers. You are encouraged to participate, but at your own risk. Always be prepared for any type of weather. In winter, it is always a good idea to bring extra dry socks, an extra dry sweater and a pack to put clothes in if you get too warm. Dress in layers that you can remove or add and try to wear clothes that will allow your sweat to evaporate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We hikers are a patient lot. We wait weeks for that perfect hike, only to end up watching raindrops pelting on window panes. We battle our way through dense underbrush, over deadfalls and around poison ivy, to clear a footpath and then patiently go back over the same terrain again when an errant logger or mother nature tries to undo our work. Beavers frustrate us, mosquitoes harass us and bears scare us. We sweat, we ache and we gasp for oxygen while enjoying our "sport".

Are we nuts? Probably, but that's the nature of the hiker - always ready to rise patiently to the challenge.

Looking back, it is easy to see how we have met and conquered challenges. In just over 10 years, we have cleared 400 kilometres of hiking trail. We now recognize that our trails are tourism benefits. Hiking organizations in Ontario and the National Trail Association support our goals through direct and indirect assistance; witness the Thames Valley Trail Club's recent achievements in cleaning a portion of the Thessalon trail (see article in this issue, "South meets North"). Our stable membership is a measure of success in these times of fads in recreation. These achievements are the result of hard work and dedication by all members, whether they support our dream of a 1400 kilometre trail simply by being a member or by slogging it out in the swamps.

A special mention and thanks is necessary for another tupe of member; one who wields a pen rather than a brush axe. These members organize work parties, meetings and workshops, research and publish guidebooks and brochures, answer inquiries, serve on boards and committees, process memberships, bank money, apply for grants, produce newsletters, take photographs, liaise with landowners, man computers and phonelines, and purchase tools. These members are the glue that holds our organization together and they have helped us meet our challenges.

Our new challenge for the 1990s and beyond is to complete our Trail. This task requires new members. One way to accomplish this is increased publicity. We presently have a vacancy for a challenging position as Publicity Director, for someone who is

willing to brag about our organization. If you are that person or know of someone who is, please call me. I welcome your feedback on other topics as well. Call (705) 856-4270 -evenings.

Good Hiking,

Pete Stinnissen
VTA President

THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING IN SCHREIBER

Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

A Publicity Coordinator is needed for the Association. Club Presidents should scout out their clubs for prospective people to fill this important role.

A Hike Ontario Award was presented at the Annual Meeting to Norm Lediet. Tom Allinson, Steve Dominy and Ernie Pringle were absent, so their awards were delivered to them later.

A National Trail Association Executive was elected in June, 1987, with the vision of establishing a National trail. The Voyageur Trail Association Sections will be critical to achieving this goal, and support from the provincial governments will be important to bringing about a national trail. In B.C. for example, it is predicted that 75% of that province's trail should be complete in 5 years. B.C. receives a lot of help from the provincial government.

In May 1989 there will be a Hike Ontario conference in London.

The distribution of the VTA Guidebook is to be increased by attempting to sell it to bookstores and issuing complimentary copies to special places such as tourist information centres, for use as office copies only.

The VTA Newsletter Editor is receiving notice of Saulteaux Section upcoming events only. All Sections should send a list of planned events, dates and times to the Newsletter Editor, before April 1, 1988. Editor is Guy Smith, c/o Box 66 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5L2.

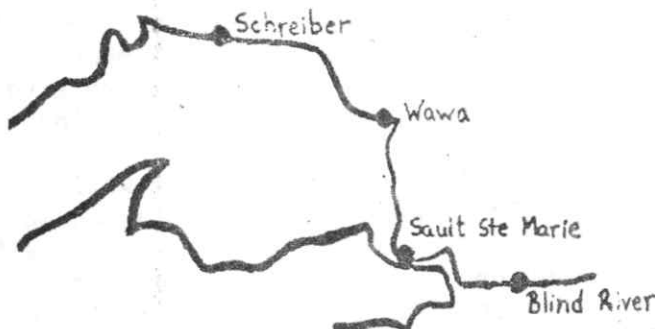
The VTA intends to purchase a personal computer to aid in looking after memberships, sorting members, labels, and putting out the newsletter. The Executive is pursuing a grant to help fund the cost of the computer.

Some important decisions were made concerning the potential formation of a Thunder Bay Club. We agreed that it is important to have a Club in Thunder Bay, and we will negotiate some fee concessions with them to get them started.

AN UNOFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE OFFICIAL VTA ANNUAL MEETING

I've spent some time pondering the mysterious happenings connected with the 1987 VTA Annual Meeting, held in Schreiber on October 24. I believe there were at least three cases of AIDS at the meeting: AIDS short for "Addiction, Insanity, and Dedication with Strength".

The drive to Schreiber is 650 km each way from Blind River, 500km from Sault Ste. Marie, and 280 km from Wawa. Anyone undertaking such a journey for a 2 hour meeting must be addicted to the VTA, and showing at least the first signs of insanity.



Paul Syme, Steve Taylor and myself travelled from the Sault leaving at 5:30 pm on Friday.

When we stopped at the Voyageur restaurant outside Wawa, the staff were most perceptive about how this disease can spread; they didn't come near us with a menu for twenty minutes. The owner kept a wary eye on us from the safety of the bar. Two hours later, we were able to complete our dinner and travel on to the Stinnissens'. Some of us had planned to camp near Marathon or Schreiber, however the campground operators were even more afraid of catching AIDS than the restaurateurs, and had promptly closed the campground on the excuse that October 23rd was too late to be open for campers.

In order to arrive at Schreiber for 10 o'clock, we all got up around 6 am and were joined by Norman Lediet for a farmhouse style breakfast. He had driven up from Blind River the previous day. Kristine obviously believed that a nutritious diet without sugar was the best means of combating AIDS.

At 7 o'clock the four out-of-towners and Dorothy Egan joined Peter and Kristine for the journey to Schreiber. We all arrived close to scheduled 10 o'clock, but found no trace of the contingent from Thunder Bay. However, Lorne and Sherry Bourke, Dan McGrath and Lauri Haloner from Schreiber met us.

The Thunder Bay group was finally contacted at lunch time. They were obviously mortally afraid of catching our condition and gave some excuse about a bad snowstorm, but at Schreiber it was a beautiful cool sunny day without a trace of snow.

Dan and Lauri were nervous about getting Addiction, Insanity and Dedication with Strength. They kept their distance during the meeting and left promptly at noon.

Lorne and Sherry were already showing signs of AIDS. Lorne has been the most active member since Heather Jessup-McGrath left town several years ago. He was instrumental in carrying up a rock drill and power plant to the top of Mount Gwyn to install Tom McGrath's memorial plaque.

After the meeting we had a very pleasant lunch at a semi-Chinese restaurant. The Chinese cook only had the courage to enter the kitchen after we had sat down for about half-an-hour, and only the waitress dared to go near the nine of us eating there. Obviously another indication that our AIDS was showing.

After lunch we had to see the famed Mount Gwyn. Norman stayed behind but we were joined by two guides named Wolf and Gypsy. In contrast to many others, they showed no fear of catching our disease of over-indulgence in the VTA, and occasionally gave us a nudge if we were lagging. Probably their lack of fear of us was their belief that Irish Wolfhounds are immune to AIDS.

Around 6 pm we set off on the return journey, stopping in Wawa where Norman was spending the night. Paul, Steve and I shared the driving, stopping for supper on the way and breaking the journey to admire a brilliant display of Northern Lights. We reached the Sault at last at 1:00 am.

I think you'll agree that this nineteen hour day required dedication with strength as well as addiction and insanity. The final diagnosis: 3 confirmed cases of AIDS and 6 more members requiring observation. However the three confirmed cases have had no harmful side effects yet, and thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Patrick Capper

HEART VALVE HIKE-A-THON INFORMATION BULLETIN



Members of the Voyageur Trail Association, along with members of all hiking associations in Ontario, are encouraged to participate in a hike-a-thon leading up to the next Hike Ontario Conference in May, 1989.

This hike-a-thon is easy to join and should be fun for all participants. As a hiker, you can hike anywhere, for any distance of up to 240 km, covering your distance in any number of hikes. All hikes and distances are logged by you in a hikers log. You can also collect pledges to support research currently being carried out by a team of scientists who are working to increase the durability of artificial heart valves. If you hike the full 240 km before June, 1989, you will receive an award.

There are three essential reasons for participating in this hike-a-thon. It will help our club to gain publicity, it will provide you with a challenge towards good health, and it will help to support much-needed heart valve research. Get involved and feel the satisfaction of exercising your heart while you help strengthen the hearts of others!

Further information on the Heart Valve Hike-A-Thon, including pledge forms, hikers logs, and information on heart valve research can be obtained from Steve Taylor, c/o Voyageur Trail Association. A hike this spring will be labelled as a Heart Valve Hike and will be used to kick this program off, but you can start at anytime, and hikes undertaken in the Fall of 1987 qualify towards the 240km.

TRAIL MIX

-Steve Dominy has stepped down from his position as President of the Saulteaux Club, in order to pursue a Masters degree at the University of New Brunswick. Many thanks are extended to Steve for his excellent work. He will be replaced by Steve Taylor, who has been Newsletter Editor for the past 2-3 years. Guy Smith is the new Newsletter Editor and this is his first issue. Material for the next newsletter should reach the Editor by March 25, 1988.

-The last work party of the year for the Saulteaux Club was unique. The target area was the Echo Ridges Section, kilometers 43 to 45 where some trees had blown over onto the trail. Steve Taylor was to lead this hike, and he also rounded up Johanna Broks, Alan Comfort and Susan Graham, who vereon the work party list for that day. He also invited John Berry and Dave Wells. Nancy Chong organizing a University of Toronto Forestry reunion that day, and Steve suggested that they could also come along if they were inclined.

With 17 people, this rapidly became the biggest work party of the year. The U of T bunch immediately showed their toughness in the Northern Ontario bush by coming without lunch. They were still able to put forth a dazzling display of trail maintenance and beaver dam ballet. Highlights included the beautiful weather, the climb to the lookout over Coffee Creek (which is always a treat), an in-depth analysis of the contents of a garbage dump, a forest full of spanworm moths (see Trail Mix in the last issue) and the satisfaction that goes with sharing lunch.

-Peter Stinnissen and Steve Taylor attended a meeting hosted by the Bruce Trail Association at Raspberry House on November 21, 1987. Many items were discussed, but the focus on the meeting was to provide some guidance for club leaders in their involvement with volunteers. Through an informal discussion approach, those in attendance were able to present ideas that were applicable to everyone else.

It became apparent that many Clubs besides ours have problems with publicity. It was suggested that volunteers have to have clear objectives for all positions. Perhaps for some of the difficult positions such as publicity, forming a committee is an alternative to recruiting a single volunteer. It seems that many volunteers are out there. They don't want to start with a large position, but are willing to take on something small if asked.

Volunteer leaders should try to encourage volunteers to accept positions which match their capabilities and should provide follow-up correspondence and support. Lack of communication was cited as a reason why many volunteers don't accomplish task objectives.

-The Ontario Trail Riders Association met on November 19 in Stouffville, Ontario, with hikers represented by Hike Ontario. It was decided that an attempt should be made to resurrect the Ontario Trails Council. It was felt that there is a need now for Government action to preserve trail corridors. Groups representing motorized and non-motorized uses of the trail must recognize that they are stronger together in this matter.

-A reminder that as a VTA member you are part of a Hike Ontario!

member club and are therefore permitted to purchase single copies of "Bruce Trail News", including back issues. For details contact Trail News Inc. 17 Marlborough Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1X5. Of particular interest to VTA members may be the feature on the Voyageur Trail, written by Steve Taylor and Published in the Fall 1987 Issue of "Bruce Trail News".

SOUTH MEETS NORTH

This summer, from August 21-24, a group of 7 hikers from Southern Ontario came up to the Thessalon Section to help clear trail. This account is from group leader Bill Savage.

Just as a newly planted seed will grow only if carefully tended, so too, good ideas need encouragement if they are to succeed. In this case, the idea was to help a fellow trail club to clear some trail. The help came in response to a request from the Voyageur Trail Association at the Hike Ontario Conference in 1986 at Guelph. Providing help were Jean Law, Grant Hall, Sharon Whitecroft, Gord Anderson, Bruce McLean, Walter Jucker and Bill Savage.

Although the section of trail to be cleared was just 7.5 km long, it was so thickly strewn with windthrown trees and overgrown with other vegetation that we did not manage to clear it all. At one point, a massive aspen swallowed our chainsaw and refused to release its jaws. Only careful management and a lot of luck were able to free it. Fortunately, the weather co-operated - cool, windy, and sunny most of the time.

Suppertime, Friday, August 21, we reached Sault Ste. Marie and were greeted by Paul Syme who accompanied us to the trail and provided us with tools and

guidance. We were to try to clear between Highway 129 and the Shaw Dam. Easy? Wrong!

Through friends at our campsite along 129, we were able to learn of a short-cut to the very centre of the trail. We backpacked in on Saturday morning for about four km and set up a base camp at the Central Algoma Board of Education Outdoor Education site; a beautiful place indeed. White pines overlooked wilderness Tee Lake and we revelled in nature unspoilt. At night, laughter of loons and an exquisite sky full of stars and satellites entertained us. We howled for wolves, but were to be disappointed.

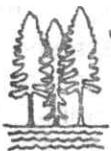
Saturday, we cleared towards Shaw Dam in excellent weather. We discovered no bear signs (clawed trees or droppings), although we thought we saw an osprey across the lake at breakfast. Saturday night found us tired, but with a feeling of accomplishment. We were prevented from reaching the Shaw Dam by flooding caused by beavers. That night, the temperature was a cool six C, great for sleeping.

Sunday August 23, a mist floated over Tee Lake making the lonely call of the loon even more enchanting. We worked hard as we went east, discovering deer droppings everywhere, one deer carcass and one beaver skull. There were no bugs at all. So thick were the downed trees blocking the path that even with Gord's toy, the chainsaw, we ran out of time Sunday before reaching the highway. Altogether, we cleared about six km of trail in two days of steady work.

Bill Savage.

NOTICE

The Voyageur Trail, where it crosses private land, will be closed on the second Monday in February. This action is necessary to protect the rights of landowners who generously allow us to cross their land the remainder of the year. Please take care not to trespass on this day.



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A BEAUTIFUL ONTARIO HIKING DAY ON OCTOBER 4, 1987

The sun shone brightly on a group of 22 hikers, including a hardy 3-year-old, a dog, and a kayaker (Darcy Ortiz), on a hike in

the Blind River Section, commemorating Ontario Hiking Day. Jack and Evelyn Smit enjoyed the day and Evelyn hiked remarkably well, considering she is blind.

The colours were spectacular! Erika Ropke sported hot pink pants with a purple sweater, Paul Syme's fluorescent orange hat was all the rage, and I made a fashion statement in red, white and blue. Oh yes, the leaves were in their full autumnal splendour as well. During the hike, we encountered some wonderful scenic lookouts, including a great view of Lake of the Mountains with Lake Huron and Manitoulin Island visible on the horizon.

The hike was most enjoyable and the day was topped-off with beans, biscuits and goodies at Ledietz's camp. Our sincere thanks to the Ledietz's for their hospitality.

Donna Weeks

TO OUR MEMBERS FROM THE U.S.A.

The VTA can no longer accept payment in US dollars at an amount that is discounted for the difference between US and Canadian currency. The reason for this is prohibitive bank charges for changing currency, and increased postage. (For example, if an American member renews and reduces the Canadian \$7.00 fee to say, US \$5.50, we do not even receive \$7.00 Canadian because of bank charges.) Payment should be made for US \$7.00. For those of you with Canadian bank accounts, we will of course accept payment in Canadian dollars.

Dieter Ropke
Treasurer

PUKASKWA BITS AND PIECES: PART I

-The first episode in an informative and interesting account of an adventurous weekend in Lake Superior country, by Steve Taylor.

From July 1-5, 1987, 12 Voyageur Trail members led by Steve Taylor backpacked the Coastal Trail in Pukaskwa National Park. The Trail has been in past issues of Voyageur Trail News (Issue 28, Autumn 1984, Issue 29, Winter 1985). This article will serve more to convey bits and pieces of the Trail, and the trip as seen through the eyes and other senses of those in attendance on this particular trip.

Our group included Patrick and Neil Capper, Darcy and Fiona Ortiz, Betty Nassoii, Ken Baldwin, Virve Squire, Bill Robinson, Donna Weeks, Horst Wetzell, Roddie Larsen, and Steve Taylor. The hike commenced at Oiseau Bay with everyone arriving in the park on Thursday July 1, and ended at the Interpretive Centre at Hattie Cove on Sunday. In all, 30.5 km were hiked.

The trip began with the boat ride down to Oiseau Bay. No-one in the group had been on the trip before, so there was a feeling of apprehensive. While waiting at the mouth of the Pic River for the boat, we did some exploring. Amongst the sand dunes, we found a teepee, several old structures which were presumably used in the days of the log drives, and some monstrous logs and cables. A lengthy discussion ensued as to the composition of the boom logs. Research after the trip revealed that they were probably imported B.C. cedar or fir logs.

The boat ride down the coast was quite bouncy. We were not reassured when we asked Richard Lesarge (the boat pilot) why the windows in the boat were cracked,

and he replied that the impact of hitting the waves broke them. We made it to Oiseau Bay safely though, and in time to watch the sun sink into the hazy clouds and to make and eat supper. The sand flies all had supper that night too, in the tents of those with doors without fine screening.

We began the hike north on Friday morning. Oiseau Creek presented us with the first bizarre sight of the trip. Heavy rains in June of 1986 washed tons of mud and trees down Oiseau Creek. All of this material was deposited on the last kilometer or so of streambed before Lake Superior. With the dry conditions of 1987, instead of a creek, we saw a sea of sand, interrupted occasionally with massive log jams and quicksand pools.

The trail bordered island-studded Oiseau Bay for a while, but it eventually left the lake and went inland and up into a dark, damp, quiet green world of ferns, Sphagnum moss and slippery rocks. I found this part of the hike quite pleasant. Everything, even the rock, was covered in Sphagnum moss or Schreber's moss, and delicate Boreal flowers such as twinflower were noted. At one point, with our feet sinking into pillows of moss with every step, we silently wound by a small lake which was visible through the spruce-scented mist. Soon, we clamboured downhill to Lake Superior for lunch at Cave Harbour.

After lunch, and a few hours of hiking we arrived at Fish Harbour; our intended camp for the night. We were intrigued by the bear poles. A bear pole is a wooden crosspiece about 3-4 meters off the ground supported by two sturdy posts. You are supposed to hang your dried food from these poles to prevent the bears from eating it. We wondered if these are effective against a persistent

bear, but they were easier to use than the branchless trees at Oiseau Bay were the night before.

At Oiseau, Betty and I tried repeatedly to throw a weighted end of rope over a branch. Eventually, I created part of the evening's comic relief by throwing the entire rope into the tree by mistake and climbing after it.

We pitched our tents around mid afternoon as thunder began to roll in from the Lake. By this point, the sky was very dark, starkly contrasting with the white tops of huge waves on the lake. We got the tents up just as the rain began to pour down. Some people went into the tents while others stayed out to watch the storm. In order to keep most of my clothes dry, I took my shoes and socks off, stripped down to my shorts and put my raincoat on. I then joined the "tough" portion of the party which was attempting to keep the fire going in the rain and lightning. Somebody's pots were bobbing in a large pool of water which formed behind Patrick's tent.

With my arm well twisted behind my back, I accepted a cup of some brandy that materialized from somewhere. I had to drink it quickly as it was being watered down with rain. Even a storm can be fun when you're camping if you're spirit is good. The storm let up for us to eat supper, but it reappeared to chase us home from our evening stroll and into our sleeping bags for the night.

The next morning was very foggy. This is one of Superior's moods which must be experienced. Everything is very still and silent. When a sound does occur, it seems to be coming through grey velvet. Smells become apparent. A fire is a prerequisite on this kind of day. I'm not sure what we had for breakfast, but it tasted great.

An unfortunate incident occurred that morning. A chunk of wood flew into Darcy's eye while he was trying to break a log. Virve and Fiona cleaned and bandaged his eye, and everyone was concerned about whether he could negotiate the slippery rocks with one functional eye. Because he had to be careful, I think he fell fewer times than the rest of us. Darcy's eye recovered over the next week, but I will always remember him picking his way through the fog across the rocks, with his dark beard and white eyepatch making him look like a lost pirate.

That morning, the walking was largely on rocks beside Lake Superior, and entirely in the fog. Every step had to be taken with care. A boot placed on slippery lichen can result in a body deposited unceremoniously on the rocks or in the lake. Morrison Harbour was particularly enchanting with its islands partially appearing through the mist. The water was dead calm until a family of mergansers swam past.

NEXT ISSUE look for the insightful conclusion to Steve Taylor's feature about a weekend in beautiful and alluring Pukaskwa National Park.

THE VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS is published three times per year. Thanks to Steve Taylor for handing over the reins to fledgling copy boy-come editor, Guy Smith. New recruits to the exciting world of trail news journalism are encouraged. We need assistance in typing and printing - contact the Editor, Guy Smith, if you can volunteer some time. Your articles and news submissions are always welcome! Submissions for the Spring Issue should be given to the Editor by March 25, 1988. Send to Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 5L2.

***** INVITATION *****

SAULTEAUX VOYAGEUR TRAIL CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, April 7, 1988

Hiawatha Lodge II

6:00 - 7:00 pm Cocktails (Cash Bar)

7:00 pm Dinner (Family Style)

Soup

Salad

Roast Turkey, Cabbage Rolls

Whipped Potatoes, Vegetables

Dessert

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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.

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The membership year of the Association runs from January 1st to December 31st. Dues paid after September 1st will be applied to the next membership year.

Fee includes membership in one Voyageur Trail Club. To join additional V.T. Clubs, add an extra \$2.00 (\$1.00 for student) for each Club.

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