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## Serenading Birch Point

About two dozen VTA members staged from the Tourist Centre in the American Sault for a beach hike and barbecue at Betty Nassoi's place at Birch Point, just before Brimley. Although it was a fairly cool August 29, it was a beautiful sunny day.

When we all reached Betty's, we set off along the beach for the point. The sand was pleasant to walk on, so some of us walked barefoot, carrying our shoes until the end of the sand where rocks called for shoes again.

We did some fancy footwork on the rocks, stopping now and then to look at some flowers. After a while, we encountered patches of gravel. Several ships were seen steaming down the river.

Scott Capell and Steve Taylor got several others into skipping stones off the tip of the point. There was a large boulder just off shore, and they decided to bomb it with stones. Steve scored a hit after numerous misses.

Meanwhile, the rest of us including myself began a blueberry feast. The berries were late this year, because of the unseasonably cool and wet summer. The berry crop had been poor at most locations, but here, and in Lake Superior Park during our camping trip earlier, they have been plentiful. After we finished, we worked our way back to Betty's house.

Things became quite warm

**See Birch Point, p. 8**

*Taking in the view - Birch Point, 1992*



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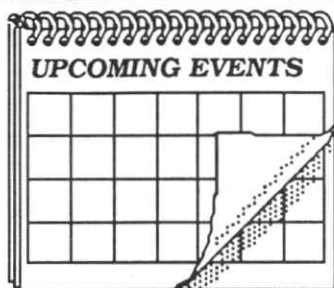
**SAULTEAUX  
CLUB NEWS**

**LEADERLESS AND  
ADRIFT**

*The Saulteaux Club is still without both a President and a Trailmaster. These positions must be filled as soon as possible, as there are many functions they perform which cannot be undertaken on a patchwork basis. Please consider one of these positions! The President is the overall coordinator of the club, and the Trailmaster is charged with a number of duties concerning the physical trail, including maintenance and extension of the trail. This is a perfect opportunity for spending more time hiking!*

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Submissions for the Fall 1992 issue must be received by September 1, 1992.



**Saturday, Nov. 7, VTA Annual Meeting**

**Saturday Nov 14** - Gales of November hike. Meet at Market Mall by the gas bar at 10:00 am with lunch, warm clothes, waterproof gear and your anemometer.

**Saturday Jan 9** - Ski in the area NW of the Sault. See why skiing off groomed trails is a whole new experience. Modest ski experience required. Bring lunch. No bug repellent needed. Meet at Market Mall by gas bar at 10:00 am.

**HIKE ONTARIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Hike Ontario's Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday Oct. 24th at Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland Ontario, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Special guest is Rueben Rajala, Trails Program Director of the Appalachian Mountain Club, director of the Appalachian Trail Conference and the American Hiking Society. In the morning, Rueben will transport everyone to the White Mountains of New England, and we will catch up on all the Ontario trail news. In the afternoon there will be a choice of a

NOTE - If you think that this list is rather short, you are right. These outings were planned at the last moment without the benefit of a meeting. The reason for this is that the Saulteaux Club is currently without a president. A president is required to call meetings to plan activities. The job can also involve whatever a person is willing to contribute, but the most important task is to call about three planning sessions a year. If you think that these outings are worthwhile, perhaps you could volunteer or try to talk someone else who would make a good president into volunteering. There are also some other positions available in the organization. At this time, outings are generally well attended, but the volunteer base needs to be broadened a bit. Anyone volunteering for any position can count on help from others.

workshop with Reuben, a hike on the Ganaraska Trail, or a nature walk around Wye Marsh. Hike Ontario awards will follow. Wye Marsh is adjacent to Sainte Marie Among the Hurons, 150 kms north of Toronto; there is camping nearby. Pre-registration (mailed before October 10th) is \$10 including lunch. Registration at the door is \$15. Details from Geoff Dewar at the Walking Centre, (416) 495-3417. Info and registration form available from the newsletter editor.

**Voyageur Trail Annual Meeting**

**Saturday Nov 7 Sault Ste Marie**

Mark this day-long event on your calendar. The board will meet at 9:30 for a meeting in the east seminar room at Algoma University. Anyone can attend. All members are asked to meet in the east wing lecture hall at 1:30 (non-members also invited). After a brief activity summary, a short hike of about 1 1/2 hrs duration is planned. We will return to the University around 3:30 for a members slide show. Please bring up to 30 of your best outdoor slides from the past year to show members. These kind of slide shows are usually a hit with modest participation so do your part to make this a success. An informal dinner will be held afterwards for executive, out of town members and anyone else who wants to participate.

Outing leaders are unpaid volunteers. You are welcome to participate, but you must do so at your own risk. You should be reasonably fit. Always bring appropriate footwear and extra clothing and water (coffee, tea or soup in a thermos is welcome on a cold day). Some of our outings are into relatively remote areas. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact one of the people listed below. Transportation to hike locations from meeting places is by car pool.

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