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## **The Red Rock Survivors**

### **A VTA Winter Ski Trip**

Eleven hardy souls attended the ski outing in the Red Rock Road area on Sat., February 12, 1994. We skied the Voyageur Trail from the Red Rock Road to the big beaver dam (about 3 km). The trail in that area climbed every knoll and hill in sight and, I'll swear, detoured to take in hills even if they were not on the route. After much struggling we reached the dam, built a fire and had lunch.

Having satisfied our collective hunger, we left the trail and headed south to the Old Creek Road. We then proceeded east and picked up the Old Sixth Line. After trekking on it for a

bit, we circled around to our vehicles. Admittedly, we were all tired, but also filled with a sense of accomplishment. One of the ladies announced that she was going to have a T-shirt printed with "I survived the Red Rock area - twice". Apparently she had been involved in a rather vigorous work party in that area last year.

In any case, there were lots of laughs in the donut store afterwards. In retrospect, the hills we had trudged over a few hours earlier seemed not quite as high and the total distance (about 9 km) not quite as long.

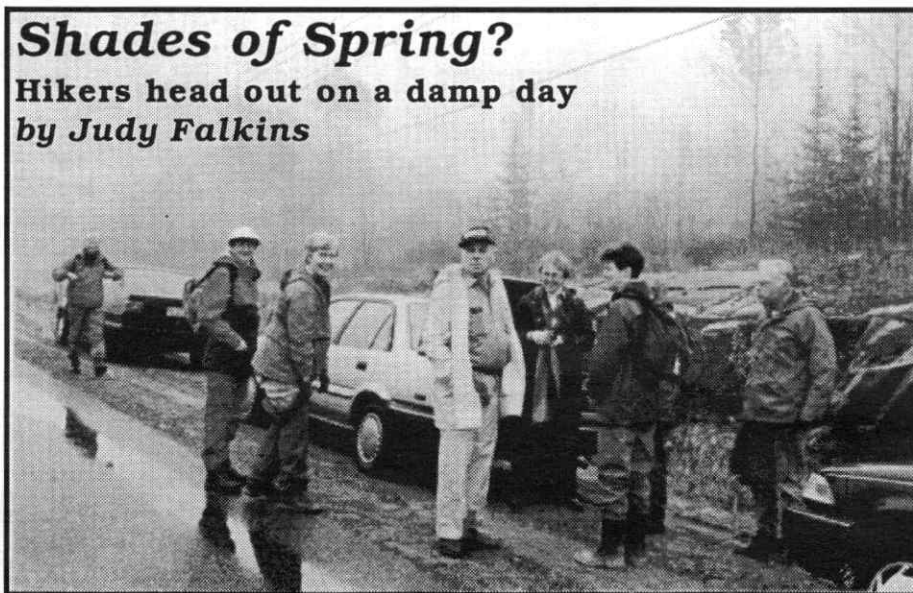
*Tom Allinson*

## **Guidebook Being Updated**

The third edition of the Voyageur Trail Guidebook is now in the planning stage. It will include over 100 km of new trail and be produced in an improved format. Meanwhile, should you know of any sections which are currently incorrectly described in the second edition, please let us know so we can make the third edition as accurate as possible. Although we endeavour to publish re-routes in the newsletter, not all make it. Volunteers for the guidebook committee are needed, particularly someone with mapping experience. If you can spare some time to help with any of the numerous tasks involved, or if you want to find out what these tasks are, please contact an executive member (see p. 2).

## **Shades of Spring?**

**Hikers head out on a damp day**  
*by Judy Falkins*



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## Club News

### Saulteaux Club News

Saulteaux Club volunteers helped introduce area kids to the joys of two popular trail activities, snowshoeing and skiing, as part of the 1994 Bon Soo Winter Carnival (see photo). VTA members secured children in bindings and let them try out the boards and bear paws on a short, circular track. Many kids wanted to try out both forms of foot extensions, despite the chilly temperatures. This activity proved to be a great way to promote the club, with a minimum time commitment. In fact, the local weekly paper carried a photo of Susan Graham helping an eight-year-old girl with a pair of skis.

Also during the 1994 Bon Soo Carnival, a snow sculpture was built at 476 Wellington St. E. This sculpture (see photo), which was built singlehandedly by Pim Delfgou, depicted an enormous pair of hiking boots placed on a rock. Inscribed on the front of the rock was the message: "We need hikers to fill these boots. Voyageur Trail Association", complete with our logo. The purpose of the sculpture was to make people aware of the VTA and as a means to recruit new members with the message. This snow sculpture was floodlit at night so nobody could miss it. This could be the first annual snow sculpturing project for the VTA. If you are interested in getting a group together for a snow sculpture next year, phone Pim Delfgou at 759-1053 for ideas.

The Saulteaux Club maintains well over 120 km of trail, and as always will require plenty of help in maintaining the trail this year. If you are able to help by taking over maintenance on a portion of the trail, please call Alan Comfort (see p. 2), or consider joining one or two organized work parties when the telephone committee calls. Please

*See Club News p. 3...*

### VTA at Bon Soo Winter Carnival

*By Judy Falkins*



## ...Club News Continued

note that the remote portion of the Echo Ridges Section in the Jardun Mine Road-Wahbunose Lake area has not been visited by a work party in recent years, and due caution is advised when hiking this trail.

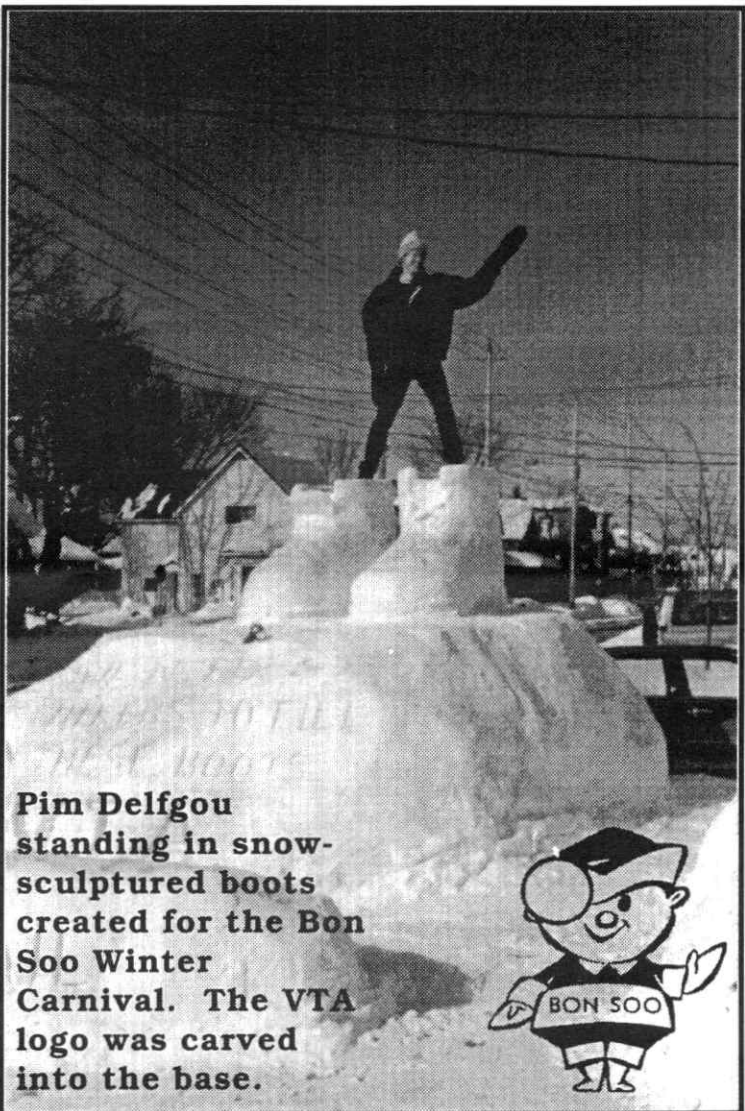
The Saulteaux Club held its Annual Dinner on April 16. After a delicious meal, guest speaker Ron Stier showed slides of his climbing adventures in the Andes Mountains of Peru. The audience appeared captivated by his vivid descriptions of happenings, and had dozens of questions during and after the show. A number of door prizes were awarded to lucky diners. Many thanks to Judy Falkins and Susan Graham for their efforts.

## Michipicoten Club News

Having survived one of Wawa's worst winters, the Michipicoten club is slowly coming out of hibernation. Although the cold weather put a damper on most of our winter activities, we were lucky enough to participate in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count before the really bad weather set in. We also took in the Annual Winter Carnival with a display promoting Wawa as "The Hiking Capital of Ontario".

At this time the summer schedule of activities is not yet set. A spring meeting is usually scheduled for the third week of April, at which time the Club members organize coming events. One annual event, the wildflower hike on the Lake Superior Park's Nokomis Trail, has already been set. This hike will be held on Wednesday June 15, 1994 and hikers will car pool from the Wawa Post Office at 6:30 P.M. A schedule of other events can be obtained from the Publicity Director, Dorothy Egan, by calling 705-856-2226.

This summer the Club hopes to recondition some parts of the trail. Hikers should be aware that the trail section from Bridget Lake south to Smokey Point is overgrown and any help to clear this section would be appreciated. Anyone interested in helping can call Club President Phil Egan (705-856-2226) or Peter Stinnissen (705-856-4270).



**Pim Delfgou standing in snow-sculptured boots created for the Bon Soo Winter Carnival. The VTA logo was carved into the base.**

## VTA Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary

It was on July 3, 1974 that a Provincial Charter was given, marking the official launch of the Voyageur Trail Association. The idea for a continuous hiking trail was actually spawned in March of 1973, and the VTA name was chosen in late 1973. The

Association has come a long way in terms of completed trail in those 20 years. In the next issue of the newsletter, some of the highlights of the VTA's history will be documented by Association founder Dr. Paul Syme. If anyone has any material (newspaper clippings,

anecdotes, etc.) which could be shared with the membership in our anniversary issue, please contact Steve Dominy. Also see the notice for a Photo Contest highlighting our history.



## From the Editor's Desk

### Trail Mix

**VTA Members** are invited to hike the trail network at the Stokely Lodge area, at no charge. However, the owner would like to know who is using the trails, and thus requests that hikers sign the register in the lodge. The Voyageur Trail runs from Robertson Lake Rd. to Highway 17 on this owner's property.

**Anyone** planning a trip to the Kitchener-Waterloo area on Canadian Thanksgiving weekend may be interested in an Oktoberfest Event being organized by the Grand Valley Trail Association. On Monday, Oct. 10, 1994 the GVTA will host an early afternoon hike in rural Waterloo followed by early evening Oktoberfesting. For details and to book, contact the GVTA at Box 1233, Kitchener, Ont. N2G 4G8.

**The American Hiking Society** will host a National Trails Symposium and National Hikers Conference from Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 and Oct. 1-2, 1994 in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme will be "Connecting our Communities", with a program including workshops and field trips. Anyone planning to be in the area at that time might chose to take in all or part of these sessions. Contact Steve Dominy for further details.

### VTA Member Receives Prestigious Award...

Congratulations to **Jack Smit** on receiving a 1993 Hike Ontario! award. The award recognizes Jack's efforts in creating the new Coureur de Bois Section of trail near Elliot Lake. Jack notes that he has not accomplished this feat single-handedly. **Art Young** and **Garfield Carlyle** also made significant contributions. Thanks for a superior effort, Jack, Art and Garfield.

### Membership Fees to Increase

As noted in the previous issue, membership fees will increase in 1995 from \$10 to \$15, single or family. The VTA has been holding the line on fees for a number of years, despite continuing increases in postage and printing costs. We can no longer afford to do this. The announcement by Hike Ontario! of a fee increase to member organizations such as ours, along with added insurance costs, has forced the Association to do the inevitable. The increase is being timed with the next reprinting of the VTA brochure, scheduled for this fall. Even at \$15, membership in the VTA is a bargain.

### 20th Anniversary Photo Contest

Those members who were around in the seventies and early eighties will remember that the VTA had an annual photo contest in that period. Well, we're reviving the idea for our 20th Anniversary. The theme is "**Fondest Voyageur Trail Memories**". We're looking for photos which to you rekindle thoughts of a wonderful experience along the trail. This could be anything from a group lunch on a spectacular lookout to a dew-covered flower found along the trail. It could even be a work party event exemplifying some typical VTA camaraderie. All you photography enthusiasts, give us your best shot! Let your imaginations run wild! If you don't have the perfect photo in your collection, you still have a few months to take it. Be sure to keep a fresh roll of film in your camera during outings this summer and fall. The entries will be judged by members attending the VTA Annual General Meeting in November in Sault Ste. Marie.

Deadline for entries is October 28, 1994. Slides or prints will be accepted. The top three winners will receive valuable prizes, including gifts and free VTA memberships totalling over \$50. Prizes will be in the Fall (October) newsletter.



**Have some equipment in need of repair?** Sport Sewing Shop at 100 Queen St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1S6 (416)-603-0744, has been in business since 1970 and can do many general repairs to packs, tents, sleeping bags, and stoves. They are factory-authorized for warranty work on many popular brands. They have specialized tape-sealing equipment for factory-new waterproof finish on fabric repairs.

### Chain Saw Safety Course for Members

This spring the VTA will be purchasing a new chain saw with all the required safety features. The Association will consider sponsoring a Chain Saw Safety course for anyone interested. Please contact Steve Taylor (see p. 2). If anyone knows of another group we could team up with in order to make this more cost-effective, please let us know.

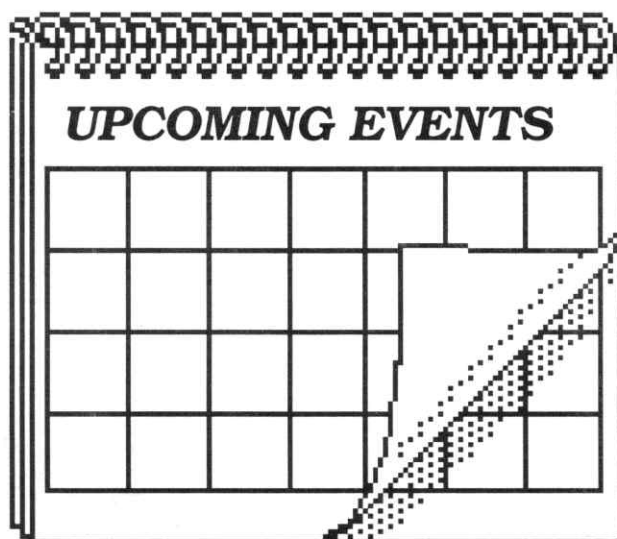
### Members' List in Preparation

As per VTA tradition, a complete members' list will be made available to members in the near future. Previously, this list has appeared in the newsletter, but we will now send it out with membership cards. If anyone does not wish to have their telephone number appear on this list, please contact Patrick Capper (see p. 2).

### Lost and Found

Found on a work party last year in the Carpin Beach Road area, a black and grey wool flat cap. Call Susan Graham (see p. 2) to claim.

**More notes on page 9...**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saulteaux Section

Note that this year the Saulteaux Club will hold an End-to-End event, covering the entire 46 km Section in three hikes on consecutive weekends. Of course, you don't have to be an end-to-ender to participate in any one of these hikes. If in doubt about the difficulty of these or any outings, call the contact person in advance to discuss.

*Please note that for outings out-of-country, participants should have appropriate health insurance coverage. Some credit card companies (with gold cards) and employers offer this, or check with your travel agent.*

**May 28 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Mario Festival (949-9847) for details.

**June 4 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Paul Syme (942-9606) for details.

**June 11 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Al Comfort (945-9496) for details.

**June 15 (Wed.):** Canoe or kayak at

Pumpkin Point, Lake George. Paddle along a cattail marsh. Remember, lifejackets and a bailer are mandatory. Meet at Churchill Plaza beside the gas bar at 6:15 P.M. Contact Darcy Ortiz (942-5709) to confirm.

**June 18 (Sat.):** Hike Sinclair Cove to Barrett River, Lake Superior Provincial Park. 3 hrs along Coastal Trail. Day hikers meet at K-Mart Plaza near gas bar (closed) at 9:00 A.M., or arrive at Sinclair Cove at 10:30 A.M. Bring lunch. Join overnight campers if you want. Contact leader Pat Capper (253-4470) one week in advance for overnight.

**June 25 (Sat.):** Boardwalk hike as part of the Coming of Summer Festival. Meet at the wind chimes along the Boardwalk (in front of Station Mall) at 1:00 P.M. The VTA will lead this city event, so bring something to identify yourself as a VTA member. VTA shirts will be sold on site.

*Upcoming Events  
Continues on p. 6...*

## A NOTE TO ALL HIKERS

**All hike leaders are unpaid volunteers. You are invited to participate but do so at your own risk.**

You have to bear responsibility for judging your own level of fitness and endurance. If you have any doubts about the difficulty of the hike, please contact the hike leader(s). Be on time at the meeting place, and check in with the hike leader on arrival. Don't plan to rush off to an appointment after the hike - hiking times are difficult to forecast and the leader can't speed it up on request.

Come prepared with a lunch, plenty of liquids, sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat (preferably wide-brimmed), rain gear, and comfortable, sturdy boots. Dress in layers. **The hike leader has the right to refuse anyone not properly attired.** Dogs are permitted on hikes, but must be on a leash.

When on a hike, always respect the final decision of the leader. On most group hikes, someone will be assigned each end. Stay behind the leader and in front of the 'sweep' (end person), and be sure to inform either of these people of any problems encountered on the hike, or if you have to leave the hike. If 'nature calls', leave your pack on the trail. This alerts the sweep to wait for you.

If in doubt about the difficulty of the hike, by all means call the contact person in advance to discuss.

## ...Upcoming Events Continued

**June 25 (Sat.):** For those who prefer to get out in the woods on this day, there's also a trail maintenance outing. Contact Patrick Capper (253-4470) for details.

**July 9-10 (Sat.-Sun.):** Introduction to backpacking, Walls Lake to Red Rock in the Saulteaux Section. Leader: Patrick Capper (253-4470) Contact at least two weeks before for information.

**July 13 (Wed.):** Boardwalk Stroll along waterfront (about 4 km). Suitable for families with young children. Meet at Sault Locks, in the Sault Canal Visitors' Centre parking lot at 7:00 P.M. Leader Susan Graham (949-4105).

**July 20 (Wed.):** Canoe or kayak at Gros Cap, Lake Superior. Paddle along the base of the exposed cliffs at Gros Cap. Remember, lifejackets and a bailer are mandatory. Meet at Market Mall parking lot near Second Line at 6:15 P.M. Contact Darcy Ortiz (942-5709) to confirm.

**Aug. 13 (Sat.):** Naiomikong Point family picnic, swim or hike, or opportunity to bike the Curlie Lewis Highway if so desired. Meet behind Greyhound Bus Depot at 9:00 A.M. or at U.S. Info. Centre at 9:30 A.M. Bring swim wear, bike, food, drink, bug off. Leader Tom Allinson (942-0768).

**Aug. 21 (Sun.):** VTA members are invited to show off their culinary capabilities and contribute a meal to a potluck dinner at Stokely Creek Lodge. Members of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers are returning to give us a hand so let's give them a hearty northern welcome. Dinner time is at 5:00 P.M., but why not show up early and stroll some trail. Contact Steve Taylor (759-2480) or Judy Falkins (942-3749) to confirm, and just in case plans change.

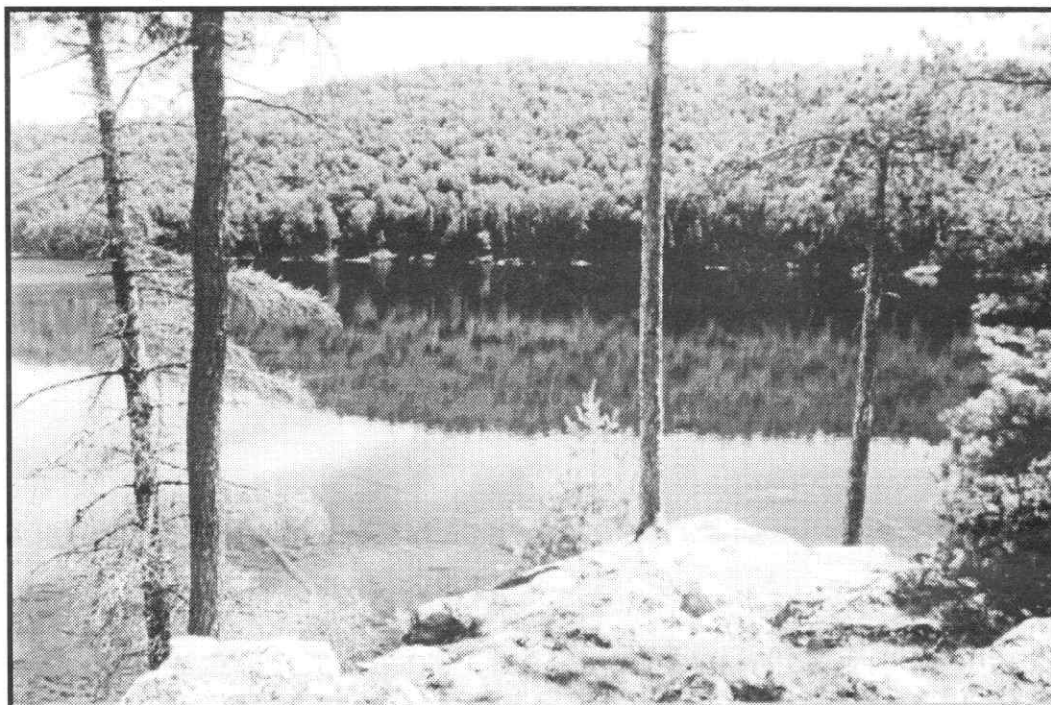
**Aug. 20-Sept. 3:** Join the Brits at Stokely Creek Lodge for a day of trail clearing. This project promises to be enjoyable for all who participate, and the more support, the greater the success.

**Sept. 3-5 (Sat.-Mon.):** Backpack Lake Superior Park Coastal Trail from Gargantua Harbour to Orphan Lake (2 nights). Contact Steve Taylor (759-2480).

S5 in Guidebook 2nd edition; 6 hrs at moderate pace). Meet at K-Mart Plaza near gas bar at 8:30 A.M. Bring lunch. Contact Patrick Capper (253-4470).

**Oct. 1 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Bill Robinson (949-4956) for details.

**Oct. 2 (Sun.):** Ontario Hiking Day and 3rd leg of Saulteaux Section



**Semi-White Lake (Mississauga Provincial Park)** *By Pim Delfgou*

**Sept. 10 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Susan Graham (949-4105) for details.

**Sept. 17 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Steve Taylor (759-2480) for details.

**Sept. 18 (Sun.):** 1st leg of Saulteaux Section End-to-End. Maki Rd. to Gros Cap (km 22 (approx.) to km 0.0, pages S2 to S4 in Guidebook 2nd edition; 7 hrs. at moderate pace). Meet at Market Mall parking lot near Second Line at 8:30 A.M. Bring lunch. Contact Steve Dominy (946-2484).

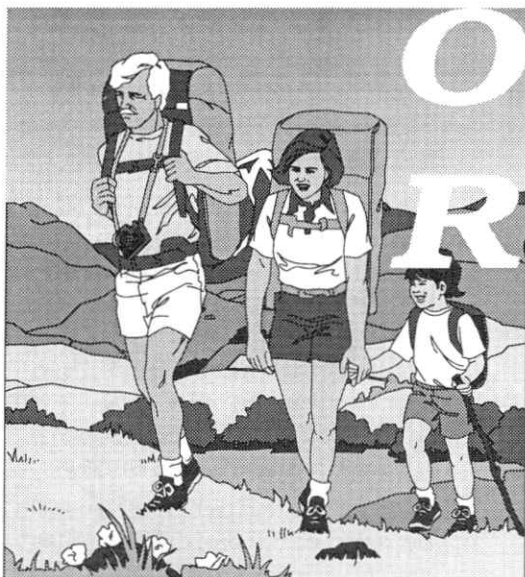
**Sept. 24 (Sat.):** 2nd leg of Saulteaux Section End-to-End. Glenview Cottages to Maki Rd. (km 38.2 to km 22 (approx.), pages S4 to

End-to-End. Glenview Cottages to Mable Lake (km 38.2 to km 46.2, pages S5 to S6 in Guidebook 2nd edition; 3 hrs. at moderate pace). Meet at K-Mart Plaza near gas bar at 8:30 A.M. Families with young children are also invited to participate in all or part of this hike. Bring picnic lunch. Contact Don McGorman (945-6068).

**Oct. 22 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Don McGorman (945-6068) for details.

**Oct. 29 (Sat.):** Trail maintenance outing. Contact Steve Dominy (946-2484) for details.





# Outing Reports

## We Came to a River and Couldn't Get Across

The weather forecast for the work party on October 30th was not very good, but I wasn't worried as the chief purpose was a scouting mission to determine the state of the trail from the bridge over the Garden River to Wahbunose Lake. This section hadn't been worked on for several years. The problem in the spring was that the Jardun Mine Road had washed out where Driving Creek crosses it, so the bridge over the Garden River could not be reached. Unfortunately, when we reached the point where the culverts had been put in, the road had washed out again and even Don McGorman in his four wheel drive didn't want to risk trying to ford the creek.

So we made an about turn and drove to Kinsman's park and went down the Connor Road. From the gate at Thayer's Acres there was 4.5 km of wet but not muddy road to where the trail came out from Mabel Lake, then about another 6 km of wet road (passable by truck only) to

where we finally left my 2 wheel Mazda to go about another 1 km in Don's four wheel drive Mazda to the trail to Maude Lake.

We put up vinyl blazes and worked on the trail to the point where it leaves the Jardun Mine Road heading East. We walked about 9 km, - a good warm up for Adam McMaster who had a hockey practice that night.

The weather was cold but we had no rain or snow, and the valley by Maude Creek was beautiful with a dusting of snow on the evergreens as a backdrop to the raging torrents of water down the creeks. Judy Falkins was enchanted by the waterfalls on Maude Creek and commented that we have not had a hike there.

It occurred to me later that we could have a customized outing for members with Mazda trucks. I know of at least five other VTA members who own this make.

Patrick Capper



## Uptown Skiing

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1994 ten Voyageur Trail skiers made their way to the McNearney Lakes area in Michigan. The outing had originally been scheduled for the Bellevue trestle area, but the snow hadn't hardened, so we opted for the more southerly locale.

Upon arrival, we found that the government folks had thoughtfully built a warming hut, and laid on firewood, paper and matches. Two three-mile and one two-mile loops awaited us, all nicely groomed. After five miles, we adjourned for lunch at the warming hut. The hut resounded with the rhythmic sound of food chomping, and some rather strange stories. One of our group, apparently a gourmet of merit, told us about a meal he had had in a monastery - fish and chips. It was so delicious he went into the kitchen to compliment the chef. He approached one monk and asked if he were the fish monk, whereupon the monk replied "No, I am the chipmonk"!!!

After lunch we didn't want to get too civilized so we bushwhacked for three or four km on the nearby North Country trail. To top off the excursion, we made a pit stop at the Lamplighter in Strongs and sampled their huge, flavoured cinnamon buns.

Tom Allinson

# Getting the Most Out of Hiking

## Part 1 – Alleviating Sore Feet

Hiking along a section of the Voyageur Trail can bring on thoughts of pleasure for some, and pain for others. The latter group have probably had an unpleasant experience on an outing, and the most common cause of discomfort for hikers is sore feet. A little knowledge can go a long way in making your outing an enjoyable one for your feet. Following are a few tips. Please don't consider this the final word on the subject. Talk with a competent salesperson if planning to purchase new boots. Also, consult with other VTA members to discuss their preferences, and the reasons for their

choices. The choices are many and varied, and it pays to do your homework.

### Pampering Your Tootsies

To minimize the occurrence of **blisters** inside those new or well-used hiking boots, apply plenty of baby powder to your feet before setting out and during the outing as required. Wear a light cotton sock under a heavier woolen sock. The cotton will help to wick perspiration away from your feet, keeping them dry and blister-free. If you get wet feet, take a moment to wring out your socks. You'll be amazed at how much better they

will feel. Also, don't let socks bunch up in your boots.

### Breaking in New Boots

Whatever boots you have chosen, your feet will regret it if you don't take time to break them in before starting out on a lengthy trip. Most lightweight boots don't require much break-in, but you'll be happier if you wear them around town until they soften up and stretch slightly.

Heavier all-leather boots usually demand careful break-in. Start gently, taking short walks. Cool off hot spots on feet with mole-skin or a similar adhesive. Apply leather softener to offending areas of the boots, and if necessary for stubborn areas, 'rub them out' using a rounded, blunt object like a closed Swiss Army knife. Persevere and the result will be a pair of boots you'll enjoy for years.

## Keeping the Leather Limber

Following are a few tips for extending the life of your boots.

- Put boots away clean. Caked mud dries out leather, not to mention glues and cements holding the boots together.
- Don't dry your boots close to a fire or heater. The leather will shrink and dry, and heat-sensitive glue holding on the soles can melt.
- Spray the inside of boots with a shoe fungicide to keep out moulds and to prevent unpleasant odours.
- Condition leather boots periodically to maintain water repellency, strength, and suppleness. Silicone spray works best for split-leather or fabric boots, although it may reduce the breathability of the material. Both oil and wax will soften full-grain leathers, but oil generally stretches leather more. Pull boot liners and footbeds out to dry during long breaks or overnight.

- Get your boots resoled before structural damage reaches the midsoles, or even better, before you notice a decrease in traction. Have peeling rands, toe bumpers and broken stitching repaired before the damage progresses too far. Minor boot repairs are cheap but major ones aren't.



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New for 92/93 we will be offering the fine line of FIRST NEED water purifiers from General Ecology. No back country hiker or canoeist should be without one!

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Tom and Linda Weldon

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## ...More Trail Notes

### Trail Register Reports Wanted

Your editor would appreciate receiving any interesting comments, along with names and home towns, noted in register boxes along the Voyageur Trail. Select comments will be published occasionally in the newsletter. Please send to the VTA.

### Computer Wanted

The VTA is in need of an IBM-compatible computer for word processing. Is there anyone with an older model they are willing to donate? A receipt can be issued for tax purposes. Please contact Steve Dominy (see p. 2).

### Clarification

The new bridge spanning Crystal Creek along the Saulteaux Section at Thayer's Acres was built by the Boy Scouts. They were not credited in the original announcement. The VTA apologizes for this oversight.

### Want to Captain a Section of Trail?

Several of our members enjoy the rewards of maintaining their own section of trail year after year. This can be a good one or two day a year outing for family, friends, etc. Typically a section is 3 to 4 km long. Some sections are very accessible and close to the city, while others are a 4-wheel drive challenge.

Currently the following members have "adopted" a portion of the trail: Tom and Gail Allinson, Susan and Cliff Graham, Horst Wetzl, Al Comfort, Virve Squire, Stephen Harvey, and Steve Dominy.

Please call Al Comfort, Trailmaster (945-9496) to discuss the captaining of a section. Give it a try.

### Board of Directors' Vacancies

Volunteers are the foundation of this Association. Without active members willing to devote some time to helping the organization carry out its obligations, the entire structure will be weakened, eventually to the point of collapse.



**Peter Frederick's Farewell Party in a Sault donut shop. L-R Pat Capper, Bill Robinson, Betty Nassoly, Colleen Hirschfeldt, Peter, Steve Taylor.** *By Judy Falkins.*

Although most people join a hiking club to enjoy the outdoors, there are also the required decision-making functions which occur off the trail. The current Board has been virtually unchanged for a number of years, and is in need of a partial turnover to keep the organization from stagnating. The list on page 2 shows that three key vacancies currently exist. It is imperative that these be filled immediately. Take a few moments to consider the possible role you could play in one of these positions. The opportunity is ripe to help 'break new trail' in terms of the future of the VTA. Remember, this is your Association, and will only thrive if as many members as possible play an active role. Feel free to contact a Board member to discuss the duties roster for a vacant position, and how you might be able to fit in.

### Free Ads for Members

Any member wishing to sell an unwanted outdoor equipment item or buy a used item can advertise free of charge in the Voyageur Trail News. Just send to the VTA, Attn: Editor.

### New Members

Following are the paid-up new members we have recently recruited. This is to be a regular feature of future newsletters.

### Association-at-Large

B. Allen and E. Mackay, Thamesford  
Mark Ada, Lindsay  
Edna West, Michigan  
Jason Slack, Kitchener  
Brian Tocheri, Marathon  
Robert Ross, Kitchener  
Oliver Hueniken, Fenwick

### Saulteaux Section

Daphne Flanagan  
Kim Conway  
D. Mossa and E. Hudson  
Phil Bringleston (Echo Bay)  
M. and J. Ferguson & family  
Joan Belanger (Soo, Mich.)  
D. Euler and G. Giulian (Echo Bay)  
Myra MacDonald (Echo Lake)  
Rene Groulx

### Pass Us Around

If you know of someone who might have a hiking (or similar) outdoor interest, why not pass this newsletter along to them when you've read it. Word-of-mouth is our best advertising. Also, please pull out the Upcoming Events page and post it for yourself and fellow workers, fitness club members, or any other potential members you can think of. If you would like additional copies of either the newsletter or the Outing Schedule, please contact Steve Dominy (see p. 2).

### The Trail User's 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

## V. T. A. Membership Form

Please check one:

- ☐ New Member  
☐ Renewal

Sections (active sections in bold type)

- ☐ Association-at-large  
☐ **Saulteaux**  
☐ Echo Ridges  
☐ Desbarats  
☐ Thessalon  
☐ Iron Bridge  
☐ **Penewobikong (Blind River)**  
☐ **Coueurs de Bois (Elliot Lake)**  
☐ Spanish  
☐ Massey  
☐ Rainbow  
☐ Little Current  
☐ Sheguiandah  
☐ South Baymouth  
☐ Sudbury  
  
☐ Thunder Bay  
☐ Nipigon  
☐ Casque-Isles  
☐ Marathon  
☐ Pukaskwa Park  
☐ **Michipicoten (Wawa)**  
☐ Lake Superior Park  
☐ Batchawana  
☐ Goulais

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you would like to help with...Trail maintenance ☐ Other ☐

**I have read and will abide by the TRAIL USER'S CODE**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES

Individual .....	@ \$10.00	=	_____
Family .....	@ \$10.00	=	_____
Student .....	@ \$5.00	=	_____
Crest .....	@ \$2.00	=	_____
Lapel Pin .....	@ \$3.00	=	_____
T-Shirts .....	@ \$10.00	=	_____
Sweat Shirts .....	@ \$20.00	=	_____
Guidebook (Members) .....	@ \$5.00	=	_____
Guidebook (Non-Members) .....	@ \$8.00	=	_____
Donation (Qualifies for Income Tax Deduction)		=	_____

**Total Amount Enclosed**

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Send to: VTA PO Box 20040 150 Churchill Blvd. Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W3

The membership year of the Association runs from January 1st to December 31st. New memberships received after October 31 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 memberships) for each Club.