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VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As many of you are no doubt aware by now, our newsletter editor, Linda Badowich, has left for Toronto to further her career. Although we will miss her, we wish her all the best of luck and hope that she will not forget us up here in the North! Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda for her excellent contribution as editor of the newsletter for the past year.

With Linda's departure, I have accepted the position of editor. The "Voyageur Trail News" has always been an interesting, informative and well-received newsletter, and I hope to continue that tradition in the future while I am at its helm. Of course, any suggestions, comments or constructive criticism from you, the readers, will be welcomed and appreciated, and I know I will be able to count on Gayle Phillips to help keep me on track!

I do bring some experience to the position, as I was editor for the scuba club newsletter in Elliot Lake for several years.

I will be looking for articles, photographs and tidbits of information to put in the newsletter, so if anyone has anything of interest, please don't hesitate to send it along to me, either through the mail at Voyageur Trail Association, P.O. Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W3, or through e-mail at cheryl.landmark1@sympatico.ca.

I am looking forward to the challenge of being your editor and promise to do my best to provide you with a newsletter that is as excellent as it has always been in the past.

Yours in safe hiking,

Cheryl Landmark

WAWA WEEKEND

by Susan Graham

As we are members of the Voyageur Trail Association, Saulteaux Club members thought it appropriate to try a day on Lake Superior in a Voyageur canoe. Arrangements were made through Naturally Superior Adventures in Wawa for a full day in the 36' "Montreal" Voyageur canoe, paddling the Superior shoreline and mouth of the Michipicoten River. Free camping was available on the beach for those arriving early or staying over on the Saturday night, which most of us took advantage of, some for one night, some for two and some for three nights. You could not ask for a nicer campsite as far as the view is concerned — Lake Superior at Michipicoten Harbour is spectacular with its high hills, sand beaches and a few rocky islands offshore that make for interesting paddling in the coves. Eighteen intrepid Voyageurs, composed of VTA members, their families and friends, plus one cross-country traveller who happened to be in the right place at the right time, set off across the bay in calm water and blue sky with "Pierre", our Voyageur guide. Paddling time to the lighthouse at Perkwakia Point at the mouth of the bay was about 45 minutes, but there were stops along the way to rest and listen to Pierre (Peter Labor) tell us of the life of a Voyageur. It was discovered that paddling in unison took a bit of concentration, and we knew why some of the paddles had banged-up edges! We continued around the bay after a stop at the lighthouse, with further stops at a fishery

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Voyageur Trail Association members experience first-hand the life of true "Voyageurs!"

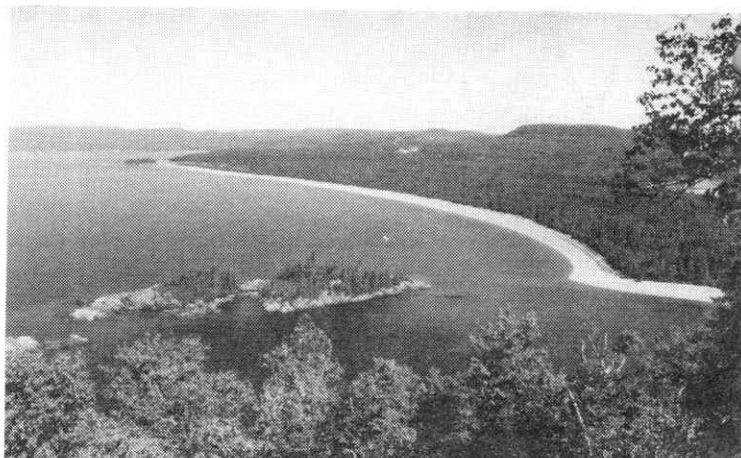
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WAWA WEEKEND

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to inquire about smoked fish and at artist Jim Saunders' house, where he treated us to a tour of his pottery. Then, it was through the islands at Wigwam and back past the beach to Rock Island for lunch. The more daring (and the kids who didn't know any better!) sampled Pierre's bannock, which was cooked over a wood fire started with flint and steel. As our arms (not to mention, bottoms!) were starting to feel the effects of paddling for several hours, the trip after lunch up the Michipicoten River was short on paddling and long on stops — at Silver Falls on the Magpie River and at the site of the Northwest Company Trading Post. The buildings on the site were only dismantled/destroyed in the 1950's, so there is still evidence of the post in the building foundations and bits of rusting iron to be found on the ground. Visiting the post was a fitting end to our day as Voyageurs. We headed back to Rock Island (Naturally Superior's headquarters at the mouth of the river), where a barbecued whitefish dinner, complete with wine, awaited us. There's something to be said about being a modern Voyageur!

It was an early night for the campers, as the canoe and dinner had taken their toll on our energy levels — and, to top it off, we had a trail maintenance outing the next morning with Wawa VTA club members. (It seemed like a good idea when we were planning the outing schedule!) The six remaining Saulteaux club members met up with five from Wawa and set off on the Bridget Lake trail. We puffed and panted uphill for a bit, but were rewarded with great views over Lake Superior and Driftwood Beach. We heard from Pete Stinnessen that it was "all downhill" after



Looking towards Driftwood Beach and Rock Island from Wawa's Bridget Lake Section of Voyageur Hiking Trail.

that, but he wasn't referring to the terrain! It started with a hornet's nest that one of the party painfully discovered (we managed to avoid them further along the trail!). Then, the views of Superior disappeared and the trail continued along rough, hilly ground, causing us to reach the roadway an hour later than we had expected. Then, we received the rest of the bad news — the vehicle the Wawa group had spotted at the end of the trail had to be left at the highway because of road construction, so there was more walking involved before we were done. Because the day was, once again, warm and sunny, we were all warm and tired when we completed the trail. But, we could congratulate ourselves on the fact that the first half of the trail is in great shape now, and the blazes will make it much easier to follow the trail along the section that still needs work. Maybe next year...



VENTURERS ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!!

by Cheryl Landmark

CHALLENGE!! is the Venturer motto and this is exactly what the 1st Goulais River Venturers in the Sault Ste. Marie/Algoma District tend to live by. This relatively small, but very active Company (in fact, the most active group in the Algoma District), has accomplished a variety of new and challenging goals, one of which was adopting a section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail in Goulais River.

Two years ago, a presentation by a representative of the Voyageur Trail Association at one of the group's monthly meetings sparked the interest of the Venturers and set them on a new and exciting path. In 1995, the members decided to adopt a section of the trail that runs from Haviland Bay on the shore of Lake Superior to Walker Lake in the Stokeley section (a distance of approximately four kilometres). By adopting this portion of trail, the 1st Goulais Venturers agreed to maintain it and keep it in pristine condition for the

enjoyment of all nature lovers, following the Scouting movement's high standards of promoting and demonstrating zero impact on the environment. Maintaining the trail involves pruning branches, removing deadfalls and blazing trees.

The 1st Goulais River Venturers is a small Company. This year's membership is 13, including two young women, all ranging in age from 14-18. Two eighteen-year olds are Rovers. However, the small size of the group does not deter these eager and adventuresome young people from accepting the challenge and fun of maintaining a hiking trail. They love nature and the great outdoors, the physical demands of trail clearing, the enjoyment of being with people of their own age and interests, and, most of all, the sense of accomplishment they get from doing something helpful for the

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V.P. CENTRAL REPORT

by Mike Landmark

Being unemployed, I thought I had a lot of free time on my hands. I was wrong!! Looking back at my first year as V.P. Central, it seemed that I never had enough time to accomplish all the things I set for myself to do. Publicity, trail maintenance and outings, along with working on the Prince Township Centennial Loop Trail in conjunction with Prince Township Council, kept me from being bored!

I attended four trade shows throughout the spring, one at Sault College, one at the Great Outdoor Show in Sault Ste. Marie, one at Blind River, and one in Thunder Bay. In addition, slide presentations were given to school groups, Boy Scout groups, and community leaders interested in organizing clubs in Bruce Mines and Terrace Bay. I would like to thank Susan Graham and Gayle Phillips for greatly assisting me in the above endeavours. When I wasn't busy doing presentations, I was being interviewed for the local paper by Peter Denley and Marguerite LaHaye (and, I promise that, next time, I'll smile for the photos!). In May, Cheryl Landmark, Gayle Phillips and myself interviewed the 1st Goulais River Venturers, who have adopted a section of our trail (see Cheryl's article on page 2). Also in May, I attended the International Tourism Train to Agawa Canyon. Approximately, 500 tourism-related representatives were present on the tour. I would like to thank Gayle Phillips for putting up with me hounding her for more and more and even more brochures, which were distributed between Elliot Lake and Thunder Bay at any place I could think of that would accept them. Approximately 400-500 alone were circulated to tourists and visitors to the Blue Water Inn at Gros Cap. Guide books are now available for sale in Elliot Lake through the Arts Council of Elliot Lake and District, 180 Mississauga Ave., as well as in the Township of Prince at Jan's Place at the corner of Hwy. 550 and Airport Road.

On blustery days, to keep myself amused, I tried to wear out a paper cutter making vinyl blazes and was able to produce approximately 4000 white blazes and about 1000 yellow blazes. Most of the blazes were handed out to various club members, so, hopefully, any old, faded paint blazes have by this time been replaced. A good portion of my yellow blazes were used when the Prince Township Centennial Loop Trail was completed this spring. If anyone knows of any areas that require vinyl blazes, please contact the VTA or myself, so that they can be included in the next maintenance schedule.

Some of the more physically demanding, but enjoyable, projects I was involved in

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"HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?"



Are you one of those people who keeps forgetting to fill out that little slip of paper that renews your membership in the VTA?

Well, now, you have the opportunity to enter our first-ever **Membership Incentive Draw** and, not only continue to enjoy all the benefits of membership, but to also win a fabulous prize!

If you fill out and return the membership form found on pages 9 and 10 in this newsletter before January 1, 1998, your name will go into the draw for a beautiful piece of pottery generously donated by one of our long-time members, Erika Ropke.

Don't miss out on this chance! For only \$20.00 for adult, \$20.00 for Family/Group, or \$10.00 for student, you could be the lucky winner of this wonderful prize! (See page 9 for the benefits of VTA membership)



VENTURERS ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!!

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community. And, what is very impressive about this group is that they are doing it all on their own, with the adults acting strictly as advisors.

The Voyageur Trail Association is planning on erecting a sign at the access point of the trail in the near future, acknowledging the adoption of the section by the 1st Goulais River Venturers. The Venturers themselves have also expressed an interest in placing a plaque of their own at the location.

While interviewing the 1st Goulais River Venturers, they told me they would like to issue a challenge to scouting groups everywhere to do the same as they have done. There are plenty of wonderful hiking trails out there just waiting for willing hands and feet to shape them into exciting and interesting adventures, and they would like these groups to accept the CHALLENGE!!, too.



ROCKIN' AROUND THE COASTAL TRAIL

by Gayle Phillips

Sometimes planning a hike three months in advance on the Coastal Trail of Lake Superior Provincial Park can be a little hairy, since the rocks become treacherous weapons when wet. But the two hikes we scheduled for July 12 and 19 couldn't have been better!

On July 12, we had 22 people and 6 dogs show up. Someone pointed out that all the dogs were light brown and white in colour, so it should be declared a 'golden dog day'.

If it was the 'dog days' of summer, it certainly was 'golden'. The sun shone so warm, the blue water called to us. The few people who braved it called it "refreshing." I've heard that one before! "Refreshing" is the only word you can use in polite company when describing Lake Superior this early in the summer season!

We started at Katherine's Cove and marched southward to the Barrett River. The first three kilometres I called "false advertising" to the fledgling Coastal Trail hikers. We crossed over a rocky point and then arrived on Sand River beach. This beautiful white sand beach stretches on for a couple of kilometres and is truly breathtaking to beach lovers. There's rarely anyone on it!

After lunch, we tackled the rocky coastline south of Sand River which I called more "typically" Lake Superior Park coastline.

At the end of the day, as we lounged exhausted on the sandy shores where Barrett Creek meets the lake with our smoking cameras and film, everyone wanted to know when we would be hiking the Coastal Trail again. As luck would have it, we were planning another outing the following weekend!

July 19 was Canada Parks Day and I can't think of a better way to enjoy it than to spend time in one of our country's most prized possessions—our parks! Lake Superior Provincial Park staff member, Dave Verbiwski, led our group of 30 hikers north from Katherine Cove. Along the way, we heard about some of the history, geology and rare biology that sets Lake Superior Provincial Park apart from others in the province.

After lunching on the rocks near Robertson Cove, Dave and a few campers from neighbouring campgrounds turned back to Katherine Cove where they had arranged for pick-up. Twenty-two of the hikers decided to carry on with Voyageur Trail members to Coldwater Creek.



Hikers pass one of the many erratics (boulders dropped by retreating glaciers) along the coastline of Lake Superior Provincial Park

Along the way, I had a chance to talk to some American visitors who were visiting Lake Superior Provincial Park for the first time. Their reactions to what they saw around each point reminded me of the natural beauty of what we sometimes take for granted.

I love introducing our country to people who have never seen it before. It gives your own perspective a good "shot in the arm". Even though I have lived next to Lake Superior all of my life, I never want to take it for granted. Since it was "Canada Parks Day", I thought it a happy coincidence that Americans would remind me of how lucky I am to live next to a truly 'superior' experience and I am most grateful to them.



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were trail clearings and outings in primarily the Saulteaux section. For some reason, the outings scheduled in Elliot Lake and Blind River areas seemed to have a very poor showing of local participants. Hopefully, in the future, this will change with the increased publicity the VTA is presently enjoying.

As you can see, 1997 was a very busy year for me. I look forward (I think!) to my second half of the term as V.P. Central.



Hiding Your Millions??

Did you know donations to the VTA are tax deductible?

OUTING SCHEDULE

This ambitious schedule was put together early in September and may have last-minute changes from time to time. Please call our Information Hotline at (705) 253-5353 or 1-800-393-5353 (where available) and select message No. 9999 to check if any details of the outing have been changed. This Information Hotline is updated regularly and will have the latest news on the next planned outing. The schedule is also on our web site. Visit: <http://www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail>

Association

**Saturday, November 15 -
VTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
2:00 p.m. at the Great Lakes
Forestry Centre on Queen
Street East in Sault Ste. Marie.
*Refreshments will be served.
Everyone is welcome!*

Saulteaux Club

*(Sault Ste. Marie and area—outings
marked with an asterisk are outside Sault
Ste. Marie)*

For all outings, bring water, a lunch,
fly repellent, and dress appropriately.

Saturday, October 4 - Trail Maintenance

We will work on the Tom Allinson
Spur Trail near Red Rock cottage area.
Meet at the Market Mall parking lot at
10 a.m. sharp to car pool. Please
leave your pets at home for this
outing. For more information, call
Tom Allinson at (705) 942-0768.

Sunday, October 5 - Ontario Hiking Day *(two hikes to choose from!)*



Family Hike

Join us on a short, family hike from
Creek Road to Red Rock Road
(approx. 5 km.) with Steve Dominy.
Meet at the Market Mall Plaza at
10 a.m. sharp to car pool. Please leave
your pets at home for this outing. For
more information, call Steve at (705)
946-2484.

- or -

***Day Hike - Desbarats area**

Dieter Ropke will lead an 8 km hike in
the Desbarats Section. This outing is
good for beginners. Meet at the
Churchill Plaza parking lot at 10 a.m.
sharp to car pool. Behaved pets are
welcome on this outing. Call Dieter at
(705) 942-9636.

Saturday, October 18 - Ramble to Betty's Cove (replaces previ- ously announced trail maintenance outing)

Tom Allinson leads this bushwhacking
"ramble" to Betty's Cove in the Red
Rock cottage area. Meet at the Market
Mall parking lot at 10 a.m. sharp to
car pool. Please leave your pets at
home for this outing. Call Tom at (705)
942-0768.

Sunday, October 19 - Trail Maintenance

We will work on the trail near Gros
Cap. Meet at the Market Mall parking
lot at 10 a.m. sharp to car pool. Be-
haved pets are welcome. For more
information, call Mike Landmark at
(705) 779-3409.

Saturday, October 25 - Trail Maintenance

Frank Brooks will lead us in a mainte-
nance outing on his section from
Creek Road to Airport Road. Meet at
the Market Mall parking lot at 10 a.m.
sharp to car pool. Please leave your
pets at home for this outing. For more
information, call Frank at (705) 949-
9560.

***Sunday, October 26 - Steve Taylor Memorial Hike**

Steve Dominy will lead a group
starting at Haviland Bay to the top of
King Mountain, the location of a
placque in memory of past VTA
President, Steve Taylor. This is a
moderately difficult 12 km hike. Meet
at the K-Mart Plaza at 8:30 a.m. sharp

to car pool. Don't forget your camera,
extra clothes and plenty of water.
Please leave your pets at home for this
outing.

For those who are not into long
distances but would still like to take
part in the memorial hike, Susan
Graham will lead a group on a shorter
hike from Stokely Lodge to the top of
King Mountain for the ceremony.
Meet at K-Mart Plaza to car pool at
12:30 p.m.

Afterwards, there will be a potluck
supper for all. Please bring a dish to
share. For more information, call
Steve at (705) 946-2484 or Susan at
(705) 949-4105.

***Saturday, November 1 - The 'Gales of November' hike**

The "Gales" will lead us on a hike of
the Goulais River loop trail. Meet at
the K-Mart parking lot at 10:00 a.m.
sharp to car pool. Please leave your
pets at home for this outing. For more
information, call Gale Koteles at
(705) 949-1302.

Monday, November 17 - Saulteaux Club bi-monthly meeting

Join us for our annual end-of-the-
season get-together to view each
other's slides and photos of the
outings from the past year (especially
you, Dieter!). There will be pizza and
pop available for a nominal fee. The
general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at
the Great Lakes Forestry Centre on
Queen Street East. For more informa-
tion, call Susan Graham at (705)
949-4105.

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Tuesday, December 9 - The Voyageur Hiking Trail is closed for the day.

Thursday, January 1, 1998 - Annual New Year's Day Snowshoe

Patrick Capper will again lead us on our annual "welcome-to-the-new-year" snowshoe outing. Meet at the K-Mart Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. For more information, call Patrick at (705) 253-4470.

1998 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Voyageur Trail Association. To celebrate the occasion, the Saulteaux Club would like to announce a special series of outings. We will do a winter season Saulteaux Section end-to-end series of outings.

Sometimes winter weather can be extreme, so we ask that if you intend to participate on any of these outings, please call the leader and let him/her know of your intentions. If we awake to a blizzard on the morning of the outing, the leader can then call you to re-schedule the outing rather than have everyone risk their health trying to get to the rendezvous point.

Saturday, January 10 - 1st Winter End-to-End Outing

Mike Landmark will lead us on his section from Prince Lake Road to the Gros Cap bluffs. Meet at the Market Mall parking lot at 10:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome on this outing. This section is OK for skiing or snowshoeing. For more information, call Mike at (705) 779-3409.



Saturday, January 17 - Bushwhack Skiing

Tom Allinson leads us as we ski the wetlands in the Gros Cap area. This ski is moderately difficult. Meet at 10:00 a.m. sharp at the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Please leave pets at home for this outing. For more information, call Tom at (705) 942-0768.

Monday, January 19 - Saulteaux Club Bi-monthly Meeting

Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre. After the general meeting, we will discuss "bears". For more information, call Susan Graham at (705) 949-4105.

Sunday, January 25 - second leg of the Winter Saulteaux Club End-to-End Series

Cheryl Landmark will lead us from Prince Lake Road to the Airport Road. Meet at the Market Mall parking lot at 10:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome on this outing. This section is OK for skiing or snowshoeing. For more information, call Cheryl at (705) 779-3409.

Saturday, February 7 - Bon Soo Children's Snowshoe Experience

This year we will again assist children to don their snowshoes and give the sport a try—some of them for the first time. This Bon Soo Family Day event has proven to be very popular. If you can volunteer some time, call Susan Graham at (705) 949-4105.

And some advance announcements...

the Winter Saulteaux Section End-to-End Series will continue on:

Sunday, February 8 - 3rd leg

from Airport Road to Creek Road

Sunday, February 15 - 4th leg

from Creek Road to Red Rock Road

Saturday, February 28 - 5th leg

from Red Rock Road to Horst Wetzl's

homestead at the end of Peoples Road

Saturday, March 7 - 6th leg

Wetzl homestead to Glenview Cot-

tages on Hwy 17 North

Sunday, March 15 - 7th and last

leg from Hwy 17 North to Mabel

Lake with an "End to the End-to-Ends" celebration afterwards.



Casque Isles Club

(Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rossport area)

For all outings, bring water, a lunch, and dress appropriately. Call Mike Scott at (807) 824-2052 for information.

(E-mail to:

msscott@Schreiber.Lakeheadu.Ca)

Saturday, October 11 - Hike

We will hike from Schreiber to Rainbow Falls Provincial Park hopefully with Park Staff.

Wednesday, November 12 - General Meeting

We will elect Club Executive, plan winter activities and meetings, etc.



Michipicoten Club

(Wawa area)

For all outings, bring water, a snack, and dress appropriately.

Sunday, October 5 - ONTARIO HIKING DAY Hike

Agnes Ostermeier will lead us from the Post Office, along Wawa Lake to Vallee Park. Meet at the Post Office at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

T.B.A. December - Christmas Bird Count

Many hikers are birders too, If you wish to share any sightings, call (705) 856-4270.



IF YOU CAN GIVE OF YOUR TIME OR TALENT...WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

There are several Executive positions available in the following clubs:

Michipicoten (Wawa): President, Publicity Director, Trail Master.

Casques Isles (Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rossport): First Executive to be elected in November.

Saulteaux (Sault Ste. Marie): Vice-President.

And the Voyageur Trail Association itself could use a President, Membership Secretary and Trail Master. If you are interested to know more about any of the above positions, contact any member of the Executive listed on page 10.



TRAIL RUNNING

by **Mario Festival**

The other day I decided to go for a run on a section of the Voyageur Trail rather than hike. Actually, because of the roughness of many parts of the trail, there was a lot of walking and standing around looking for the next trail mark. I went from where the trail crosses the top of Peoples Road to Glenview Cabins. Thanks to Al Comfort for recently remarking a section of the trail around a beaver pond and the end of an active gravel pit operation.

I had been thinking of doing some running rather than hiking on the trail for a while now and I am hoping to do a lot more. Now you may be asking yourself why.

I have been doing a little running lately to keep in shape for activities like hiking and to get away from the weekend warrior syndrome. As with most activities, not only do I like actively participating but I also enjoy reading about the latest news and events surrounding the activity. And, where else is the most current information readily available, but on the Internet.

As I read on the Internet about the numerous running events in the U.S. and Canada, I was surprised at the number of events that take place on established hiking trails. Many of the trails used are the well-known trails we read about in the hiking magazines, such as the Appalachian Trail. Some of the events are large and well-organized with hefty entrance fees and others are simple, no frills events.

One event in California that caught my eye has an unusual entrance requirement. Not only does an entrant have to pay the usual fee, but they must also donate 8 hours of their time towards trail maintenance. Even though there were many complaints about this new requirement, I can see other event organizers considering the option. Another event in Minnesota, which takes place on the Superior Hiking Trail along the shores of Lake Superior, directs \$15 from the entry fee to the local hiking club. Thereby, every run entrant becomes a member of the local hiking club.

Now before I go any further, let me assure everyone I am not contemplating organizing any such running event for the Voyageur Trail. The logistics and work involved, not to mention the liability, would not be worth the trouble, especially in light of the fact that we do not have the population base to draw enough entrants.

As I read about these various events and became very interested in participating, I realized I do not have to travel very far to try it out for myself. As we all know, we have a great hiking and running trail right in our own back yard (or should I say front yard). The main reason I am writing

about this topic is to see if there are any other club members interested in doing some trail runs. Encouraging trail running, I believe, is not in conflict with the main purpose of the Voyageur Trail, especially keeping in mind that much of the time you are relegated to simply walking. It also encourages additional use of the trail. I find the biggest problem with many of the trail sections is the general lack of use and the subsequent work parties required to keep the trail "open". It is interesting to note how some of the trails in the U.S. are damaged due to overuse and they discuss methods of low impact uses of the trails. Our problem here is quite the opposite.

If anyone is interested in trying to run sections of the trail, please let me know. I would like to try a relatively long section sometime this fall. How far is far? The current record (I am assuming it still stands) was established a few years ago, and I will be attempting to go beyond that distance. Al Comfort, Kim Lawrence, and I ran and walked from the top of Goulais Avenue to Gros Cap. I do not recall who came up with the idea at the time but I do recall it was not me. This time I will take the blame for the crazy idea of going beyond that distance.

If you are interested, phone me at 949-9847 or e-mail me at kathy.mario@sympatico.ca.



THINKING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?



Of course you're not! But, when you do, remember we have Voyageur Trail Association T-shirts and sweatshirts available by calling Susan at (705) 949-4105, or by indicating on your membership renewal.



TOPO MAP AND GUIDEBOOK REPORT

by *Steve Dominy*

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

The Canada Map Office, producer of the National Topographic Map series, has raised the price of maps by 50 cents. We must therefore pass along this increase to you. Thus, regular maps will now cost \$9.50 each, delivered to your door. Tyvek (waterproof) maps will cost \$11.00.

Two new Tyvek maps are now available along the trail route. The Whitefish Falls (041-I04) and Espanola (041-I05) maps can now be ordered through the VTA.

GUIDEBOOK UPDATE

There has been a minor rerouting of the Saulteaux Section trail, near kilometre 39. The trail now follows 6th Line, between the Root River bridge and the railway crossing, rather than jogging into the woods. The landowner requested that this rerouting be made for about one year, due to logging activities. No Trespassing signs have been posted.

Also, the Prince Township Centennial Loop Trail has work ongoing by the landowner near the gravel pit. Caution is advised when hiking in that area.



CASQUE ISLES CLUB REPORT

by *Mike Scott*

Our public hikes are becoming really well-attended with 21 people for the Schreiber Heritage Days Hike to the top of Mount Gwynn, and then back via Schreiber Beach. It was a gorgeous day, and except for me leading the group around a deadfall and then off the trail, we did quite well... everyone enjoyed it! There were ten people for the hike on July 2, for Terrace Bay's 50th Anniversary, and in spite of a thunderstorm and all of us getting drenched, we all had a great time. One of our other hikes had 28 people show up, some all the way from Thunder Bay! So things are looking good; hopefully more new memberships will be coming in.

There is some concern with our trail to the top of Mount Gwynn since there has been much prospecting going on the area for gold. But so far, so good. I'll keep you posted.

We have begun our own small club newsletter. Mary Deschatelets did the second one, and did a really good job. We hope she continues in the position.

That's all the news for now from the Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rossport area!



Visit the VTA on the Internet at:
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail>

Get those snowshoes and skis out of their mothballs and in shape for the upcoming Saulteaux Section Winter End-to-End Series of outings!



Here is just a taste of the breathtaking scenery you will be treated to...

SNOW-SHOES WANTED:

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Trail Users' Code

- Hike only along marked routes. Do not take short cuts.
- Do not climb fences.
- Carry out all garbage (if you carry it in, you can carry it out).
- Light cooking fires at official campsites only. Drench fires after use. (or better still, carry a lightweight hiker's stove)
- Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.
- Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- Keep dogs under control (*leash if necessary*) and follow your club's guidelines concerning dogs.
- Respect the privacy of people living along the trail. Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs. **BE A LOW-IMPACT HIKER!**

DECLARATION: I understand that the Voyageur Trail is a wilderness trail and some remote or little-used sections may be in poor condition due to fallen trees or regrowth of vegetation. I understand I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code. (signature) _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail development | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter, guidebook, photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hike leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner liaison, records, maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization—executive, directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events; conferences, dinners | |

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- ☐ *Schreiber
- ☐ Marathon
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- ☐ Iron Bridge
- ☐ Blind River
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