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VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Recently, the Trans Canada Trail Foundation (TCT) approached the VTA with the proposal that we join their trail system. An information session with John Bellini, Executive Director of the TCT, and Anthony Sharp, Publicity Director, was held on May 1, 1998 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The TCT is very interested in having our organization join with them because Northern Ontario presents a major challenge to their dream of building a nation-wide trail. They were excited to learn that we have almost 600 kilometres of completed trail already, which would certainly be an enormous boost to their proposal. The TCT is hoping to complete a large portion of the trail across Northern Ontario by the year 2000, and this project is being considered as one of the millenium projects by the federal government.

The TCT's mandate is to have a multi-use trail, which includes hiking, cycling, horse-back riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling (where possible/desired). They would like to see at least two of the five uses on the trail (preferably in both summer and winter). At the information session held recently, the VTA made it clear to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation that our mandate has always been to build and maintain a "pedestrian" hiking trail and that we would like to continue with that tradition. Our major uses are hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. In most of the Voyageur



Trail corridor, canoeing is also possible by following the shorelines of Lakes Huron and Superior and should be considered as a fourth use. We have emphasized that there are to be no motorized vehicles of any kind on the Voyageur Hiking Trail. The TCT has indicated that they are flexible and may make some exceptions for our trail system.

By joining the TCT, the VTA will not lose its identity nor will it surrender any management responsibility. Nothing will change from the current situation other than we will have national recognition and the clubs that are maintaining the trails in the Manitoulin Island - Thunder Bay corridor will have some financial support.

One of the major benefits of joining with the TCT is that we would be eligible for funding for building trail. The Foundation does not fund 100%, but would contribute a considerable amount towards the cost of materials, transportation, etc. All monies that are raised in Ontario for the TCT are to be spent in Ontario and 80% of this goes into building trail.

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TRANS CANADA TRAIL

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The second benefit is the insurance policy provided by the TCT. Since we are a member of Hike Ontario, which, in turn, is a member of the Ontario Trails Council (the provincial branch of the TCT), we are already covered under the insurance policy.

A third benefit to our association would be the nation-wide publicity exposure that we would receive for our trail system through the TCT. Establishing a route across Northern Ontario would be a major coup for the Foundation and they would plan a huge publicity campaign around the VTA's acceptance into the TCT if we should choose to join.

At the present time, discussions are still ongoing between the VTA and the Ontario Trails Council and the TCT. Nothing definite has been decided yet. While the TCT is clearly excited about the prospect of obtaining 600 kilometres of completed trail to add to their existing system, they recognize that this is an important decision for our association as well and all aspects must be evaluated before a final decision is made. However, timing is a critical consideration and it is expected that a mutually agreeable resolution will be reached by the VTA Annual General Meeting on October 24, 1998.

If anyone has any questions/concerns/opinions about this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact the Voyageur



(l to r) Anthony Sharp (TCT Publicity Director, John Bellini (TCT Executive Director), and Mike Landmark (VTA Central Vice-President) take a hike at Gros Cap (and compare walking sticks).

Trail Association executive at our e-mail address, voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca or our mailing address,

P.O. Box 20040,
150 Churchill Blvd.,
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W3.



GREAT OUTDOORS SHOW/HOME SHOW by Gayle Phillips

On March 27, 28 and 29, 1998, the Voyageur Trail Association was fortunate enough to have a table at the Sault Ste. Marie Great Outdoors Show. This very expensive commodity was donated by Parks Canada, including the Sault Canal, Fort St. Joseph and Pukaskwa National Park.

Without their assistance, our organization would not be able to afford a presence at this well-attended show.

My thanks to Parks Canada, as well as those who helped me staff our booth, including: Mike & Cheryl Landmark, Frank Brooks, Trina Fournier, Pim Delfgou, Susan Graham, and Janet McCann. Again, thanks to Mike Landmark who presented our slide show in the theatre

portion of the event. Many hands really do make light work!

A month later, on April 17, 18 and 19, Frank Brooks donated a table to us again at the Sault Ste. Marie Home Show. Frank had a booth for his business, J.B. Environmental Cleaning, and was most generous in letting us use a good portion of his valuable floor space for our display.

Thanks, Frank!

Between these two shows, hundreds of VTA brochures and outing schedules were distributed to all those interested.



LANDOWNERS: As a free service to landowners, the *Voyageur Trail News* will publish, free-of-charge "**Land for Sale**" ads. Our strategic questionnaire (done a couple of years ago) indicated that there are people (especially in Southern Ontario) who may be interested in purchasing a property with a section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail running through it. If you are planning to sell your property, contact the VTNews Editor at P O Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W3.



ANNUAL SAULTEAUX CLUB DINNER *by Susan Graham*

Due to the generosity of VTA members and local businesses, the Saulteaux Club was able to not only reach, but exceed, their goal of having 25 door prizes for their annual dinner on April 18, 1998. Thank you to all members who donated prizes and to those members who solicited prizes on behalf of the club.

The following is a list of the prizes, donors and winners.

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| 1. Naturally Superior Adventures
Winner: Gayle Phillips | Voyageur Sash |
| 2. Dieter Ropke
Winner: George Ireland | Attaché Case |
| 3. Guillevan International
Winner: Karen Zhou | Mini Light |
| 4. Group Health Centre
Winner: Mike Landmark | Sweatshirt |
| 5. J.B. Environmental Cleaning
Winner: Judy Falkins | Gift Certificate |
| 6. Sault Scuba Centre Ltd.
Winner: Carol Gartshore | Safety Blaster |
| 7. Soo Promo
Winner: Helen Hutchinson | VTA T-Shirt |
| 8. Pim Delfgou
Winner: Doreen Guerriero | Framed Photograph |
| 9. Duke of Windsor
Winner: Kim Capell | Skier's Gift Pack |
| 10. John Vince Foods
Winner: Fiona Ortiz | Hiker's Gift Bag |
| 11. Group Health Centre
H.R. Lash Men's Wear
Winner: Gail Andrew | Sneaker Day T-Shirt
Baseball Hat |
| 12. Ontario Clean Water Agency
Winner: Noreen Towers | Jacket |
| 13. Old Ski House
Winner: Gale Koteles | Salomon Turtleneck |
| 14. Duke of Windsor
Winner: Steve Dominy | Skier's Gift Pack |
| 15. Clean North (Don McGorman)
Winner: Susan Graham | Domtar Cap,
Chia Buddy & Clock |

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| 16. John Vince Foods
Winner: Darcy Ortiz | Hiker's Gift Bag |
| 17. Mike and Cheryl Landmark
Winner: Scott Capell | Framed Photograph |
| 18. Ontario Lottery Corporation
Winner: Paul Syme | Sweatshirt |
| 19. Trina Fournier
Winner: Patrick Capper | Swiss Army Knife |
| 20. Gayle Phillips
Winner: Jack Squire | Bug Head Net |
| 21. Clean North (Deanna Maki)
Winner: Larry Gringorten | Jam, Coffee |
| 22. Lamon's Printing
Winner: Alfred Lauzon | Laser Engraved Box |
| 23. Northern Credit Union
Winner: Anne Prickett | Baseball Hat,
Polo Shirt |
| 24. Wine Barrel
H.R. Lash Men's Wear
Winner: Bill McLeod | T-Shirt
Baseball Hat |
| 25. Voyageur Trail Association
Winner: Eric Eagleson | 1998 Edition Guidebook |
| 26. Horst Wetzel
Winner: Pat & Chris Tossell | One Quart of Maple Syrup |
| 27. Barb Lawrence
Winner: Horst Wetzel | Mary Kay Hair Products |

In addition to the door prizes, a \$25 gift certificate from the Canadian Motor Hotel for dinner was awarded to Mike Landmark in appreciation for his efforts over the course of the winter end-to-end outings.

A prize was also given to Caroline Pouw at the conclusion of the walk following the dinner on April 19, 1998. It consisted of a fanny pack and energy bar donated by the Duke of Windsor Sports Shop, and three topographical maps of the Sault Ste. Marie area donated by the Voyageur Trail Association.

To show our appreciation, please endeavour to support the businesses that supported our efforts.



DON'T GET TICKED OFF THIS SUMMER!

In Chuck Davis's column, "Tree Talk", in the Wednesday, June 10, 1998 edition of the Sault Star, there was a very interesting discussion on Lyme disease. Many of you have probably heard of this disease but may not know a whole lot about it. It could be a potentially serious problem for anyone spending a great deal of time outdoors.

Lyme disease is a seasonal infection, which peaks in the summer months. It is caused by a bacteria carried by insects known as ticks. The most common carrier is the deer tick, which is a very small insect about the size of a sesame seed.

This disease is not a common problem in the Sault area, but it is quite prevalent in the upper states. Even so, you should be aware of the disease and take appropriate action in the off chance you are infected.

The first sign of infection may be a small red pimple at the bite site, which gradually expands to form a ring-shaped "bulls-eye". This ring usually appears within a week of the tick bite. The ring is red at the edges, clear in the middle and can get as large as a dinner plate. However, this symptom is only present about one third of the time.

Other early symptoms include skin rashes, which can appear anywhere on the body, and a flu-like illness (fever, chills, headache, stiff muscles, aching neck, extreme fatigue and swollen lymph nodes).

Some people may develop a rash and no further symptoms. Others may never experience the rash but go on to develop more advanced stages later.

Stage two of the disease involves the nervous system and heart and may follow weeks to months after the tick bite. This stage affects about 15 percent of untreated patients.

The third stage may occur months or even years after the bite and develops in about 60 percent of untreated patients. It begins with hot, painful swelling of joints, especially in the knees, ankles, wrists and shoulders, and, if not promptly treated with antibiotics, can lead to permanent disability.

If you suspect you may have been infected with Lyme disease, see your family doctor immediately. The earlier you do this, the easier it is to diagnose and treat. For more information on this disease, contact local agencies such as the Algoma Health Unit.



PADDLING PARTNERS ON THE WEB!

If you have visited the Voyageur Trail Association's web site recently (<http://www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail>), you may have noticed a new link to our "Paddling Partners". Many of our hikers are not only interested in hiking, but also canoeing and kayaking. This page provides those interested with a paddling schedule, a space to list equipment wanted or for sale, upcoming symposiums and courses, local related businesses, favourite links and paddling lessons available in the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie and district.



Our Thursday evening short paddles are becoming very popular with local paddling enthusiasts.



OUTING SCHEDULE

This schedule was put together early 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> >

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.

***Sat., July 18 - Canoe/Kayak day trip on the Thessalon River**

You must be part of a self-sufficient, properly equipped canoe/kayak party. Meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Call Dieter and Erika Ropke at (705) 942-9636. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

***Sun., July 19 - Hike the Harmony Trail with Neil Ray**

Neil will lead us on a section of the new Harmony Trail. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Harmony Beach parking lot near the river. Behaved pets are welcome. You may wish to bring your swimsuit and towel for a dip afterwards. Call Neil at (705) 649-0874.

Thurs., July 30 - Paddling Partners evening paddle with Mike Landmark. Call Mike at (705) 779-3409 for details.

***Sat., August 8 - Trail Maintenance**

Gayle Phillips will lead us on a section near Bruce Mines. Tools will be provided. Behaved pets are welcome. Meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. We will re-group at Bobbers Restaurant in Bruce Mines at 10:00 a.m. Call Gayle at (705) 942-1891.

Thurs., August 13 - Paddling Partners evening paddle with Gayle Phillips. Call Gayle at (705) 942-1891 for details.

***Sun., August 16 - Hike at Griffon Lake**

Ron Fournier (or Garry Koteles) will lead us out to the Turkey Lakes area for a hike to Griffon Lake. Meet at the

former K-Mart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Call Ron at (705) 246-0330 or Garry at (705) 949-1302. Behaved pets are welcome.

Sat., August 22 & Sun., August 23 -

Overnight Backpack to Mabel Lake
Pim Delfgou will lead us on an overnight backpack from Thayer's Acres to Mabel Lake. This is suitable for beginners. You must be part of a self-sufficient, properly equipped party. We will meet at the former K-Mart plaza parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Behaved pets are welcome. Call Pim at (705) 759-1053.

***Sat., August 29 - Trail Maintenance**

Frank Brooks will lead us to the Bruce Mines area. Tools will be provided. We will meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. We will re-group at Bobbers Restaurant in Bruce Mines at 10:00 a.m. Call Frank at (705) 949-9560.

***Sun., September 6 - Hike the Harmony Trail with Neil Ray**

Neil will lead us on a section of the new Harmony Trail. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Harmony Beach parking lot near the river. Behaved pets are welcome. You may wish to bring your swimsuit and towel for a dip afterwards. Call Neil at (705) 649-0874.

***Sat., September 12 - Hike in the Goulais River area**

Jack Donald will lead us as we hike a section of the Goulais River loop trail. Meet at the former K-Mart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. Call Jack at (705) 942-1761.

***Sun., September 13 - Trail Maintenance**

Frank Brooks will lead us as we clean a section in the Thessalon area from Highway 129 towards Long Lake. Tools will be provided. We will meet

at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. We will re-group at Bobbers Restaurant in Bruce Mines at 10:00 a.m. Call Frank at (705) 949-9560 for more info.

Sat., September 19 - Canoe Day Trip with Don McGorman

We will spend the day canoeing the water trail that joins Trout Lake and Crystal Creek. This trip involves paddling two lakes and five ponds, connected by six portages (combined length of portages is approx. one kilometre). You must be part of a self-sufficient, properly equipped canoe party. Call Cynthia Suhay at (705) 949-3642.

Mon., September 21 - Saulteaux Club Meeting

The business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre on Queen Street East. After the regular meeting, we will be discussing plans for our October Family Day 25th Anniversary Celebration. Call Susan Graham at (705) 949-4105.

***Sat., September 26 & Sun., September 27 - Pancake Bay weekend**

Join us as we camp the weekend at Pancake Bay Provincial Park. For more information regarding Pancake Bay camping, call Donna Weeks at (705) 759-6819. On Sunday, Cynthia Suhay will lead us on the Pancake Bay Hiking Trail. For more information regarding the hike, call Cynthia at (705) 949-3642.

***Sat., October 3 - Bicycle Trip**

Join Dieter and Erika Ropke on a bicycle trip in the Rydal Bank area. Meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to car pool.

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OUTING SCHEDULE

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We will re-group at Bobber's Restaurant in Bruce Mines at 10:00 a.m. Call Dieter and Erika at (705) 942-9636 for more information. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

Sat., October 3 - 25th Anniversary Jubilee Family Day Celebration 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Join us at the Kinsmen Park
for a celebration of 25 years
of Voyageur Trail fun!*

The day will begin with the unveiling of a sign at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, look at all the "happenings" you and your family can enjoy!

- Barbeque sausages, and hot dogs
- Children's rides including battery-operated cars, moonwalk, superslide, and more (sponsored by the Steelworkers Community Services Committee)
- Displays and demonstrations from Sault Search and Rescue, Sault College Environmental Club, and more!
- Live music!
- Prizes for the children and a door prize!

For more information or to volunteer to help, call Susan Graham (705) 949-4105 or Steve Dominy (705) 946-2484.



Sun., October 4 -



Two outings to choose from!

For families with young children, Steve Dominy will lead us on a short hike on the Goulais River loop trail from Highway 552 to Witry Road. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. Meet at the former K-Mart Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Call Steve at (705) 946-2484.

*For older folks...join us as we hike from Bass Lake Road, along Coffee Creek to the Echo River in the Echo Ridges section with Garry & Gale Koteles. Meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Call Garry/Gale at (705) 949-1302. Please leave your pets at home.

***Sun., October 18 - Trail Maintenance**

Join us as we hike and do some trail maintenance from the Melwel Lodge Road to Iron Bridge. Meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. We will re-group at Bobbers Restaurant at 10 a.m. Tools will be provided. Call Frank Brooks at (705) 949-9560. Behaved pets are welcome.

ALWAYS...
*call the VTA
Information Line
at (705) 253-5353
(or 1-800-393-5353
where available)
and select
message #9999 to
check on any last-
minute changes to
any of the outings
listed.*

Make it a habit!

***Sat., October 24 & Sun., October 25-
Wawa weekend
Annual General Meeting (See below)**

***Sat., October 31 - Trail Maintenance**

We will clean the Voyageur Trail from Long Lake towards the gravelled cottage road. Tools will be provided. Meet at the Churchill Plaza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. We will re-group at Bobbers Restaurant in Bruce Mines at 10:00 a.m. Call Frank Brooks at (705) 949-9560. Behaved pets are welcome.

**Sun., November 1 - The Gales of
November Hike**

Join the "gales" as they lead us on a section of the Tom Allinson Spur Trail. Meet at the Market Mall parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. Call Gayle Phillips at (705) 942-1891.

**Mon., November 2 - Saulteaux Club
meeting**

After the regular business meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre, we will plan the winter outing schedule. This is our annual "end-of-the-hiking-season" pizza social. Pizza and refreshments will be available for a nominal fee. Bring your photos to share. Call Susan Graham at (705) 949-4105.

**Tuesday, December 8 - The Voyageur
Trail is closed for the day.**

*(To keep the trail from becoming
a "public right-of-way" we protect
our landowners by closing the
trail for one day a year.)*



Annual General Meeting in Wawa!

The VTA Annual General Meeting for 1998 will be held in Wawa on Sat., October 24, 1998 at the Community Centre. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. Everyone's welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The Trans Canada Trail will be discussed. Please plan on attending!

On Sun., October 25, 1998, the Michipicoten Club will be hiking the "fume kill" area, so plan on camping overnight and joining the club on this hike. For more information, contact Peter Stinnissen at (705) 856-4270.

PRINCE TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL LOOP TRAIL

by *Mike Landmark*

As of May 15, 1998, a section of the Prince Township Centennial Loop Trail at Gros Cap west of Sault Ste. Marie is officially closed, due to the withdrawal of permission by the landowner. Keep Out signs have been posted between the access on Marshall Drive and Gros Cap. Please respect the landowner's wishes and adhere to the signs.

As the adoptee of the section between Gros Cap and Prince Lake Rd., I have obtained permission from the Sault Ste. Marie Conservation Authority to re-build the trail through their property in the area. The new Gros Cap Loop Trail has been built, marked and is ready for hiking. Watch for a map and description in the next *VTA News*.



WE GET LETTERS

We received this very thoughtful letter from one of our landowners, Bob Maloney and Lisa Amsden who own the property including the little access at the top of Goulais Avenue opposite Camp Korah...

As you know...part of the Voyageur Trail passes through our property. We've been having difficulties with motorcycles, ATVs, etc. We will be blocking off the path and posting a sign re: no motorized vehicles. We welcome walkers so could you inform your members of this. If they wouldn't mind walking around the barrier until we can reduce our motorized vehicle problem."

It is always gratifying to hear from one of our landowners and especially when they are thoughtful enough to keep us posted as to the plans for their property.



SPECIAL OFFER TO HIKE ONTARIO MEMBERS!

**20% OFF "THE HIKE ONTARIO GUIDE TO
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Purchase this book for \$17 (includes cost of shipping).

Send a cheque payable to Hike Ontario, 1185 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 411, Toronto, Ontario M3C 3C6.

This offer is available through the Hike Ontario Office up until Ontario Hiking Day on Sunday, October 4th, 1998.



CHAINSAW SAFETY AND AWARENESS COURSE

by *Mike Landmark*

The Desbarats Section was the location of the annual "Go to Blazes" Day held on Sunday, April 26, 1998. Fourteen people attended the outing, including Mr. Allan Beilhartz, a VTA member who owns Beilhartz Sales and Service in Bruce Mines, a Husqvarna dealership.



Allan gave a very interesting and informative lecture on chainsaw safety and awareness at the beginning of the outing, as well as hands-on demonstrations of how to use a chainsaw properly, as we proceeded to clean and brush the trail. At the end of the outing, Allan showed the group how to file the chain on the saw and gave us more tips on safety and awareness.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Allan for generously volunteering his time to join us on our outing and for giving us the opportunity to become more fully aware of the proper use and care of a chainsaw. And, we didn't even have to contend with snow in the bush this year!!



NOTE:

We are always looking for those lucky people who have time on their hands during the weekdays. If you are available to go out mid-week to clean trail, call Frank Brooks at (705) 949-9560.



FREE DRAW for 1998 Anniversary VTA Members Only!

As a special treat for Voyageur Trail Association members only in this our 25th Anniversary Year, the Association is holding five draws for two seats in Naturally Superior Adventures' 36-foot Voyageur Canoe for the 1999 May Victoria Day weekend May 22, 23 & 24. This guided trip is to a favourite Bill Mason remote location, Denison Falls on the Dog (University) River, 5 km. from Lake Superior near Wawa, Ontario.

Five lucky couples will canoe as the "voyageurs" did, under the watchful eye of Naturally Superior's professional guide for three days and two nights of history, breathtaking natural beauty, solitude, and great companionship.



Second prizes will be three subscriptions to Explore Magazine, Canada's #1 adventure magazine for the active outdoor enthusiast!



If you are a VTA member in good standing in 1998, your name will automatically be entered in this draw. If for any reason, you do not want your name to be entered, please contact Membership Secretary, Virve Männiste Squire at (705) 942-2370. Another good reason for joining the VTA (as if you really needed one!)

Thank you to Naturally Superior Adventures and Explore Magazine for donating these terrific prizes! Visit their web sites at: Naturally Superior < <http://www.naturallysuperior.com> > and Explore Magazine < <http://www.explore-mag.com> >

CASQUES ISLES CLUB REPORT *by Mike Scott*

Rob Stuttard, the university student we hired through a tender to clear deadfalls from the trail, has been doing an excellent job. There were substantially more deadfalls than we bargained for and Rob has cleared them all without once complaining about the extra work. All in all, we're very pleased with the work he's done for us.

I hiked with a group from Thunder Bay early in May, from Rainbow Falls to Rossport. Thirteen people showed up and we made some good connections for our club and theirs. Quite a few of them want to join the VTA and form a separate club, but they are a little leery about trail building. They prefer simply hiking. Their club is larger than ours, about 150 members, and they have events planned at least once a week throughout the summer.

I applied for a Local Heroes grant from Molson's Inc., who were giving grants of up to \$1500 to improve existing recreational facilities, including hiking trails. These grants are not given to organizations or clubs, only to individuals, so I applied for \$1450 to build a suspension cable bridge over Cook's Creek on the Schreiber Point section,

including \$50 to build a new ladder on a steep section on the Lyda Bay trail. Fortunately, I was selected for the grant. I designed a bridge, had it checked out by a design engineer, checked out the site thoroughly, got a list of materials, and permission from the land owner. We plan to build the bridge the weekend of Aug. 22-23/98 (one of Molson's stipulations was that the work be completed in one week-end). Molson's will be filming the event for use in a future commercial, along with clips of other projects.

If you're in the area of the Casques Isles Club (Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rossport) this summer, plan to join us in one of our public hikes:

Wednesday, July 22 - 10:00 a.m. Guided Nature & Interpretive Hike for children as part of Schreiber Heritage Days celebrations, from Schreiber to Schreiber Beach, picnic lunch and return.

Saturday, July 25 - 1:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Schreiber Heritage Days Hike from Schreiber to Mount Gwynn, return.

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CASQUE ISLES OUTINGS

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Wednesday, August 26 - 6:00 p.m. Evening Hike at Rainbow Falls along the Superior & Selim Lookout Trail, return to park for campfire.

Saturday, September 12 - 9:00 a.m. Hike from Nipigon to Red Rock with the Nipigon/Red Rock Hiking Club.

Wednesday, September 23 - 7:00 p.m. General Meeting at the Terrace Bay Recreational Centre

Saturday, October 3 - 10:00 a.m. *Ontario Hiking Day!* Join us as we hike from Rainbow Falls to Rossport. The Nipigon/Red Rock Hiking Club have been invited.

Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25 - Wawa Weekend Annual VTA Meeting (see page 6 for details).

Wednesday, November 25 - 7:00 p.m. General Meeting at the Terrace Bay Recreational Centre.

And for Club Members Only:

Wednesday, July 22 - 3:00 p.m. General Meeting and BBQ at Clayton Gordon's camp at Selim. Meeting, games, barbeque, and maybe a short hike for club members, spouses, children and friends.

Saturday, August 15 & Sunday, August 16 - Overnight Hike from Hydro Bay to Worthington Beach. Camp out overnight with campfire. The next morning, we go over Mount Gwynn to Schreiber.



Go Big!

Go Superior.

visit us on the www!
naturallysuperior.com

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Hiding Your Millions??
Did you know donations to the VTA are tax deductible?

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov./State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Please check one: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Phone (home): _____ (work): _____

E-mail address: _____ OK to put on VTA website? ☐ yes ☐ no

MEMBERSHIP FEES: (January 1st to December 31st—fees paid after October 31st will be applied to the next membership year)

Individual (includes liability insurance for one person only)..\$20 = _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Family/Group (\$3.50 per additional member at the same address, to cover optional liability insurance coverage for outings—please supply name[s]) = _____

Student.....\$10 = _____

Donations (tax receipt will be sent)..... = _____

Guidebook (member) \$15 x _____ (non-member) \$25 x _____ = _____

☐ Crest \$3 x _____ ☐ Pin \$3 x _____ = _____

T-Shirts: sleeves -short \$12 x _____ -long \$15 (size _____) = _____

Sweatshirt \$20 x _____ (size _____) = _____

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- 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!**

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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) _____

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