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VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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WE HOPE YOU STAY AND PLAY! by Gayle Phillips

The Voyageur Trail Association and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario are proud to be hosting the 1999 Hike Ontario Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 25, 1999. We are planning such a good time, the Ontario Trails Council decided to hold their meeting here too!

Hike Ontario is the coordinating body for hiking trails and hiking clubs in Ontario. Member organizations have more than 2500 kilometres of hiking trails in the province. Hike Ontario also has individual members who share its vision and mission: to encourage the development and maintenance of hiking trails and to promote hiking.

The Ontario Trails Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to the creation, development, preservation, management, and use of all kinds of recreational trails in Ontario. They are the official agents of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation in Ontario and work with local associations to develop the integrated trail network that will allow the public unprecedented opportunities for hiking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and other recreational pursuits.

Here is a glimpse of events planned for the weekend of September 24 to 26:

Friday, September 24 - Welcoming Reception
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. No charge, courtesy of Experience North Adventures. This reception will take place at the Superintendent's Residence at the Sault Canal. Between hellos, visitors may step outside and watch boats lock through the Canadian Locks system which lifts and lowers ships the approximately seventeen foot difference between Lakes Huron and Superior.

Saturday, September 25 - 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hike Ontario Annual Meeting, Lunch
(approximately \$7 for lunch).

After lunch, Craig Zimmerman of Experience North Adventures will give us a *slide presentation* on Pukaskwa National Park (located near Marathon), and Lake Superior Provincial Park (located approximately one and one-half hour's drive north of Sault Ste. Marie). The rugged beauty of these two parks will leave a lasting impression. We guarantee it!

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Hike at the Gros Cap bluffs** overlooking St. Mary's River and Whitefish Bay (where the Edmund Fitzgerald went down)

6:00 p.m. - **fish fry dinner at Blue Water Inn** at Gros Cap (approximate cost - \$10 without refreshments)

Sunday, September 26 - Two hikes to choose from:

The first will be a morning jaunt up **King Mountain** with Patrick Capper, for those who would like to start the drive back on Sunday. Bring water and a snack. Hike involves significant climbing. We leave from Zellers parking lot at 8:01 a.m. promptly and expect to return at 12:15 p.m.

The second is an **all day hike in Lake Superior Provincial Park** with Gayle Phillips for those visitors who are planning on staying an extra night. Bring water, lunch, dress appropriately for rock-hopping and meet at 8:30 a.m. sharp at the Zellers parking lot. Bring \$7.50 for a day pass for your vehicle and have at least 1/2 tank of gas for the trip. Behaved pets are welcome but must be leashed in the Park. Bring extra money in case we decide to stop for dinner on the ride home. We should be back around dinner time.

As a special treat, Lou Pagnotta of **Experience North Adventures** has generously donated a **DOOR PRIZE!**

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WE HOPE YOU STAY AND PLAY!

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Attendees of the Hike Ontario Meeting will have their names entered into a draw for **7 days of hiking in Pukaskwa National Park** (a \$975 value!) Anyone can attend this meeting but only members in good standing will be allowed to vote on issues arising. (There are no registration fees, but we would appreciate it if you would let us know you are planning to attend so we can have an idea of how many people to expect.)

Here's the description of the prize trip from Experience North's 1999 brochure:

"Do you enjoy wild and remote hiking but shy away from carrying backpacking gear? If so, this trip is for you. Leaving from the Hattie Cove Visitor Centre (Pukaskwa National Park) we board a fishing tug en route to the southern terminus of the Coastal Hiking Trail - the North Swallow River. Using a small skiff, we will transfer camping equipment and food to a new campsite each day while we hike north. Every day all you need to carry is a small daypack of personal items. The intent of this trip is to explore and learn about the landscape at a leisurely pace. A seasoned naturalist will be your guide pointing out and discussing unique flora, fauna, geology and history of Pukaskwa's back woods. This along with plenty of rest and relaxation is the only way to truly experience and hike the wildshore. The trip finishes at Oiseau Bay with a fishing tug pick up. On the way back to Hattie Cove, the captain will take us up the White River to marvel at the rushing torrents of Chigamiwinigum Falls."

September is a terrific time of the year in Sault Ste. Marie as the autumn leaves are just beginning to change, and the spectacular colours bring people here from all over the world. Since we are an eight-hour drive from Toronto or an hour-and-a-half flight, we're hoping meeting attendees book some holidays, bring the family, stay and play!

In addition to hiking on the Voyageur Hiking Trail--a true wilderness experience, attendees can visit Agawa Canyon on the world famous Train Tour, mountain bike at Searchmont, tour the Sault Ste. Marie Canal by foot or by boat, kayak and canoe on Lake Superior (the largest surface of fresh water in the world), visit the Bushplane Heritage Centre (bushplane museum) or the Ermatinger Old Stone House (one of the oldest stone residence west of Toronto). We also have a brand-new charity casino (for those who like indoor pursuits from time-to-time). In addition, there is a fabulous waterfront boardwalk, museums, art galleries, shopping, fine dining, and much, much more!



In the surrounding area, the two-and-a-half hour drive north towards Wawa follows the rugged, spectacular Lake Superior shoreline, as you pass through the pristine wilderness of Lake Superior Provincial Park with its many vistas overlooking the lake.

On top of it all, only two minutes away across the International Bridge is Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and the United States! For those who love the nightlife, Kewadin Casino is located here with internationally known entertainment, and Los Vegas style gambling (if our own casino isn't enough for you.) At the American canal located downtown, you can watch the largest of the Great Lakes ships pass by so close you would swear you could reach out and touch them! A couple of hours drive south into Michigan is world famous Mackinac Island where vehicular traffic is not allowed. Along a highway hugging the southern shoreline of Lake Superior is the Whitefish Point Shipwreck Museum with a permanent artifact display dedicated to the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Have we enticed you yet? If you are interested to know more contact Gayle Phillips, President, Voyageur Trail Association (address on page one of this newsletter) or e-mail to: <voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca>.

On the Internet, pay our web site a visit at: <www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail> and select the Hike Ontario Annual Meeting link.

Come play with us! We would love to have you!



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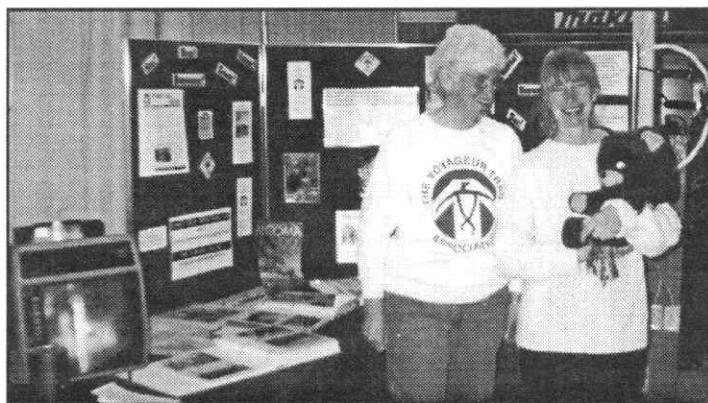
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WELCOME AGAIN! *by Cheryl Landmark*

It seems more welcomes are in order for this newsletter! The revitalization of VTA clubs is still continuing, much to the delight of the Association. The *Peniwobikong Club* in Blind River has started up again with 12 members to-date and a lot of enthusiasm and interest. The *Casque Isles Club* in the Schreiber/Terrace Bay area is also up and running once more with a full schedule of outings and an executive and membership that are proceeding full-steam ahead. It is wonderful to see that all the hard work and hours put forward by volunteers who are tirelessly promoting the VTA and all its benefits are paying off in increased interest and rejuvenation. Welcome back Peniwobikong and Casque Isles! We are very pleased to have you with us once more and look forward to participating in your outings and activities.



VTA volunteers Ila Aho (left) and Carol Gartshore staff a VTA information booth at the Great Outdoors Show in Sault Ste. Marie this spring.

CFS HELPS DEVELOP NEW LOOP TRAIL *by Steve Dominy*

The Canadian Forest Service, as part of their hundred year celebrations, are helping to clear and blaze a loop trail in the Havilland Bay area, along the access trail to both the Stokely and Harmony Sections. Hikers using this trail will soon notice some newly-added yellow blazes marking the loop trail, which links the side trail to the main trail, following an old logging road along the south side of Tier Lake. A new sign will be erected at the Highway 17 access in late August or early September. The loop itself is about a nine kilometre hike, and there is a scenic side trail to a lookout over Havilland Bay which adds another kilometre. You can experience this trail on a guided hike on October 30 (see page 6 for details).



HOWDY TO THESE NEW 1999 MEMBERS

(since November 1998 newsletter)

At-Large

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Susan Howard, Toronto
Donald & Ruth King, Tweed
Paul Lowes, Etobicoke
Ian Nielsen-Jones, Irvine, CA
Michael Ugorowski, Flint, MI

Bruce Mines

Joyce & Raimo Repo

Casque Isles (Terrace Bay, Schreiber & Rossport)

Jessica & Ralph Falcioni, Thunder Bay
Patricia McGrath, Thunder Bay
Rob Stewart, Kashechewan

Coueurs de Bois (Elliot Lake)

Jocelyne Breive
Esther & Gordon Bruce
Terry Carr
Alcide Carriere
Cirelda & Robert Chalut
Gary Croteau
Joan Czech
Douglas Ellenor
Paul Fuller
John Kennedy
Georgena MacDonald, Spragge
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Iris Maurice
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Andre, Anika & Myka Riopel
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Andrea Welz
Al Wright

Sudbury

Adrian Court
Lee Miles

Thunder Bay

Robert Farmer Jr.



Renew your membership for the year 2000 before December 31, 1999 and get in on our free membership incentive draw! Watch for more details in our next newsletter, December 1999! (Membership forms on pages 9 & 10 of this newsletter.)



WE GET LETTERS

Last year, to celebrate our 25th Anniversary year, we held a draw for a three-day, two night canoe trip in Naturally Superior's 36-foot Voyageur Canoe to Dennison Falls. Due to rough water on Lake Superior, our hardy "Voyageurs" didn't make it to the falls, however, from all reports they had a marvellous time! The following is a letter and story submitted by one of the participants.

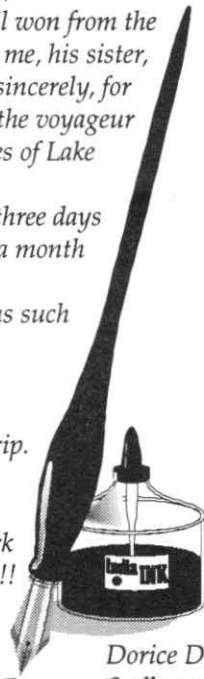
*To the Voyageurs Organization,
The trip that Jean-Paul Dubreuil won from the
Voyageurs has been shared with me, his sister,
and I wish to thank you, most sincerely, for
the great time we had aboard the voyageur
canoe and along the shorelines of Lake
Superior.*

*I told my brother that these three days
had meant more for me than a month
in Paris and this is without
exaggeration! God has given us such
a superb country!*

*As a little thank-you gift, I have
enclosed a short story I wrote
about a couple we met on our trip.
You can publish it in your
News Letter if you wish.*

*I heard a lot about the nice work
you are doing. Keep it up!!*

Many thanks,



*Dorice Dubreuil
Sudbury, Ontario.*

THE McCOYS by Dorice Dubreuil

What an eye-catching pair I met at McCoy Harbour. The couple keeps close watch on the sandy beach and greet, with great enthusiasm, the rare visitors that come to rest on the sandy shore.

Mr. McCoy is a very, very old volcanic rock that endless time has molded. Travelling glaciers, summers and winters, rain, frost and snow, have buffed and gnawed at the old fellow. Lake Superior's treacherous waters that surround him still relentlessly scrub him every day. Despite it all, he is still incredibly impressive, massive and sturdily built. He shows off his nicely-shaped muscles but he is unable to hide his protruding belly.

His meager-looking wife is a shabby tree whose roots are planted deep into the crevice of her spouse's heart. She is not the man's first partner, however. In fact, he has had

quite a few but has outlived them all. Now Anna is the one that he has chosen to be his girl...and the two have become one.

The old fellow is very hard to read. He does not express his feelings and he won't budge an eyebrow to show a frown or a sign of content. His beloved one, quite to the contrary, shows her feelings readily and tells the whole story with her features. "Poverty has been their companion throughout life," the branches speak. The limbs are skinny. The needles of the evergreen are massed together near the tips like hands at the end of many scrawny and hair-bare arms. The thin trunk is totally visible and cuts a serpentine path up toward the sky.

The bottom curve of the trunk tells of the consecutive years when the winters were wretched and she had had more than her share of miscarriages.

The freezing rain and wind had torn off the cones before term and the expectant mother had lost hope for a while.

Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, and our lady began to dance and sing in the wind again.

Another turn in the tree shows scars brought on, many moons later when, because of loneliness, she had despaired and bowed down to the battle, suffering its ravages. What a battle it had been between life and death!

It might be at this time that an angel came to help save her soul. This barely noticeable tree beside Mrs. McCoy is perfectly shaped and stands by her side, humble, discreet and pure.

Totally repentant, this wife turned to her husband one day and cried, "Oh how selfish I have been my sweet one! I have forgotten how your mighty strength has always been there when I turned to you. My faithful one, I am grounded in you and from your scarred side I draw my life." She reached to God above and again her heart saw light.

It is my gut feeling that this man will outlive his dear Anna but in his wisdom he knows that in God's garden she will rest one day, a superbly polished driftwood among the pretty, sweet-smelling flowers. What she has lacked in this life she will receive in the next and their hearts will still be one because Emmanuel McCoy will live forever.

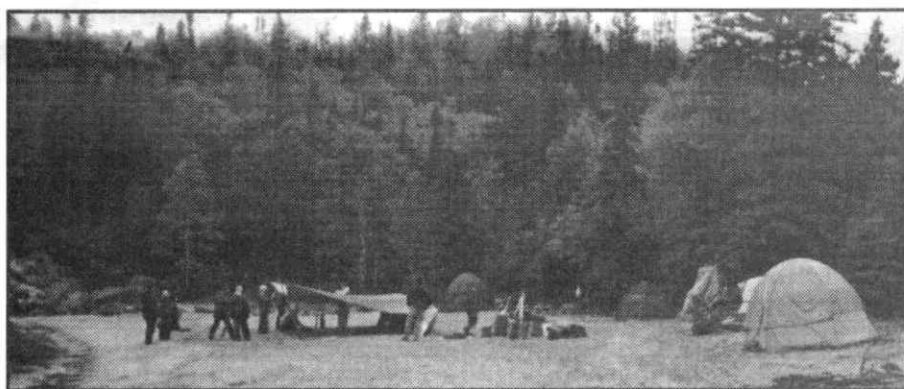
NOTE: *Another soul touched by the Lake.
What can we say?*

*Check page 5 for photos of the event
(and don't you wish you were there!)*





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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. Be prepared to sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement.

***Sunday, September 12 - Hike**

Jack Donald will lead us in the Goulais River section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail. Meet at 9:00 a.m. sharp at the Zellers parking lot behind Pennington's Store to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. Call Jack at (705) 942-1761.

Saturday, September 18 - Hike

Larry Gringorten and Don McGorman invite us along on a hike into the Mabel Lake area from somewhere near Kinsmen's Hiawatha Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. sharp at the Zellers parking lot behind Pennington's Store to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For info, call Larry at (705) 759-5740 ext. 2500 or (705) 949-7953.

Monday, September 20 - Saulteaux Club Meeting

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre, we will finalize plans for the Hike Ontario/Ontario Trails Council meeting weekend after the regular business meeting. For info, contact Susan at (705) 949-4105.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, September 24, 25 & 26 - Hike Ontario/Ontario Trails Council meetings weekend (schedule on page 1)

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 listings.



Sunday, October 3 - Ontario Hiking Day (2 hikes to choose from)

Steve Dominy will lead a family hike in the Kinsmen Park Hiawatha area. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Zellers parking lot behind Pennington's Store to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, call Steve at (705) 946-2484.

For a more challenging hike, Bev & Verna Scott will lead us on the Pancake Bay Hiking Trail (approximately 9 kilometres). The autumn colours should be great so remember your camera and binoculars. Meet behind Pennington's Store in the Zellers parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to car pool, or at the trailhead at 9:00 a.m. (The trailhead is approximately 1 km past the park entrance on the right—watch for a balloon on the post). Behaved pets are welcome. Bev and Verna will be camping at Pancake Park for the weekend, so if you need more information, be sure to call them at (705) 777-3053 before Friday, October 1st.

Saturday, October 9 - Trail Maintenance

Gayle Phillips will lead a trail maintenance on a section east of the Sault. Meet at 9:30 a.m. sharp at the Churchill Plaza parking lot. Behaved pets are welcome. Tools will be provided. For more info, call Gayle at (705) 942-1891.

Saturday, October 16 - Trail Maintenance

Chuck Peterson, owner of Stokely Creek Lodge has asked if anyone wishes to join him in a day's work on the trails at Stokely. Since it is an early start on Saturday, accommodations can be arranged at the Lodge for Friday night. For more information, contact Chuck at (705) 649-3421.

Saturday, October 23 - Annual General Meeting

This year's annual meeting will take place in Blind River. The Executive Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and the public annual meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Afterwards, we will have a short hike along the picturesque Penewobikong Section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail. For more info, contact Chris Clark at (705) 356-2550.

Saturday, Oct. 30 - VTA Memorial Hike, in memory of members who no longer tread our trail.

Hike the newly-completed Canadian Forest Service Centennial Loop Trail, at Havilland Bay. Including a side trip to a lookout over Havilland Bay, this is about a 10 km hike over rugged terrain - but the views make it all worthwhile. Meet at the Zellers parking lot behind Pennington's at 9:00 a.m. Contact Steve Dominy (946-2484) or Larry Gringorten (759-5740 Ext. 2500) for more details.

Sunday, October 31 - Trail Maintenance

Meet at the Churchill Plaza at 9:00 a.m. Tools will be provided. Behaved pets are welcome? Call Patrick Capper at 253-4470 for further information.

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OUTING SCHEDULE

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Saturday, November 6 - The Gales of November Hike

Join the "Gales" as they lead us on a section of the Tom Allinson Spur Trail. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, call Gayle at (705) 942-1891.

Sunday, November 14 - Short Family Hike

Susan Graham will lead as we hike from Nettleton Lake to East Davignon Creek. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Market Mall parking lot. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, call Susan at (705) 949-4105.

Monday, November 15 - Annual End-of-the Season Saulteaux Club Meeting

Bring your photos or slides along of this year's outings as we enjoy pizza and pop (at a nominal fee) after our business meeting. The festivities start at 7:30 p.m. At the Great Lakes Forestry Centre. For more info, contact Susan at (705) 949-4105.

Sunday, November 28 - Hike/Snowshoe (depending on conditions)

Join Larry Gringorten as we hike or snowshoe in the Gros Cap area. Meet at the Market Mall parking lot at 10:00 a.m. sharp to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, call Larry at (705) 759-5740 ext. 2500.

Tuesday, December 21 - The Voyageur Trail is closed for the day. Each year we close the trail for a day for our landowners, and to prevent it from becoming a public right of way.



WANTED:

Medium-sized snowshoes
for a reasonable price.

Please contact
Brenda at
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TRAIL AUDIT NEWS *by Gayle Phillips*

This year continues to busily roll along! Our call for tenders for an audit of the Voyageur Hiking Trail (excluding the parks) was a huge success. The calibre of applications was truly impressive.

Unfortunately, we did have to narrow it down and make a decision. Fortunately we accepted two proposals from Andy Penikett (Elliot Lake to Tower Lake) and Craig Zimmerman (Tower Lake to Red Rock/Nipigon). These two outstanding individuals have between them, over 39 years of experience in our parks systems!

I want to thank Andy, Craig and all those who replied to our call. It is comforting to know that our readership boasts such talented people.

The first audit reports have rolled in and have already been an eye-opening experience. Old bridges have been reported in poor condition (one of the reasons why we try NOT to build structures along our trail), large blowdown areas have been identified (one excerpt reads, "of course it [blowdown] is down the trail and not just across it"--another reads, "...guess what, another blowdown...") [it's nice to know our auditors have a sense of humour--they'll need it], GPS readings have been taken, beaver dams have come and gone, improvements and updates to our guidebook descriptions have been suggested, and beautiful photos of the trail have been taken. The above photo is a beaver dam crossing near the Turtle Lake.



Already, trail maintenances have been targeted to the worst sections reported. Some of our access points have been cleaned up to make them easier to find. It certainly helps when you read reports from someone who is not used to walking the trail, but who has enough expertise in other trails to give their opinions and suggestions. I guess those of us who visit these sections regularly get so used to walking them, improvements don't occur to us. This is why we encourage hikers to report back on any sections they hike, both good and bad conditions. Our trail maintenance season is short, knowing where it is most needed is really handy.

Local Voyageur Trail Clubs can expect to see a coloured copy of the audit reporting on their section in their mailboxes, as soon as we get them. In the meantime, our newsletters will have the benefit of a seemingly endless supply of beautiful scenery photos for quite a while!

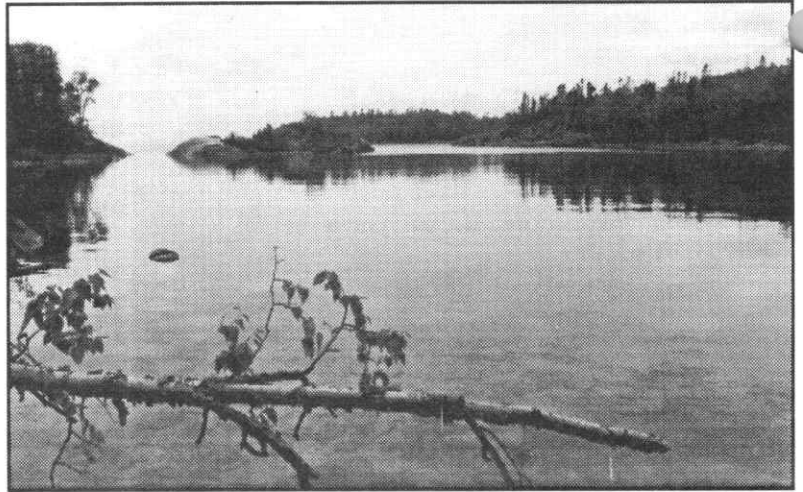


THE CASQUE ISLES HIKING CLUB

If you read National Geographic Magazine, you are aware of the wonderful vistas, fascinating plants, and beautiful animals found throughout the world. Geographic looks for the exotic and the interesting. Who would ever guess that the exotic and the interesting are common place and native to our own back yard. As you drive along Highway 17, there are some breathtaking glimpses of Lake Superior. One of them is by Hydro Bay, midway between Schreiber and Terrace Bay. Tourists stop just to take pictures. Our forests are full of some of nature's last truly wild animals, AND some of the world's least disturbed and least cultivated plants. We can touch, taste, feel, and enjoy a wilderness largely as our ancestors did.

The Casque Isles Hiking Club is intensely interested in the wilderness and spends time maintaining and hiking a system of trails along the north shore of Lake Superior. Our gorgeous local scenery excites us. Some of it can only be seen on foot and on a hiking trail. There are some very aggressive trails, and others you could finish in an hour or so.

One of the nicest and most popular trails begins at Terrace Bay beach. Simply follow the Aguasabon River upstream to the wooden bridge. Cross over, and walk the snowmobile trail up the hill a ways. You will find a hiking trail on your left, heading down towards the lake again, west (some might call it "south!"). The path is well marked with small white or blue trail markers - we show a human figure walking. This trail reminds one of a walk in a well groomed forest park. In a half hour, you come to a small cove called "Danny's Cove," (see photo) a nice sand beach, a beautiful view, and nothing but the wind in the trees and a few birds to break the silence. Anyone wishing to continue on will eventually come out at Hydro Bay, about three hours further. Most simply enjoy the walk and then hike back the way they came in. We hope you will try this pleasant and gentle hike for a start.



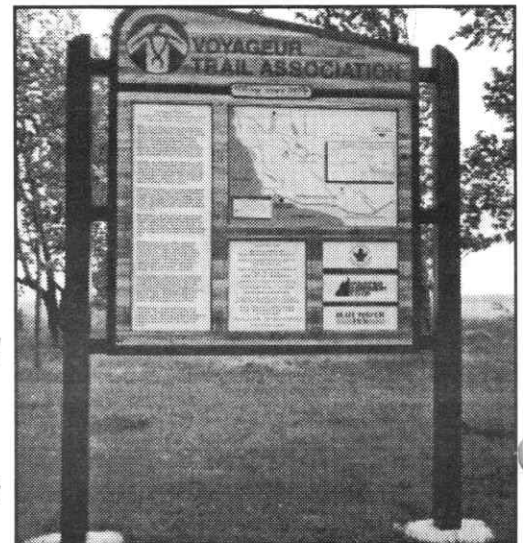
Organized hikes include a Trailmaster, someone who is familiar with the trail and who will watch that everyone makes it out okay. A Sweep is also used to follow up the rear and look after stragglers. It is never wrong to turn back part way through a hike if the going gets too rough, a hiker feels too tired to continue, or there is just not time to do the whole hike. No one goes back alone.

We run many public hikes during the year. We also hold short Trailmaster Clinics for those interested in leading organized hikes. When you join us on an outing, bring a good pair of boots or walking shoes, gloves, coat or sweaters, hat, lunch, water jug, and whatever else might be needed. We typically spend from 4 to 6 hours on the trail.

The Casque Isles Hiking Club is a member of the Voyageur Trail Association and TransCanada Trails. This year's president is Dan McGrath, vice Presidents are Duncan MacKay and Stan Voogt.



Visitors to the Gros Cap and Kinsmen Park areas, Sault Ste. Marie will get an eye full of information about the Voyageur Hiking Trail thanks to a grant generously provided by Mountain Equipment Co-op.



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SPRUCE UP YOUR WARDROBE!

The Saulteaux Club is placing a special order for sweatshirts embroidered with our anniversary "hiker" logo (pictured). These are good quality, all-cotton sweatshirts by Non-Fiction in a light navy colour for \$40.00 Cdn. (note - these are not our usual yellow VTA wear-in-the-bush shirts!).

If you wish to get in on what is sure to become the latest fashion rage, you must get your order form and cheque to Susan Graham by October 1st (bring them to the next Saulteaux Club meeting on September 20th). Out-of-town members will need to add mailing costs or make arrangements to pick up the shirts in the Sault.



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Address: _____

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

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

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Voyageur Hiking 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!**

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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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail development | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter, guidebook, photography |
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- ☐ Nipigon
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