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VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

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WANTED: TRAIL COORDINATOR (Service Contract)

The Voyageur Trail Association (VTA) was established in 1973 as a volunteer-based charitable organization with the goal of constructing a continuous hiking trail from Manitoulin Island to Thunder Bay. Several hundred kilometres of this trail remain to be completed.

In this new position, the Trail Coordinator will operate independently and report to the VTA Board of Directors. As a spokesperson for the VTA, the Trail Coordinator will establish effective collaboration with key organizations willing to build and maintain new hiking trail sections along the proposed route. While possessing strong administrative skills, the ideal candidate will also be capable of developing financial partnerships with key supporting agencies and organizations.

The individual would be expected to work from either their home office, or an office supplied in Sault Ste. Marie, and be prepared to travel extensively using their own vehicle. This is a two year, full-time contract, with the possibility of renewal.

Further information about this position can be found at
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail>

Please indicate in a separate cover letter how your skills, knowledge and experience relate to the desired qualifications. Replies with remuneration expectations should be received **no later than November 22, 1999** at:

Voyageur Trail Association, P.O. Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, ON
P6A 6W3 Attn: Trail Coordinator Position.

Only applicants short-listed for further consideration will be notified.



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WE GET E-MAIL!

The Goulais River Area Beavers would like to thank the VTA and British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) for the boardwalk. One section makes an excellent raft, another a good dock, and a third section, we found by incorporating it into our dam, helped give it good reinforcement. We left one section on dry land for those funny two legged critters to stand on and admire our workbeavership. Two were in there trying to help us by cutting down some alder along the dam so the two legged critters could get to the viewing platform we left for them, however, we much prefer poplars being cut down rather than the alders as poplars are much tastier. Happy paddling!

- The Goulais River Beavers.

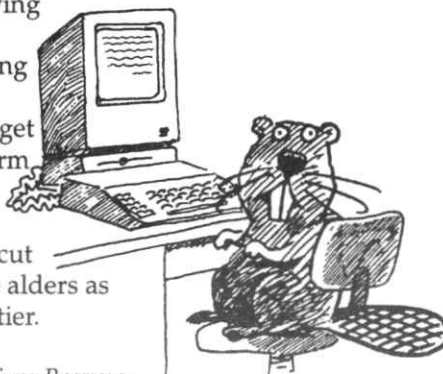


Photo courtesy Craig Zimmerman



NO WHINE FOR ME PLEASE

by Gayle Phillips

Have you ever picked up your VTA Newsletter, read the outing schedule and said, "Darn, why don't we have more ski outings?" or "Darn, why don't we have more hikes in the summer months?" Well why not lead one yourself? You see, outing leaders are regular VTA members who enjoy certain activities and have favourite sections of trail that they don't mind showing other people. Do you have a favourite section of trail? Maybe you have already taken a few of your closest friends to see this trail. If you have, you have already LEAD an outing, now all you need to do is let the rest of us in on it!

Leading is not as onerous a chore as one would think. You pick a date, pick a location and then show up! Usually, there are a number of experienced VTA members who show up at your outing and they don't mind giving you a hand with sweeping, for instance, or advice and support. The Association has a brochure entitled, "Tips for Outing Leaders" which is full of good advice and there are Assumption of Risk Agreements for participants to sign to keep track of how many people show up and where they are from. We would be happy to send these to you at any time—you just have to ask!

In the meantime, when you pick up a VT Newsletter and find yourself saying, "Darn, why don't we have more _____ outings?", pick up the phone and call your Club President and do something about it! If everyone lead just one outing a year...just ONE outing, imagine the varied and interesting locations we would visit and the memories we would create! Stop and think of the locations that you never would have seen, of the interesting people that you never would have met, of the good times you would never have had, if you hadn't gone on a specific outing on a certain day.

To those of you who DO offer to lead outings, we want to thank you. By giving the rest of us an opportunity to see where you like to go, and how you like to get there, you offer the hand of personal friendship and we appreciate it. Without you, there would be no clubs, no friendships formed, no opportunity to try something new or see a new location...no excitement in being members of our local clubs!

To those of you who support the VTA by your membership but do not live close enough to the trail to participate on outings, we thank you. I would like to encourage our outing leaders or participants to share your stories of the outing through this newsletter so these members can more easily feel a part of us.



Make a pact, right now, that in the year 2000 you will lead one outing! Pick up that phone right now and call your club President to select a date! I guarantee it will add a new purpose to your step and a renewed interest in your life.

Club Presidents:

Casque Isles - Dan McGrath (807) 824-2016
Michipicoten - Pete Burgoyne (705) 856-7107
Saulteaux - Susan Graham (705) 949-4105
Coureurs des Bois - Paul Fuller (705) 461-9080



Wilderness First Aid Courses are being offered to any VTA member who:

- will take the course in the next two months,
- will volunteer their free time to attend the course,
- will schedule to lead at least three outings in the upcoming year,
- upon completion, will produce a copy of your certificate to the VTA for reimbursement of \$95 towards your course fee.

Canadian Red Cross Wilderness First Aid courses are 16 hours over a Friday evening and all day Saturday. The First Aid and CPR certificates are good for 2 years. Upon certification, the Red Cross offers a \$10 Million Liability Insurance coverage when you use your skills as you were taught. Anyone interested, please contact Gayle at (705) 942-1891.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT *by Gayle Phillips*

As my first year as VTA President comes to a close, I reflect back proudly on what the Association and our Clubs have accomplished.

- revitalized clubs in Elliot Lake, Blind River and Schreiber/Terrace Bay/Rosspoint area
- new loop trails developed in the Saulteaux and Goulais River Sections
- blue side trail developed in Sault Ste. Marie to join our trail to the waterfront boardwalk area
- joining the Trans Canada Trail and the Ontario Trails Council
- renewing our affiliations with the National Trail and Hike Ontario
- erected two large signs and stocked 8-inch square green hiker signs for trailheads with a grant obtained through Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Assumption of Risk Agreements instituted at the club level
- testified in court on behalf of a landowner who caught motorized vehicles where they are not permitted
- supported the new bridge being built in Iron Bridge
- built a bridge on Casques Isles Section with a grant obtained through Molsons
- successfully hosted the Hike Ontario Annual Meeting and the Ontario Trails Council Executive meeting (the first time they left southern Ontario)
- began a review process of our Constitution and gathered information to begin to record a set of By-Laws and Policies
- issued three newsletters this year
- with our funds raised through Nevada Ticket sales we: paid for a complete trail audit including sending copies to all of our clubs, purchased a GPS unit, stocked biodegradable flagging tape for better protection of our wildlife, ordered 15,000 new colour brochures, designed and purchased 1,000 full colour posters, paid for hugely successful 25th Anniversary celebrations, installed a huge carving at the Ontario Tourist Information building at the Gateway site in Sault Ste. Marie, purchased a state-of-the-art computer for the Association and a membership/landowner database ... and there are still a few items we



Photo courtesy Monica Hilton

Don McGorman launches his loop trail with a hike in the Kinsmen Park area on September 18/99.

are considering to use the last of the funds wisely, such as, wilderness first aid courses for our hike leaders, signage for the trail, VTA car decals for publicity initiatives and trail building equipment.

We've had our set-backs too. We were turned down for grants to hire a summer student, and buy more colour brochures, but at least we tried. The Wawa club tried for funding to build a trail to the southern tip of Pukaskwa, which hasn't been accepted or turned down yet, so there is still hope.

The good news from all of this activity is we have had inquiries to build trail and/or start clubs from Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Spragge, Espanola and Iron Bridge, and, we will have a new full-time person to make these contacts happen! Yes, we have received notice that we have a two-year Trillium Foundation province-wide grant to hire a full-time Trail Coordinator (*see page 1*).

All in all, I think the past year has brought some notoriety and renewed interest to the VTA which will carry us nicely into year 2000. We just may see our dream of a trail from Thunder Bay to South Baymouth come true right before our eyes sooner than we think!



1999 Steve Taylor Volunteer Award Winner

Cheryl Landmark (right), VTA Newsletter Editor presents VTA President, Gayle Phillips with the 1999 Steve Taylor Volunteer Award for her efforts this year in organizing the Hike Ontario/Ontario Trails Council weekend, working on various committees, helping with publicity and the VTA newsletter.

The Steve Taylor Volunteer Award was established in 1995 to honour a VTA volunteer who serves above and beyond the call of duty each year—something that its namesake, Steve Taylor, did until his untimely death in 1994.

Congratulations Gayle!



SOME THOUGHTS...

from VTA President, Gayle Phillips on the Hike Ontario Annual Meeting/Ontario Trails Council meeting weekend:

- we assure you we had no control over the timing of the harvest moon or the southerly breeze that suddenly appeared to warm us as we enjoyed a moonlight hike around St. Mary's Island at the Sault Canal on Friday evening.
- thank you to Mayor Steve Butland for taking time from a visit with your granddaughter to welcome our visitors.
- to Hike Ontario: I think that was the only meeting I ever attended that ended right on time—how did you do that?
- to Craig Zimmerman, thank you for showing us the beauty of our wilderness through your slides and poetry.
- to the Columbus cruise ship that happened to grace our shoreline and make our waterfront boardwalk even more beautiful than we ever imagined—thank you!
- best wishes to the Ontario Trails Council who showed an example of real commitment when they gave up a hike on one of the last warm, sunny days of the year to board themselves up in a windowless room for a meeting!
- kudos to the 60+ intrepid hikers who hauled their butts up Gros Cap bluffs to see Whitefish Bay and Lake Superior from the top, not to mention the trees decked out in all their autumn glory!
- my sympathies to the poor waitress at the Blue Water Inn who did a splendid job after getting 72 people for the fish fry instead of the 40 she was expecting!
- congratulations to the 25 hikers who arose EARLY Sunday morning to tackle King Mountain—double congratulations to those who were not afraid of the word "Mountain" after climbing Gros Cap "bluffs".
- double batches of Ben Gay to those 29 who learned what the term "rock-hopping" meant on Northern Ontario coastal trails but never complained!
- and I assure you, we STILL had no control over the warm, albeit strong southerly breezes and the four-foot waves that Lake Superior decided to dress up in on Sunday.
- thank you to all who worked with me to make this weekend such a huge success.
- to all of our visitors, you will be interested to know that the day after the weekend it started raining and didn't stop for a week!
- and finally, thank you to all of our visitors who travelled great distances to attend the weekend of events. I hope it enticed you to come back to play, and bring your family and friends!



Check out the colour photos of the Hike Ontario Annual Meeting weekend on our web site:

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail>



Come & Go Reception Friday evening at the Superintendent's Residence at the Sault Canal

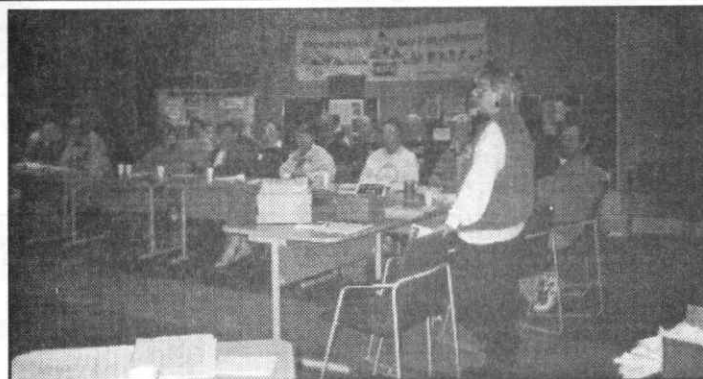
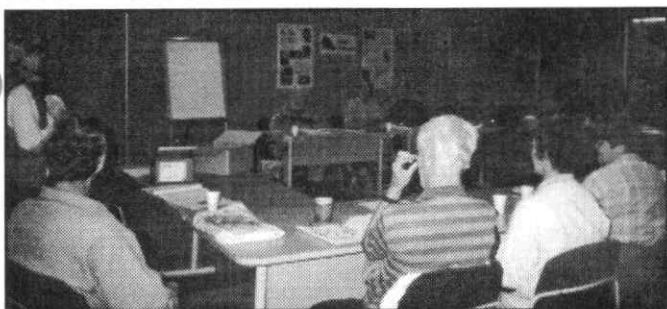


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(below) Fish fry at Blue Water Inn on October 23





(above & right) Hike Ontario Meeting, October 23

(below) Lake Superior Provincial Park hike on Sunday, October 24

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Gayle,

HIKE ONTARIO AGM - SAULT STE. MARIE

What excitement! What a thrill! A truly memorable weekend put on by the Voyageur Trail Association. No longer are you just a name, but real people and real trail, and what people, so friendly and well organized, and what a trail! I only saw a small section, but it is deeply imprinted in my memory. Now when Patrick Capper makes his quarterly trip to the Hike Ontario Board meetings, I shall live the journey he has made, and his presence will bring colourful memories of your wonderful trail and city, which was brought alive for us by your incredible members.

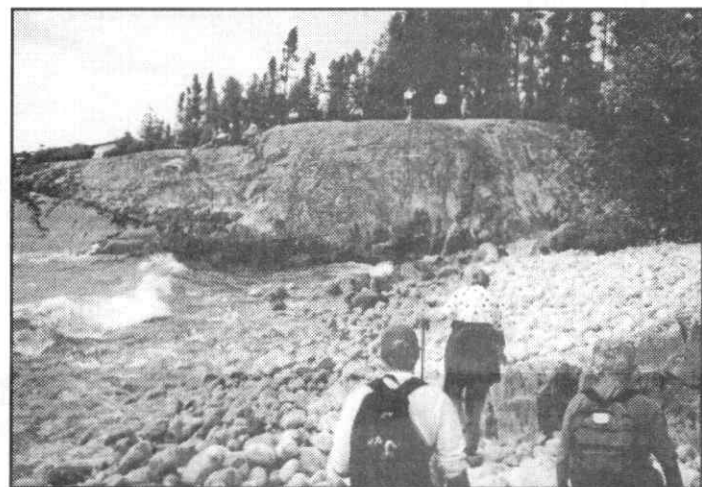
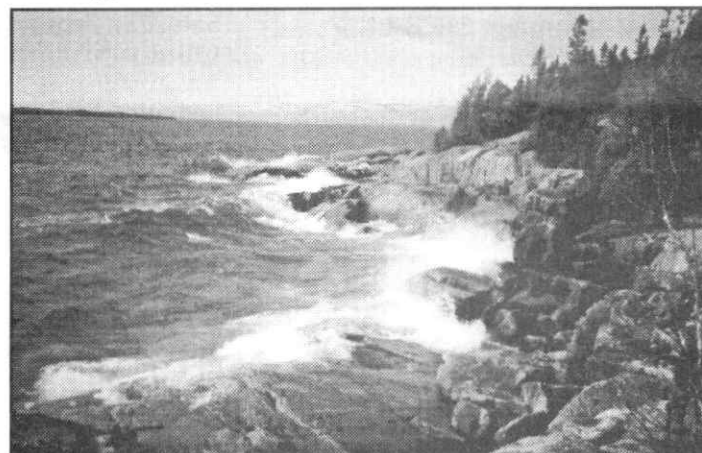
Thank you so much for everything you and your association did for Hike Ontario to make our AGM such an enjoyable event. Your enthusiasm and smiling faces will be with us for a long time.

Please pass on our thanks to your committee and members with much appreciation from Hike Ontario.

Sincerely,

David Francis

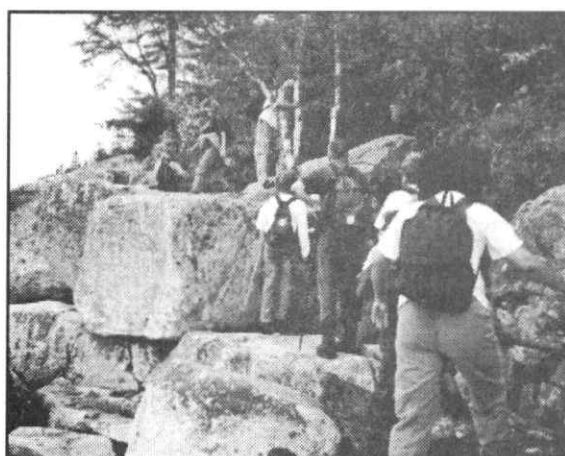
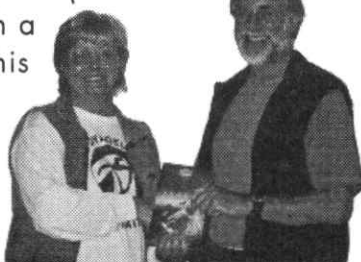
President, Hike Ontario



LUCKY WINNER!

VTa President, Gayle Phillips presents Barry Hammerton of Newmarket (Bruce Trail & ORTA member) with a pamphlet describing his trip--7 days of hiking the Coastal Trail in Pukaskwa National Park courtesy Experience North!

The trip was the door prize at the Hike Ontario Annual Meeting.



Photos courtesy Cheryl Landmark

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, and dress appropriately. Be prepared to sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement.

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

Join Larry Gringorten in the Gros Cap area. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. Contact Larry at (705) 759-5740 ext. 2500.

Tuesday, December 21 - The Voyageur Trail is closed.

Every year we close the trail to keep it from becoming a public right-of-way in honour of our public-spirited landowners.

*Saturday, January 1 - Annual New Year's Day Snowshoe to the Desbarats Caves

Join Patrick Capper in starting the Year 2000 stepping out in style—in snowshoes! Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Churchill Plaza parking lot to car pool. Please leave your pets at home. Call Patrick at (705) 253-4470.

*Sunday, January 9 - Snowshoe

Neil Ray [(705) 649-0874] leads us on a snowshoe from Harmony to Havilland Bay (5 km. one way). Meet at Zellers parking lot behind Pennington's at 9:00 a.m. or at the old MacAuley's location at Havilland Bay at 9:30 a.m. Behaved pets are welcome.

Saturday, January 15 - Bushwhack Ski

Join Horst Wetzl on a ski at the end of Peoples Road. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, contact Horst at (705) 759-7656.

Sunday, January 23 - Snowshoe

Jack Donald [(705)-942-1761] will lead as we snowshoe in the western end of the city. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Mall parking lot. Behaved pets are welcome.



*Saturday, January 29 - Snowshoe

Trina Fournier will lead us on a snowshoe in the Desbarats Section. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Churchill Plaza parking lot to car pool. Please leave your pets at home. For info, call Trina at (705) 253-3359.

Saturday, February 5 - Bon Soo Children's Snowshoe Experience

If you can spare a couple of hours to help us strap snowshoes on children's feet at the Bon Soo Family Day, please contact Susan at (705) 949-4105.

*Sunday, February 6 - Ski

Join Susan Graham as she leads us on an excursion to McNearney Lake ski trails. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. Tourist Information Building. Remember your health insurance and ID to cross the border. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. Contact Susan at (705) 949-4105 for more info.

*Saturday, Feb. 12 - Ski/Snowshoe

Join Patrick Capper as he visits the Agawa Pictographs in Lake Superior Provincial Park. Meet at the Zellers parking lot behind Pennington's at 8:30 a.m. to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. Call Patrick at (705) 253-4470.

Friday, February 18 - Snowshoe

Join Mike and Cheryl Landmark for a moonlight snowshoe in the Gros Cap area (bring a flashlight, just in case). Meet at the Bluewater Inn parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Behaved pets are welcome. Afterwards, we may proceed to Cocomo Joe's for some refreshments. Call the Landmarks at (705) 779-3409.

*Saturday, February 19 - Snowshoe

Dieter & Erika Ropke will lead in the Desbarats area. Bring an extra sweater and be prepared for a 50 kilometre drive to Gordon Lake. Meet at 9:30 a.m. sharp at the Wellington Square Mall in front of McDonald's to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. Call Dieter & Erika, at (705) 942-9636.

Saturday, Feb. 26 - Bushwhack Ski

Join Horst Wetzl on a ski at the end of

Peoples Road. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, contact Horst at (705) 759-7656.

Saturday, March 4 - Bushwhack Ski

Gail Andrews invites us along on a ski in the Nettleton Lake area. Meet at the Market Mall at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing. Contact Gail at (705) 942-0768.

Sunday, March 12 - Bushwhack Ski or Snowshoe

Plan to join Gayle Phillips as we snowshoe or ski along the shoreline at Red Rock. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Mall to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, contact Gayle at (705) 942-1891.

Sunday, March 19 - Bushwhack Ski

Join Horst Wetzl on a ski at the end of Peoples Road. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Market Mall parking lot to car pool. Behaved pets are welcome. For more info, contact Horst at (705) 759-7656.



Winter Activities Disclaimer:

It is important to note that the VTA does not provide formal instruction for snowshoe and ski activities. Each participant in our winter activities is assumed to:

- understand the causes, preventive measures, and treatment for hypothermia
- dress appropriately, bring lunch and water and be prepared for unforeseen delays on the trail
- understand that changes in weather and snow conditions can affect the difficulty level of a given trail
- have experience on, and be familiar with his/her own equipment
- for skiers: be able to perform the basic manoeuvres, such as snowplow and herring bone under a variety of snow conditions for a period of several hours

OUTING SCHEDULE

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Coueurs de Bois Club

(Elliot Lake area) For all outings, bring water, a lunch, and dress appropriately. Be prepared to sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement. Hikes may become ski or snowshoe events when the white stuff strikes. If in doubt, check with the leader.

Tuesday mornings - urban walks in and around Elliot Lake - meet at Upper Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. - for car pool - leader Ray Cormier 848-7979.

Friday mornings - Cross country skiing, meet at 10:00 a.m. at the golf course if there is 5 cm. or more of snow, leader Al Carriere 848-4372.

Sunday, November 14 - Hike
Semiwhite Lake, Mississauga Park. Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. - leader Valerie Nolan (705) 848-8952.

Sunday, November 21 - Hike
Hwy 108 / Fire Tower / Horne Lake.

Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. - leader Gord Bruce (705) 461-3724.

Saturday, November 27 - Hike
Slipper Lake/ Elliot Lake Dam. Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. - leader Carl Yohnke at (705) 461-3418.

Saturday, December 4 - Hike
Logging Road Loop off VTA trail & Hwy 108. Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot for car pool at 10:00 a.m. - leader Valerie Nolan (705) 848-8952 or 848-0405.

Sunday, December 12 - Hike
Fire Tower Look-Out, Milliken Road. Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot at 1:00 p.m. for car pool - leader Jocelyne Breive at (705) 848-0405.

Saturday, December 18 - Snowshoe
Stanleigh Area, Milliken Road. Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to car pool - leader Paul Fuller (705) 461-9080.

Saturday, January 1- Snowshoe/Ski
To welcome the New Year and the

Millennium at Sherriff Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, Milliken Road. Meet there at 11:00 a.m. - leader Ray Cormier at (705) 848-7979.

Saturday, January 15 - Snowshoe
Voyageur Trail to Walkabout Lake. Meet at Upper Plaza parking lot for carpooling at 10:00 a.m. - leader Paul Fuller at (705) 461-9080.

Saturday, January 22 - Cross-Country Ski
Spine Beach Trail, meet there at 10:00 a.m. - Paul Fuller at (705) 461-9080.

Saturday, February 5 - Cross-Country Ski
Mississauga Park. Meet at the Upper Plaza parking lot for carpooling at 10:00 a.m. - Al Carriere at (705) 848-4372.

Sunday, February 20 - Snowshoe
Quimby Lake. Meet at the Upper Plaza parking lot for carpooling at 10:00 a.m. - leader Ray Cormier at (705) 848-7979.



Mr. Harnden's Grades 7/8 class from Etienne Brule School find novel ways to keep their feet dry on a recent visit to the Voyageur Trail on the Gros Cap bluffs.

Photos courtesy Mike Landmark



TIDBITS

Hiking in B.C.

Interested in hiking in the Canadian Rockies? Join the oldest hiking club in Canada, the Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies at their annual base camp in Banff National Park, offering five 6-day camps, July 17 - August 14, 2000. The cost is approximately \$550 per person and includes return trans-

portation from Banff, tent accommodation, hot water, all meals, camp staff and guided day hikes. Hikers carry only a day-pack but must be fit for mountain hiking. For more information, call Harry Moerschner at (705) 445-0267, e-mail: moersch@bmts.com, or call Alberta at (780) 488-9847.

For your information... none of your VTA membership fees or donations go toward salaries, unlike some other charitable status groups. Our money is spent on trail development, costs associated with this newsletter, and publicity expenses.



HIGH TEA ADVENTURES by Pim Delfgou

Seven enthusiastic hikers set off for Thessalon on the August 21-22 weekend for an overnight hike to Tea Lake. Weather conditions were sunny and quite warm as we made a 10:00 arrival at the trailhead and entered the bush.

The trail was easy to follow thanks to some good upkeep and, believe it or not, a carpeted stretch west of highway 129. The walk in was rather uneventful, resulting in us making an early arrival at camp before lunch. Even eight year old Leah Dominy, our youngest member did really well; this being her first overnight hike.

Swimming was the first order of business as we were sweating it out in the warm sunshine. I noticed a strange odour and promptly looked for rotting fish, but didn't find any. It turned out that it was swamp gas hanging over the lake.



Photo courtesy Gayle Phillips

MAIL ORDER GUIDEBOOKS

For non-VTA members who are in a rush to get a Voyageur Trail Guidebook or who do not live near the trail route, the following businesses provide mail order service when you purchase the guidebook through them:

Young's General Store, Wawa t. 705-856-2626, f. 705-856-1573

Rainbow Gifts, Wawa: t./f. 705-856-2221

Forestland Clothing and Gifts, Thessalon: t./f. 705-842-0378

The Gift Rack, Bruce Mines: t. 705-785-3858, f. 705-785-3165 and in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario:

ACR Gift Shop: t. 705-946-7300

Dunn's Authors: t. 705-759-1447, f. 705-759-9312

Joe's Sports and Surplus: t. 705-253-2361, f. 705-942-2877

Pickwick Books: t. 705-942-2272, f. 705-942-0058

VTA members must order their copies through the Association to get the special discounted price for members in good standing.



There was not much activity that afternoon, save for some photography and swimming. By evening, we cooked up a delicious supper and sat around the fire. Good thing there was

not enough swamp gas to blow the lake up; I had an incident ten years ago on a winter outing where my group blew a swamp up, fortunately without any injuries.

The next day, we took a short hike after breakfast to a point opposite our campsite. When we returned, we broke camp, went for a swim and had lunch. Then it was on to Shaw Dam Lake.

The only real obstacle was a long beaver dam, but with low water, the crossing was quite reasonable. Things got much easier, but really warm as the trail followed a natural granite highway. By late afternoon, we reached Shaw Dam.

On our way out, we stopped at McCreights Pond for a swim and Little Rapids for ice cream. Halfway home, we had the royal rumble as a thunderstorm moved through.

I like to thank Steve Dominy for organizing this trip and Mike Landmark for doing trail maintenance to make our hike enjoyable.



MAPS

Are those topo maps you purchased a few years ago looking a little dog-eared? Well with Christmas coming, perhaps this is the time to treat yourself or another to some updated maps of the area. Most northern Ontario maps were updated in 1993.

The VTA also supplies Tyvek waterproof maps. If you haven't used these, you will be pleasantly surprised with how durable they are (and for only 50 cents more than a paper map). Contact Steve Dominy at (705) 946-2484 if you wish to place an order.



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- free advertisements in the *Voyageur Trail News* and the Internet web site for members selling used trail equipment and supplies
- voting privileges at general meetings
- a discount on the purchase of the *Voyageur Hiking Trail Guidebook*
- the knowledge that you are aiding in the development and maintenance of a 1,100 kilometre-long (when complete) volunteer hiking trail through some of Ontario's most spectacular scenery.

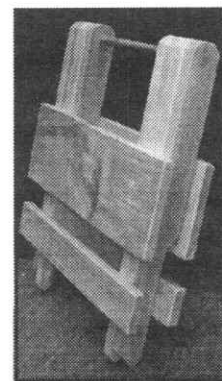


CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Why not solve your gift-giving problems with a VTA membership for that outdoors-lover in your family! Throw in a guidebook and/or a sweatshirt and you have a truly wonderful gift! Clip the form below today and *relax* this holiday season!



MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE DRAW



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If you renew your membership **before December 31, 1999** your name will automatically be entered in this year's *Membership Incentive Draw*! Our winner will receive this handy folding, hand-carved camp stool (a \$30 value) courtesy **Out of the Woods Woodworking** (owned and operated by our own Michipicoten Club President, Pete Burgoyne).

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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

E-mail address: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Individual (includes insurance for one person only).....\$20 = _____

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☐ Crest \$3 x _____ = _____

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For Topography Maps \$10 / Tyvek \$11 -

Call Steve (705) 946-2484

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make cheques payable and mail to:

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION,
P. O. Box 20040, 150 Churchill Blvd.,
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For non-members, the Guidebook is now available from Pickwick Bookstore, Clean North, Dunn's Authors, Joe's Sports & Surplus, ACR Gift Shop & Jan's Place, Sault Ste. Marie; the Travel Information Centres in Wawa and Blind River; the Blind River Public Library; The Gift Rack, Bruce Mines; Forestland, Thessalon; Little Rapids General Store; Red's Little Hooker Bait & Tackle, Elliot Lake; Lake Superior Provincial Park Visitor's Centre; Pukaskwa National Park Visitor's Centre; Take a Hike store, Thunder Bay; and Mountain Equipment Co-op, Toronto.

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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!**

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:

☐ Trail development

☐ Hike leader

☐ Organization—executive, directors

☐ Trail maintenance

☐ Landowner liaison, records, maps

☐ Special events; conferences, dinners

☐ Newsletter, guidebook, photography

☐ Publicity committee

Please consider me a member-at-large ☐ or a member of (check one below): (*denotes active sections)

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☐ Thunder Bay

☐ Nipigon

☐ *Schreiber/Terrace Bay

☐ Marathon

☐ Pukaskwa National Park

☐ *Wawa

☐ Lake Superior Provincial Park

☐ Batchewana

☐ Harmony Beach/Havilland Bay

☐ Goulais

☐ *Sault Ste. Marie

☐ Echo Bay

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☐ Thessalon

☐ Iron Bridge

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☐ Espanola

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☐ Sheguiandah

☐ South Baymouth

☐ Sudbury

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