

# Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club News

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**NOTE: Saulteaux Club Meeting Monday, July 16, 2001 7:30PM at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre. After the general meeting we will plan our fall hiking schedule. Please come and bring a friend!**

Visit our brand new **Saulteaux Club web page** on the much-improved Voyageur Trail Association web site [www3.sympatico.ca/voyageur.trail]! I am looking for any and all suggestions, links, photos or anything that you think will grace our new page! Email [voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca](mailto:voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca) with your ideas!

## Schedule Updates:

Our week (August 20-24) hiking the Casques Isles trail is shaping up to be quite a time! On the way back home on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a badly needed work party on the Marathon trail. On Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> we are paddling Naturally Superior Adventure's 36-foot Voyageur canoe for the day. Seats (very limited) are for sale for \$29 per person with special rates for children. See the updated schedule on the back of this page.

## New Map Available!

For some time now, the Voyageur Trail Association Executive have been discussing a new fundraising venture aimed at those who don't particularly wish to buy an entire guidebook, but would like to take a hike on the Voyageur Trail. They may be visitors to the area and only wish to do a short hike on a local trail, but the price of a complete guidebook may be stopping them from accomplishing their goal.

The Saulteaux Club has become the "test ground" for a new map, one that includes an overview of the entire Voyageur Trail system in the Sault Ste. Marie area with instructions on how to get to the various access points. The information provided on the other side of the map would be appropriate to all the clubs of the Voyageur Trail system.

The map is sponsored by Experience North Adventures [www.exnorth.com] and the new "Explorer's Club" of Algoma's Water Tower Inn [www.watertowerinn.com]. (In addition, if anyone booking accommodations at the Water Tower Inn mention the Voyageur Trail Association when booking, the VTA receives a small donation for each booking.)

Many Sault Ste. Marie businesses will be



approached to sell the maps and we expect the retail price to consumers will be in the neighbourhood of \$6.50 per map. Out of these funds, approximately \$3.00 will come back to the Voyageur Trail Association to build and maintain trails.

The map project was launched in conjunction with a May ceremony held to introduce the new Trans Canada Trail signage system. Our map now hangs prominently in the entranceway to the Ontario Tourist Centre on Huron Street along with the Trans Canada Trail signage.

## Do you have email?

Future Saulteaux Club news and updates could be easily sent over the Internet, if I had your email. Please send me an email with your full name to: [voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca](mailto:voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca)

(The next time the city releases a new/revised "Trail Plan", I can easily contact you and let you know where and when to see it...not to mention postage on these "between newsletter" newsletters!)

I promise that your email will not be used for any other purpose or shared with anyone else.

## Something for everyone!

In talking with new and prospective members, we somehow have developed an image of a "tough" hiking club where one has to be "in good shape" to participate. This couldn't be further from the truth! We have tried very hard to provide outings of every persuasion for our members to choose from: long treks, "rock-hopping", easy family hikes, after dinner strolls, cycling and even paddling! The trick is to know your own limits. If you walk 5 kms every evening, but it is on city streets, don't equate that with 5kms on the Voyageur Trail! The terrain in Northern Ontario is rugged.

If you have doubt about what the trail is like, call the leader--that's why we publish their telephone numbers. They can tell you about the terrain and the time it will take to do the outing, among other things. Above all, join in--we would love to see you!

## Done any trail maintenance lately?

Please contact me so I can update our web page with areas that have been cleaned (942-1891 or [voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca](mailto:voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca)).

If you haven't done any lately...*why not?* Have you forgotten how much fun a work party can be? More time to talk with others? Shorter distances? The satisfied feeling of a job well done! Consult the schedule (*on right*) and pick your opportunity. **We need YOU!**

**Better yet, why not adopt your own section?** That way, you can select your own opportune time to clean your trail. If you need help, contact us and we can schedule a work party to give you a hand. (Don't forget to submit how many times you worked on your section for our end-of-the-year free membership draws! Call Patrick at 253-4470.)

## Saulteaux Club Trails and their adopters:

### Tom Allinson Spur Trail:

Maki Road to Red Rock Beach (at stream) - Gail Andrew

Red Rock (at stream) to Jackson Island Road - Mike/Cheryl Landmark

Gros Cap Loop Trail: Mike/Cheryl Landmark

### Main Trail:

Gros Cap to Prince Lake Road: Mike/Cheryl Landmark

Prince Lake Road to Airport Extension: Monica Hilton

Airport Extension to Creek Road: Frank Brooks

Creek Road to Aubin Road: Susan, Cliff & Ian Graham

Aubin Road to Camp Korah: *available*

Goulais Avenue to Old Goulais Bay Road: Horst Wetzl

Old Goulais Bay Road to west branch of the Root River: Alan Comfort

West Branch of Root River to Glenview Cottages: *available*

Glenview Cottages to Connor Road: Don McGorman

Connor Road to Mabel Lake: Don McGorman

Hiawatha Loop Trail and Glenview Cottages trails: Don McGorman

Old Goulais Bay Road to Highway 17 North: Patrick Capper

*(If I have made any omissions or errors, I am sorry. Please contact me at 942-1891 to correct my information. Also, do likewise if you are interested in adopting a section!)*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

NEW!

**Sat., July 14** - Contrary to what we were told before the last newsletter, there is NO hike in LSPP today. (*There is one scheduled for the 21st.*) Sorry for any inconvenience.

NEW!

**Sun., July 15** - First organized hike on the brand new Carp Lake Trail! Meet at 10:00 AM sharp at the Batchewana Bay Park Tourist Information Centre. Behaved pets are welcome but bring a leash (*cliff edges nearby*). Georgena at Clean North office 945-1573 (*message service available here as she will likely be out on the trails*), or at 1-877-393-4003.

NEW!

**Mon., July 16** - Saulteaux Club Meeting @ 7:30PM, GLFC, Gayle 942-1891 (*planning next outing schedule*)

**Sat., July 21** - Hike to Mabel Lake. Zellers @ 9:30AM. Pets OK. Don 946-9599

NEW!

**Sun., July 22** - Cycle from Leeburn to Bruce Mines and return (*both ways is approximately 60kms and involves some highway riding*) with Sault Cycling Club. Meet at Tim Horton's (*across from water tower*) @ 9AM. Jim Miller 254-7494.

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**Wed., July 25** - Second organized hike on the brand new Carp Lake Trail! Meet at 10:00 AM sharp at the Batchewana Bay Park Tourist Information Centre. Behaved pets are welcome but bring a leash (*cliff edges nearby*). Call Georgena at Clean North office 945-1573 (*message service available*), or at 1-877-393-4003.

**Sat., July 28** - Hike at Pancake Bay. Agawa Indian Crafts @ 10AM. Pets OK. Susan 949-4105.

**Wed., August 1** - VTA NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!  
Cheryl 779-3409.

**Sat., August 4** - Moonlight Hike. Memory Lane (former Cocomo Joe's) @ 8:30PM. Pets OK. Mike/Cheryl 779-3409.

**Sat., August 11** - Work Party in Echo Ridges. Churchill Plaza @ 9:30AM. Trina 253-3359.

**Week of August 20 to 24** - Week of hiking/backpacking with the Casques Isles Club. **See next page.** Mike 779-3409 or Gayle 942-1891.

**Sun., August 26** - Hike in city's west end. Pets OK. Market Mall @10AM. Jack 942-1761.

**Sat., September 1** - Work Party. Churchill Plaza @ 10AM. Pets OK. Gayle 942-1891.

**Sat., September 8** - Hike Prince Lake Road to Airport Road extension (*final end-to-end*). Market Mall @9:30AM. Pets OK. Monica 254-5029.

**Sun., September 9** - Hike around Tier Lake. Zellers @ 9AM. Pets OK. Ila 949-1097.

**Sat., September 15** - Easy, family hike Creek to Maki Roads. Market Mall @ 10AM. Pets OK. Susan 949-4105.

**Sat., September 22** - Crystal Creek Canoe. Zellers @ 9:30AM. Pets. OK. Don 946-9599.