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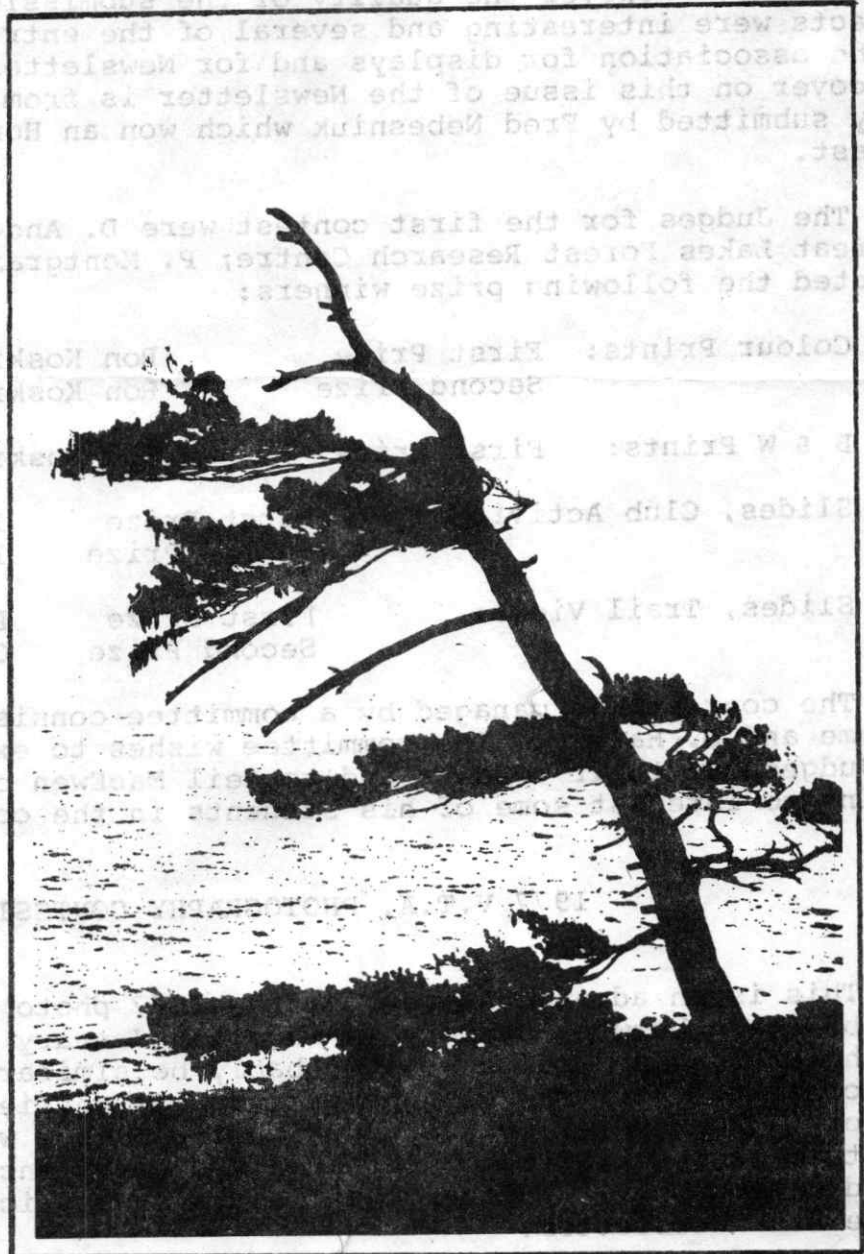
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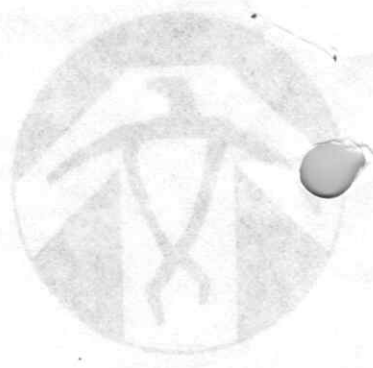
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GROS CAP PINE

by
Fred Nebesniuk

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1976 V.T.A. PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The proposed annual V.T.A. Photographic Contest got off to a rather slow start with only thirteen entries spread among four classes of photography. However the quality of the submissions was good, the subjects were interesting and several of the entries will be of value to the association for displays and for Newsletter covers. For instance, the cover on this issue of the Newsletter is from a black and white entry submitted by Fred Nebesniuk which won an Honourable Mention in the contest.

The Judges for the first contest were D. Anderson, former photographer at Great Lakes Forest Research Centre; P. Montgrain, and D. Ropke. They selected the following prize winners:

Colour Prints:	First Prize	Ron Koski, Sault College
	Second Prize	Ron Koski, Sault College
B & W Prints:	First Prize	Ron Koski, Sault College
Slides, Club Activities:	First Prize	I. K. Morrison, V.T.A.
	Second Prize	I. K. Morrison, V.T.A.
Slides, Trail Views:	First Prize	P. D. Syme, V.T.A.
	Second Prize	G. T. Harvey, V.T.A.

The contest was managed by a committee consisting of D. Ropke, P. Syme and G. Harvey. The committee wishes to express its thanks to the Judges for their efforts and to Neil MacEwen of Sault College for helping to interest some of his students in the contest.

1977 V.T.A. PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

This is an advance notice for the 1977 photo contest. Pictures must be taken between January 1, 1977 and January 1, 1978 to be eligible, and the classes and rules will probably be similar to those for the 1976 contest. However, one change involves entries in the Club Activities category. These will be judged primarily on how well they show hiking and other club activities. Photographic excellence will have secondary consideration only. Further details and an application form will be in the next Newsletter.

WORK PARTIES

To help with the construction of the trail in sections that have little manpower to draw upon, we are scheduling five special work parties this spring. Three of them will be to clear and blaze a portion of the Thessalon section and two to blaze the 'Superhike' portion of the Rainbow section. We would like to get as many people as possible for the Thessalon section so that this portion of the trail can be completed. At least six to eight people are needed for each of the Rainbow section trips. Please try to get in on one or more of these outings. They are really more "fun" than "work" and are a chance to meet fellow hikers and see some of the spectacular scenery along the trail. Call Paul Syme at 254-4791 in the Soo to let him know which parties you will be attending.

SCHEDULE:

Thessalon Section: 1. Saturday, May 7, 8.00 a.m. (Ground conditions permitting). Sault residents meet at the gas bar at Churchill Plaza. Others meet at Rydal Bank bridge at 9.00 a.m. Bring a lunch. Return that evening.

2. Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m. at the gas bar at Churchill Plaza and 9.00 a.m. at Rydal Bank. Details as above

3. Saturday, June 18, 8.00 a.m. at the gas bar at Churchill Plaza and 9.00 a.m. at Rydal Bank. Details as above.

Rainbow Section: 1. Saturday and Sunday May 14 and 15. Leave Friday evening, blaze trail Saturday and Sunday, returning early Sunday evening. Bring or buy your meals.

2. Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29. Leave Friday evening, blaze trail Saturday and Sunday, returning early Sunday evening. Bring or buy your meals.

THE VOYAGEUR TRAIL AND HIGHWAY 17

The conflict in the use of the name "Voyageur Trail" has finally been resolved - in our favour. According to a letter received from the Honourable Claude Bennett, Minister of Industry and Tourism, the signs on Highway 17 reading "Voyageur Trail" will be replaced starting this spring, by signs reading "Voyageur Route", one of our alternative suggestions. This will end the confusion that these signs have already caused in the minds of many of those who saw them. We thank the Minister for his decision and it is our mutual hope that the Voyageur Trail Association and the Ministry of Industry and Tourism will enjoy continued co-operation in the future. P.D.Syme

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION SUMMER ACTIVITIES
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- Sunday
May 1
2 p.m. Public hike to celebrate Conservation Week. It will start at Camp Korah again because of its easy access and parking. Please wear walking shoes or boots. Coffee will be served at the Camp Korah site after the walk.
Meet: at Camp Korah at the north end of Goulais Ave., which may be reached from Second Line West.
- Saturday
June 11
8 a.m. Hike, north of Thessalon, 8-10 miles long, pick-up will be arranged at either 8 or 10 miles. Bring lunch.
Leader: Don Fulton, Little Rapids, 842-2944.
Meet: At Sunny Gas Bar, Churchill Plaza, 8 a.m. We will proceed to Little Rapids to meet Don at 9 a.m. Little Rapids is on Hwy 129 about 1½ miles north of Hwy 17. Once there turn left and go ¼ mile to the school. We will walk westward on the Thessalon Trail.
- Tuesday
June 21
6 p.m. Evening hike to celebrate Spring.
Leader: Ernie Pringle, 253-6988.
Meet: at Sentry Parking lot, Hwy 17, North, under the Sentry standard. We will hike west on the trail starting at the 6th Line and Hwy 17 North.
- Saturday
Sept. 17
8:30 a.m. Desbarats Trail hike to Leaver Marsh. Bring lunch. Wear boots for wet trail.
Leader: Fred Haavisto, Gordon Lake, 782-6864.
Meet: Sunny Gas Bar, Churchill Plaza. We will proceed to the junction of the Gordon Lake road and Hwy 638 (Sylvan Valley Road) to meet our leader at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday
Oct. 2
2 p.m. Ontario Hiking Day public Hike. Gros Cap area. Featuring beautiful views of Lake Superior and fall colours.
Meet: By the Blue Water Inn at the Gros Cap turnaround. Watch for Voyageur Trail Club members with arm bands for information.

DISCOUNTS TO HIKERS

Joe's Sports and Surplus, 9 Queen St. East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. offers a 10% discount to V.T.A. members on presentation of a current membership card. Sales items and all "Woods" brand articles are excluded.

Kinney Shoes of Canada Ltd. offers a 10% discount on hiking boots to V.T.A. members on presentation of current membership card, at the local store in the Station Mall, Sault Ste. Marie.

Margessons of 17 Adelaide St. East, Toronto M5C 1H4 offers a 10% discount on most camping items to V.T.A. members. Margessons issue a camping catalogue which may be obtained by writing to them.

OTHER HIKING TRAILS IN ONTARIO

For the interest of our members who may be in other parts of the province this summer and would like to hike on some of the other trails available, we list them, their locations, and an address to write to for more information.

Avon Trail. St. Mary's to Conestogo, linking the Thames Valley Trail and the Grand Valley Trail. The Avon Trail Assoc., 38 Albert St., Stratford, Ont., Box 2005.

Bruce Trail. Queenston to Tobermory. The Bruce Trail Assoc., 33 Hardale Cresc., Hamilton, Ont. L8T 1X7

Credit Valley Footpath. Port Credit to Terra Cotta. Credit Valley Footpath Club, 67 Wanita Rd., Port Credit, Ont. L5G 1B5

Elgin Hiking Trail. St. Thomas, Elgin Co. Elgin Hiking Trail Assoc. Box 11, St. Thomas, Ont. N5P 3T5

Ganaraska Trail. Port Hope to Collingwood, via orillia. Ganaraska Trail Assoc., Box 1136, Barrie, Ont. L4M 5E2

Grand Valley Trail. Elora to Brantford. Grand Valley Trail Assoc., Box 1233, Kitchener, Ont. N2G 4G8

Guelph Trail. Limehouse to Cambridge. Guelph Trail Club, Box 1, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6J6

Quinte-Hastings Trail. Outlet Prov. Park to L. St. Peter., Q.-H. Recreational Trail Assoc. RR 7, Box 16, Belleville, Ont. K8N 4Z7

Rideau Trail. Kingston to Ottawa. Rideau Trail Assoc., Box 15, Kingston, Ont.

Thames Valley Trail. Byron to St. Mary's. Thames Valley Trail Assoc. 403 Lansing Ave., London, Ont. N6K 2J2

A HIKING TRAIL RE-DEFINED

We have been asked to quote the following definition from the Spring 1976 issue of The Trail Voice, published by the International Backpackers Association.

"A hiking trail is a growing, ever changing recreational resource. Today, a trail doesn't just happen, it needs to be sought and prepared, preserved and nurtured. It takes time and money, work and devotion, interest and enthusiasm. Most of all, it takes concerned, caring people—people in government and industry—but even more so volunteers who give only because they believe. The volunteers can and often do completely maintain many public foot trails. People working together have built and protected the trails we now have. Working together, we can build, protect, and care for the hiking trails our children will know and enjoy tomorrow."