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The Voyageur Trail Association is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to building and maintaining a public hiking trail along the northern shores of Lakes Superior and Huron, from Thunder Bay to South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island.

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VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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VT A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING by Cheryl Landmark

The VTA Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at Bellevue Bed and Breakfast in Goulais River. Highlights of the meeting include changes to the Coordinating Council positions and a potential new club in Marathon.

A new position called Database Manager has been added to the Coordinating Council to maintain the enormous amount of GPS data and GIS map work that was collected during the recent revision of the guidebook. Bob Sinclair, who contributed a great deal of time and effort in compiling this data for the guidebook, has generously volunteered to take on this position. Bob's above and beyond volunteer work on the guidebook also earned him a nomination for the Steve Taylor Award this year. The VTA welcomes him to the Council and looks forward to working with him in the future.

Other changes to the Council include combining the Landowner Database Administrator role with the Membership Secretary position and combining the Tool Master role with the Treasurer position.

There is good news out of Marathon. Interest is high in that area for forming a VTA club. There are several independent trails already built in and around the Marathon area that could be combined into a formal system as part of the VTA. Thank you to Glen Labrash and the other members of the Marathon community who are helping to generate support for a club.

Once again, turnout for the Annual General Meeting was very disappointing. This is an opportunity for VTA members to find out what your Coordinating Council has accomplished over the past year and to have your voice heard on any issues or concerns. For an Association with two to three hundred members, it is very discouraging when only one or two make the effort to attend the annual meeting. On the same note, finding people



interested in filling positions on the executive remains a huge problem for the Association. The current members of the Council are doing a tremendous job of trying to keep the VTA viable, but many of them are showing signs of burnout and fatigue. We need new people to fill the ranks and bring fresh, new ideas to the table to revitalize the Association. Please think about donating some time and effort towards keeping the VTA alive and well for many more years to come.



THANK YOU LANDOWNERS!

Once again, the VTA would like to acknowledge and thank our landowner partners for their generosity in allowing us to access their lands with our trail systems. Your continued support is greatly instrumental in providing an opportunity for the public to enjoy beautiful Northern Ontario!

A letter will be circulated to each landowner with this newsletter. Please take the time to respond so that the VTA can keep its landowner database current and accurate. Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season and all the best for the new year!



NEWS FROM THE ALGOMA HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY

Dear friends of the Algoma Highlands Conservancy:

Last month, we released the great news that Stokely Creek Lodge will be in full operation this winter! Just in case you've been out of touch, the agreements that we've reached with Astina provide us with a 10-year licence for exclusive use of the entire Stokely trail system for silent sport recreation and a 2-year option to purchase the 2600 ac below the Tupper-Van Koughnet line (i.e., all lands immediately beyond the Lodge, through to King Mountain, and beyond, to the Robertson Cliffs). AHC Board member Gaylen Byker, his wife Susan, daughter Tanya, and son-in-law Ian Phair will purchase and operate the Lodge under the name "Stokely Creek Lodge". See our October 11, 2007, newsletter for more details (www.algomahighlandsconservancy.org).

To date, binding agreements have been executed and Jamie Martin, Susan McCauley, Alex Lapensee, and Richard Kargl have been busy readying the Lodge and trails for the upcoming season. Final closing is pending completion of a survey of the access road leading up from the parking lot.

From our perspective, the remaining details are procedural and we are considering the deal all but closed! Please plan on joining us for a celebration of Stokely's new future at an open house to be held at the Lodge on Saturday Dec 29th.

On the AHC side, we have just established a dedicated account for donations towards the King Mountain property purchase! As such, we now encourage you to honor your pledge and make your donation in time for deduction in the 2007 tax year. To reiterate, we currently have approximately \$340,000 in private pledges, including Gaylen's matching commitment. We also have approximately \$300,000 of AHC funds which will be applied to this effort; so we are just shy of half way to our \$1.5-M target for the 2600-ac purchase. We must all keep in mind that this purchase is critical to the long term health and survival of the Lodge, and will also guarantee a solid, protected, 3000-ac land base for the AHC to use as a platform for conservation, silent-sport recreation, outdoor education, and research - in perpetuity. All available AHC funds and donations will be applied to this purchase and we will be pursuing potential corporate and government sources to supplement your donations.

Please feel free to circulate this newsletter and encourage others to help us. We also encourage you to email us any questions that you have and/or provide us with your full contact information, including email, so that we can update our files and keep you better informed about new developments at Stokely. Please forward your contact information to (info@algomahighlandsconservancy.org) or, if you do not have access to email,

please send the information to either our Canadian or American office address.

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We respect your privacy and will not forward your contact information without your permission.

In closing, we are proud of the partnership that we have forged with Astina and Stokely Creek Lodge - it represents a very positive and critical turning point in our securing a long-term future for the Lodge AND conserving the ecological and silent sport recreational values of the surrounding lands that we all love! Please be generous.

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MOSQUITOES?

So you don't like those pesky mosquitoes, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West Nile Virus. Here's a tip that was given at a recent gardening forum.

Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent. Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area.

Not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate colour, or what, but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy/water mixture, and usually within about 10 feet of the plate.

Check this out---it works just super!

May seem trivial, but it may help control mosquitoes around your home, especially in the south and elsewhere where the West Nile virus is reaching epidemic proportions in mosquitoes, birds, and humans. Please pass this along!



THE STEVE TAYLOR VOLUNTEER AWARD

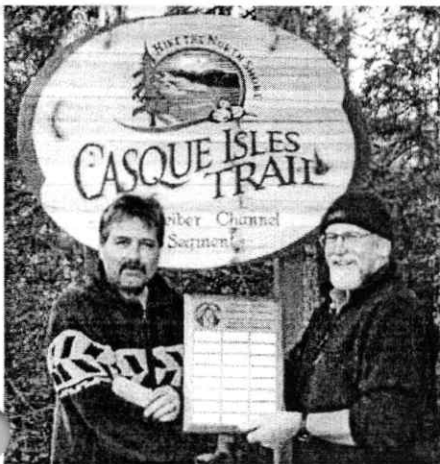
Steve Taylor was a long-time President of the Voyageur Trail Association who, in 1995, passed away of cancer in his thirties.

At the time, the Steve Taylor Volunteer Award was created in his memory to be awarded each year to honour an individual or individuals who, during the course of the previous year, contributed in an outstanding way to the goals of the Association, as Steve always had.

This year, the following folks were nominated:

- 1) Bob Sinclair for above and beyond work on new guidebook and volunteering to keep the database up into the future.
- 2) The entire Guidebook (GB) Committee for their hard work over the past three years putting together the new GB which was well-received.
- 3) Steve Dominy for providing the driving force and spearheading the Guidebook Committee.
- 4) Susan Graham for volunteering to lead lots of trail maintenance outings in the spring and fall in the Saulteaux Section.
- 5) Jim Miller (*posthumously*) for leading outings for the Saulteaux Club and being a friend of the VTA.
- 6) Doug Stefurak for his driving force in revitalizing the Casque Isle Club and spearheading the purchase, design and installation of many new signs in the section.

The votes were tallied and at the VTA Annual General meeting, it was announced that Doug Stefurak was this year's recipient.



Congratulations to Doug (shown here on the left accepting the award from Duncan McKay, VTA Vice-President, West) and ALL the VTA folks who were nominated. This year, we had more nominations than any year in our past and we feel that all these folks deserve our special recognition and thanks.

To nominate someone for the 2008 Award, please email your nomination anytime to:
voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca



REMEMBERING NORM LEDIETT

Members of the Penewobikong Voyageur Trail Club have installed a plaque honouring the late Norm Ledietz on Fire-tower Mountain, a picturesque spot along the Voyageur Trail in the Blind River area.

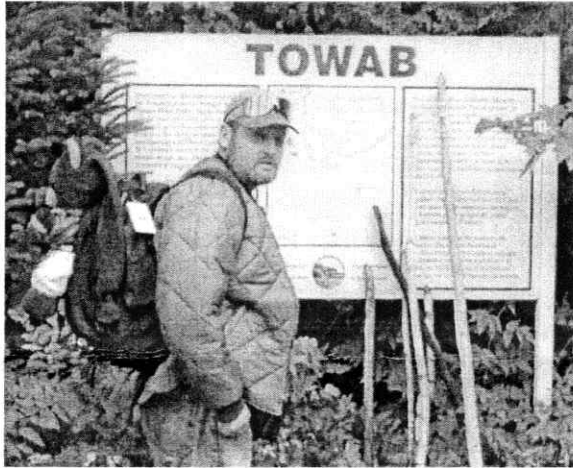
Norm, who passed away at age 91 in 2004, was a long-time founding VTA member in the Blind River area. He also created the yellow and blue "diamond" blazes that grace our trail to this day.



PIERRE THE BEAR'S NEXT ADVENTURES by Pierre the Bear

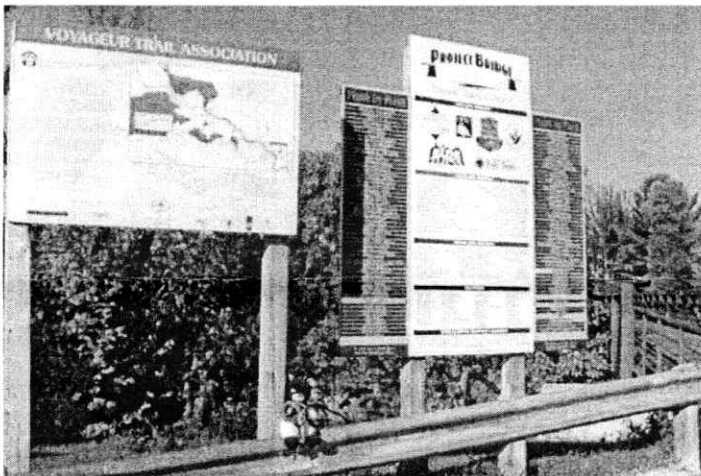
Bonjour! It is me once again, Pierre the Bear, with some more of my great adventures on the Voyageur trail. Mon Dieu, I have been busy this fall with mes amies Mike, Cheryl and Misty!

On September 15th, we joined the VTA to hike in to Burnt Rock Pool on the Towab Trail. The day, she was very nice and sunny,

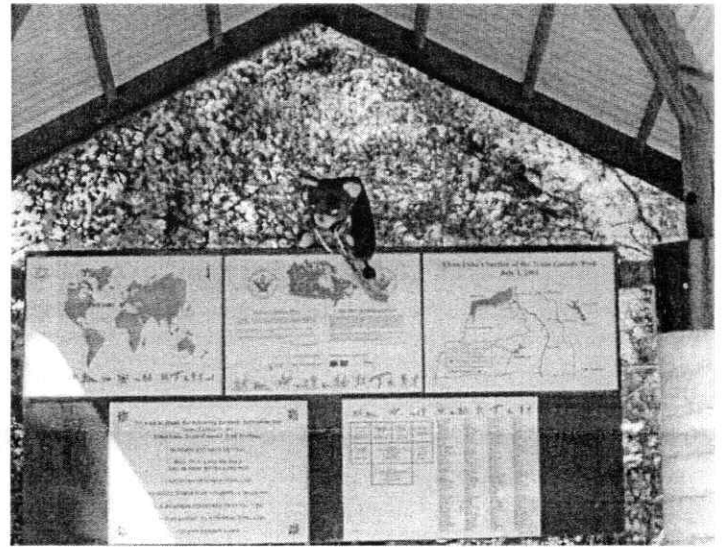


and we reminisced about that great guy, Jim Miller, who I am sad to say passed away in August while camping in this magnifique area. I also got to meet some Korean and Japanese young people who came on the hike. Très bien!

Mes amies and I took a trip east to Elliot Lake this fall and visited some of the sights along the way. We stopped at Iron Bridge to see the grand bridge that was built in February 2000. Good job that community did to erect such a fantastique structure!



In Elliot Lake, home of the Coureurs de Bois club, we visited the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion in Westview Park.



Much new trail has been built in the Elliot Lake area thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Coureurs de Bois club and members of the community. The revised VTA guidebook will help you to find your way around this area. That will be a big project for mes amies and me next summer. I can hardly wait!

On another nice day, we took a hike into the Shaw Dam section in the Thessalon area. Boy, those guys who built that impressive dam must have been just as tough and brave as us Voyageurs who paddle the big lake! Unfortunately, hikers cannot cross the dam anymore because it is not safe, but the hike to see it is still worthwhile.



Well, that is all for now. I am enjoying all this hiking business and the revised guidebook is helping me to have great adventures! You should buy one and check out all the formidable places in it. You will have great adventures, too!



HOW ABOUT A GIFT OF COMPANIONSHIP & FRIENDSHIP?

Consider buying that outdoors person in your life a Voyageur Trail Association membership!

For \$25, VTA members receive a \$10 discount on the price of the VTA Guidebook, three issues of this newsletter mailed to your home and much more. Start the adventure! Call 877-393-4003 (779-3409 in Sault Ste. Marie) or visit www.voyageurtrail.ca



WHEN DOES YOUR VTA MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE?

Check the mailing label on this newsletter's envelope or call Mike at 877-393-4003 (779-3409 in Sault Ste. Marie)!

OUTING SCHEDULES

This schedule was put together early and may have last-minute changes. Please call the outing leader listed to check if any details of the outing have been changed. This schedule is also on our web site < www.voyageurtrail.ca/saulteaux.html > Unless otherwise indicated, these outings are all a Level 2, slow (according to Hike Ontario recommended ratings.) Typical meeting locations: Goodlife building, 589 Second Line East (Second Line side); Market Mall, 275 Second Line West (on Korah Road corner); Churchill Plaza, 150 Churchill Blvd., (on Trunk Road between Lake & Wellington Streets) near the Beer Store; Wellington Square Mall, 625 Trunk Road, near the now closed restaurant.

Saulteaux Club

(Sault Ste. Marie and area—outings marked with an asterisk () are outside Sault Ste. Marie) For all outings, bring water, a lunch, dress appropriately and be prepared to sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement.*

Sun., Jan. 6 - Snowshoe in Hiawatha Highlands with Don (946-9599). Meet 10:30 am in the Cambrian Mall parking lot outside the Winners entrance. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Jan. 12 - Ski or hike at the top of Carpin Beach Road with Susan (949-4105). Meet 10AM at Market Mall to car pool. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

Sun., Jan. 13 - Snowshoe/Hike with Doris (942-9466). Call for meeting place and time.

Sat., Jan. 19 - Short afternoon family snowshoe with Gayle (942-1891). Meet 1PM in the parking lot at the bottom of Finn Hill. Behaved pets welcome.

Mon., Jan. 21 - Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 942-1891 for more info.

Sat., Jan. 26 - VTA Coordinating Council meeting at 10AM. Location TBA. Call Cheryl at 779-3409 or 1-877-393-4003.

Sun., Jan. 27 - Snowshoe with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Feb. 2 (*Bon Soo Family Day at Bellevue Park*) If you can spare some time between 10AM and 4PM to help strap children's snowshoes on young feet, please call Gayle at 942-1891. *Volunteers are needed!*

Sat., Feb. 2 - Snowshoe to Mabel Lake with Mark (254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

Sun., Feb 3 (*Bon Soo Family Day at Bellevue Park*) If you can spare some time between 10AM and 4PM to help strap children's snowshoes on young feet, please call Mike or Cheryl at 779-3409. *Volunteers are needed!*

Sat., Feb. 9 (*Bon Soo Family Day at Bellevue Park*) If you can spare some time between 10AM and 4PM to help strap children's snowshoes on young feet, please call Susan at 949-4105. *Volunteers are needed!*

Sun., Feb. 10 (*Bon Soo Family Day at Bellevue Park*) If you can spare some time between 10AM and 4PM to help strap children's snowshoes on young feet, please call Steve at 946-2484. *Volunteers are needed!*

Sun., Feb. 17 - Snowshoe with Doris (942-9466). Call for meeting place and time.

Sun., Feb. 24 - Lake snowshoe with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Mar. 1 - Ski Lower Island Lake to Trout Lake with Mark (254-2356). Call for meeting place and time.

***Sat., Mar. 8** Snowshoe/Hike with Dieter & Erika (942-9636). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Mar. 9 - Bushwhack ski to "Horst's Highlands" with Gail (942-0768). Meet 10AM at Market Mall parking lot. Please leave your pets at home for this outing.

Sat., Mar. 15 - Snowshoe with Doris (942-9466). Call for meeting place and time.

Mon., Mar. 17 - Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Afterwards, we will plan our summer outing schedule. Call Gayle at 942-1891 for more info.

Sat. Mar. 22 - Snowshoe at Pancake Bay with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.

Sat., Apr. 5 - Saulteaux Annual Dinner at Buttermilk Hill Restaurant. Call Susan at 949-4105 or Doris at 942-9466 for ticket information and prices.

Sun., Apr. 13 - Hike in the Hiawatha Highlands with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife to car pool. Behaved pets welcome.



GUIDEBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Voyageur Trail Guidebooks make the perfect gift for that outdoors person on your Christmas list. They are available for \$35 for non-members and \$25 for VTA members in good standing.

To expedite your order, call 1-877-393-4003 or visit our web site at: www.voyageurtrail.ca and order with your PayPal account!

(Individual sections are also available on-line through your PayPal account. Sections are priced at \$5 per map.)

Don't wait until the last minute, buy your guidebook today!



OUTING SCHEDULES *(Continued from page 5)*

Coueurs de Bois Outdoors Club *(Elliot Lake)*

For fun fitness and friendship come and join us. Meet at 10:00 am in the Sears parking lot, unless otherwise noted.

Regular Tuesday (easy), Thursday (intermediate) and Saturday (easy) hikes.

For the latest schedule and photos of outings, check our website at: <http://www.coueursdeboiselliotlake.blogspot.com/> and/or The Elliot Lake Standard - Community Bulletin Board.

PLEASE CONTACT HIKE LEADERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

For outings bring water, lunch, proper footwear and dress appropriately. Be prepared to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement". Make sure your fitness level corresponds to the outing level in which you wish to participate.

Hike Levels

Easy 2-3 hours Level 1 Ontario

Intermediate 3-4 hours Level 2 Ontario



NEWS FROM COUREURS DE BOIS CLUB:

New Coueurs de Bois Executive:

Phill Barnes, President	Alan Day, Past President
Gerry Jean, Vice President	Jean-Guy Letarte, Treasurer
Chuck Zietsma, Trail Master	Elizabeth Titherington, Secretary
Nicky Jean, Outings Coordinator	

Thanks to the outgoing members of the committee for their efforts.

Membership Dues: Please give these to Jean-Guy, your Treasurer, in future. Do not send to the VTA in Sault Ste Marie.

An unedited CD or DVD of all the pictures from 2007 hikes will be available again this year-end. Cost will be \$5 plus cost of the disc (probably less than 50 cents).

Next meeting will be Tuesday, 19 Feb. 2008

Club Christmas Party/ Awards Ceremony:

The party will be held at the R.C. Legion on Dec. 14th. Tickets available at last year's price of \$22 per person, available from Diane, Shirley, Ingrid or Larry. A (not very) sophisticated look at the demographics of our membership would indicate that some 50's and 60's music should be added this year. We may even have a tango or two!

A highlight of the evening is the awards ceremony. These awards may be given for noteworthy service to the club, or for more dubious distinctions.



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2008 HIKING CALENDAR

Get our new 2008 Hiking Calendar! E-mail or call with your address & we'll add you to our guest list. You'll also receive our e-newsletter "Let's Hike".

THAILAND

February 16 to March 1, 2008

Countless new experiences await you in Thailand – hike through tribal villages, visit incredible floating markets & Buddhist temples, bathe elephants and taste an abundance of fresh & flavourful foods. Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai & the River Kwai - all part of this incredible journey.

ANDALUCÍA, SPAIN

April 13 to 26, 2008

The Spanish passion for living is deliciously contagious! Hike the picturesque Andalucía region with its "white villages" nestled in the mountains and bottomless gorges where vultures nest. Experience the history of the Alhambra Palace & let Ronda charm you.

CORFU, GREECE

May 11 to 24, 2008

This Greek island is the perfect combination of European flare and tranquil sea-side living. Hike to the heavens to visit holy monasteries and trek in shade of ancient olive groves. We promise - you will never tire of the deep, deep blue of the sea that surrounds you. Opa!

FRANCE

May 31 to June 14, 2008

Hike with us in SW France from the medieval town of Sarlat. The honey-coloured stone of the 1000 year-old buildings, gas lighting and complete lack of overhead wires make it a photographer's paradise. Included in our hikes are guided tours of chateaux, visits to magnificent sculptured gardens, a leisurely boat ride on the Dordogne and winery tours, of course!

ICELAND

July 14 to 25, 2008

Land of the midnight sun! Trek on volcanic terrain, marvel at the view atop Iceland's "Grand Canyon", stand at the edge of the most powerful waterfall in Europe, & relax in the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. From Reykjavik to the northern fishing village of Husavik, days are packed full of awesome sights and experiences. **First time ever - direct flights from Toronto!**

SAGUENAY FJORD

August 16 to 24, 2008

Discover the beauty in your own backyard with our 1-week hiking holiday to La Belle Province. Voted one of the 10 best national parks for wildlife by Explore Magazine, the Saguenay-Lac Saint-Jean region offers superb hiking trails along the fjord, whale-watching, and a feast of French Canadian culture.

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WILL YOUR NAME BE ON THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRANS CANADA TRAIL PAVILION?

We're finally getting our Trans Canada Trail Pavilion erected in Sault Ste. Marie in the spring of 2008. The structure pieces have been delivered to City Hall and there are plans to erect it in the spring of 2008 on the new waterfront boardwalk extension near the library main branch.

There's just enough time for YOU to purchase your metre of trail and have your name prominently displayed on one of the panels.

What a lovely GIFT IDEA for that hard-to-buy-for person on YOUR list this Christmas!

To buy a metre, visit: <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1157&VER=1&LNG=EN> or call 1-800-465-3636. Remember, any donation you make can be in Honour or In Memory of a friend or loved one.

With every donation of \$50, you will receive a Trail certificate, an inscription in any province or territory, and a tax receipt.

A personal message

With a donation of \$400 or more, you can place an inscription on any one of our special message panels. Honour your family, club or organization or make a tribute in memory of a loved one. This is your opportunity to be creative!

To become a member...

With a donation of \$75 or \$150 you can become a TrailBlazer or a TrailMaster. You'll get a Trail certificate, inscription

and tax receipt PLUS the special benefits of membership – discounts, voting rights and more.

Monthly donating

An easy way to contribute. For a minimum monthly donation of \$12.50, receive all the benefits of TrailMaster membership through automatic withdrawals. Simple to set up, and you can suspend or cancel at any time.

Planned giving

From estate bequests to annuities and trust funds, we have a range of options for legacy donors.

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

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MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Individual ~ \$25 / Family or Group ~ \$30.....= _____

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12/07

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☐ Snail mail to my home address.

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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"/> Hike leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner liaison, records, maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization—executive, directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events; conferences, dinners | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SORRY, NOT AT THIS TIME. | | |

☐ Please add my membership to the membership list of the club closest to my home, OR

☐ consider me a member-at-large, OR

☐ consider me as a member of the following club _____

