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Ruminations From the President

Some days being a Trail Manager means rolling up those sleeves and getting to work, and there are some days when you are just doing an “inspection” on a piece of trail and can enjoy the handiwork of your Club. And then, there are those days when you are in the right place and have a positive effect on others.

In the Casque Isles strategic plan, one of our goals is to increase the usage of the trail, especially amongst younger people. We will take the elementary school children on hikes and explain how much effort is involved with trail upkeep. Of course, we always visit some fantastic lookouts and pretty beaches to show them the payoff for putting in the kilometres.

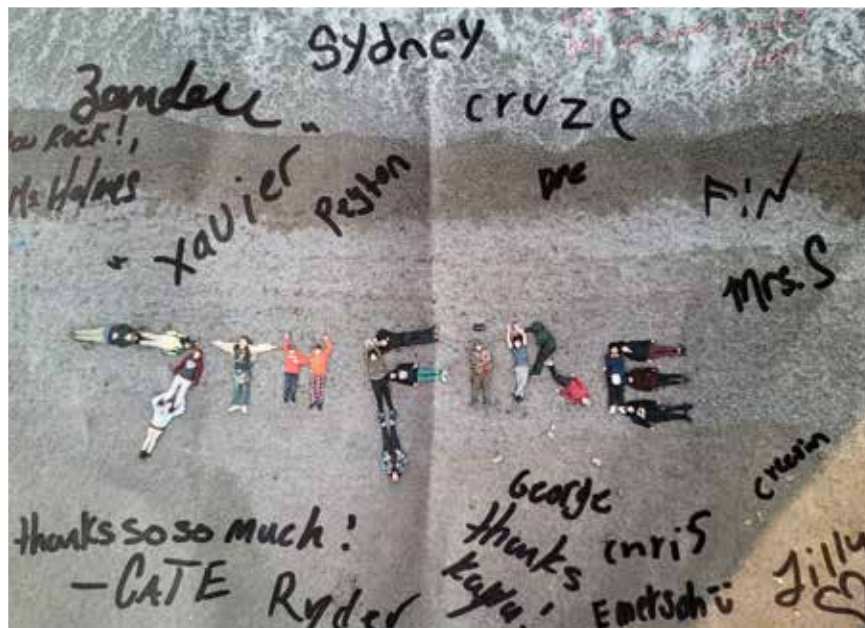
Every second year, I am contacted by our friend Jacky Chan from Seventh Fire Secondary School in Thunder Bay. Jacky has put together a group of people who coordinate outdoor/experiential trips to various sites in the region. They bus down from Thunder Bay and use Worthington Bay as their campsite for a night or two. This year in September, they will have visited the beach with five groups.

We help them out by delivering firewood for their visits and use the opportunity to talk to the students about the trail and the work that we do. We view the site prior to the visits to ensure that the area is clean and ready for visitors. Worthington Bay is one of our campsites, with a fire ring, two picnic tables and a thunderbox. When the students are ready to leave, Jacky will sweep the beach looking for any litter.

The students must be ready to do 10 push-ups each for every piece that he or she finds. These interactions with a school from outside of our communities are very fulfilling, and we hope that we leave a good impression with the students.

Every year I will assist hikers with planning their trips on the trail. Every email, message and phone call comes to my phone, and it helps to have a fantastic suite of mapping products to recommend as well! This past spring, two people contacted me about trip planning for a 10-day excursion. They have hiked many trails together and wanted to visit

our trail. We assist by shuttling hikers as well as helping as “Trail Angels”, so I picked them and her dog up one morning in Rossport to shuttle them to Terrace Bay. All the usual questions were asked, and we had a good talk about the cans of bear spray that they had with them. These two were ex-Armed Forces and had all the right gear to do the trip.



The Seventh Fire School thank you card after their visit to Worthington Bay in 2023.

I later received inReach messages from the hikers, indicating they had a couple of bears in sight at the Les Petits Ecrits campsite, including one right outside their tent overnight. They continued their hike, and a few days later reached Twin Harbours west of Schreiber Beach. After a swim and relaxation, they had the dried food bags out on the picnic table. Suddenly a bear charged into the campsite. They got control of the dog and took the safeties off the bear spray. The bear appeared to be a male yearling and wasn't scared by their presence. He wouldn't leave, so the decision was made to spray the bear.

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Staircase to a Hidden Gem

Sponsorship helps improve accessibility at Mink Creek Falls

September 28, 2025 was a beautiful day for the unveiling of all the staircase sponsors for the Mink Creek Falls Trail Staircase project. Thanks to everyone who joined us to celebrate.

As part of the project to build the staircase at the Falls, sponsors are able to purchase a stair tread. The Kidson family drove 1200 km to come visit the tread in honour of their parents. Mink Creek Falls was a special place for their parents when they lived in Marathon.

We would like to thank Mr. Rohner and his shop class from Marathon High School for doing the CNC work on the treads, they look amazing!

We've had more inquiries for names to be added to the staircase, and we do have some blank treads that we'd love to fill. If you'd like your name, business or dedication added, please contact us and we'll make it happen.

The Falls can be found with a quick Internet search, and we are hard at work in developing signage for them. Our trail counters captured 622 people who visited the Falls in September alone!

If you are passing through and want a quick stretch for your legs, the Falls are 28 km west of Marathon on Highway 17.

The staircase down to Mink Creek Falls is a great addition to the G7 Trail network, and increases the accessibility of a picturesque location for locals and visitors alike. ■



Above, members of the G7 Club and attendees of the Mink Creek Falls Staircase grand opening. Top, some of the stair tread sponsors. Photos by Charlene Schintz.



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2025 Montreal Canoe Voyage – Desbarats area

By Ross D.

A cool, overcast Saturday morning saw 13 people come out to paddle the 36-foot Voyageur Canoe.

The cheery group was escorted from the Desbarats boat launch by a blue heron, muskrat, and various ducks and geese. Rough yet flexible plans had us heading in the direction of Richards Landing. We passed Kensington Point – while saluting onlookers – to make a quick paddle into the peacefully enclosed “hole in the wall.” We later disembarked for a leisurely lunch on shore. The children in the group practiced starting a fire in a “Kelly pot” to make some soup. The sun briefly peered through the clouds to provide a little warmth during our stop.

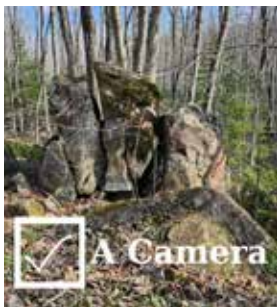
After eating, we reboarded the canoe and continued past the islands and lighthouses of the north channel towards the St. Joseph Island bridge. We looped under the bridge into a mild headwind and open water before returning east amongst the protected islands to meander our way back to our starting point. We sang songs, discussed flora, observed fauna and shared local knowledge during the thoroughly enjoyable outing.

Thanks to everyone who assembled the people, brought the canoe and paddled the vessel. ■



Deer Lake Mountain, Nor'Wester Section.
Photo by Deana Renaud.





The Never-ending List

By Lise Koning
Vice President, Saulteaux Club

I like lists. At the end of the week I plan the next week's meals with a long checklist. My journal entries are broken up with lists of things to do and things already done. I have a list of potential new vehicles, just in case my current vehicle suddenly dies. My phone is full of epic music playlists, sorted by mood or activity. Naturally, after joining the Saulteaux VTA, I began to hike all the trail sections, checking them off one by one.

As soon as the snow melted, I headed to Creek Road Lookout #1. (What better number is there to start a list?)

I clamoured up the first steep hill very slowly. I carefully avoided slipping in the small stream from the spring melt, as I had only short little hiking shoes. After reaching the top, the blazes were easy to follow as I worked my way along the trail. I found myself stopping occasionally to whistle with the warblers and take pictures of neat rock formations. I made my way to the lookout by goose-stepping across a little mudflat, afraid to get my inappropriate shoes soggy. The lookout itself drops so sharply that I gasped and held onto a tree to feel safer. I found a cozy spot to sit, to recover from the shock of the height, and soon found myself thinking how it would be a nice place to sketch a picture. I made a mental note to get a notebook. On my return down the steep hill again, it became apparent I would also need new hiking boots with better ankle support, and so began my hiking gear list.

Leaves were beginning to sprout when I headed for Creek Road Lookout #2. The steep access road hill from the parking lot on Carpin Beach Road immediately earned the nickname "Butt Buster Hill" in my head. What a great spot to get your heart pumping and glutes working! I took my time walking west on the trail, tossing off sticks as I went up to the lookout. I sat for a snack on the nice big rock, and felt like I was floating

just above the tree canopy. As I headed back to the main trail, a little cave caught my eye. There's something so thrilling about a cave, imagining what might be inside. I quietly added "bear spray" to my list. Shortly after the cave is a lovely winding creek that also demands to be painted. I made my way to Creek Road again and had a nice stroll on the roadside, back to my car. As I took off my backpack I realized it was way more than I had needed for a simple afternoon hike, so I added "fanny pack" to my gear list.

I started checking off items for my perfect hiking pack. I dug through junk drawers to find my bear whistle. I bought a cheap handkerchief to wipe my sweaty face. I got a tiny bottle of bug spray and a sun-safe shirt. What if it rained, and I broke my leg, and I had to sleep in the woods? I added a reflective blanket, a triangle bandage, and rain poncho to the list.

“Just when I think my gear is complete, the trail presents a new idea and something else gets added to a list.”

Every section gave me a new idea for the list. Near Bennett Creek, I realized I needed work gloves. I got a pocket saw to cut a small tree on the Crimson Ridge loop. The thick summer growth of ferns inspired me to borrow a pair of hiking poles from the library. The pond on the Wetzl loop reminded me to bring a camera, when five Great Egrets took flight upon my arrival. The sound of the gun range near the

Odena loop, and sharing the Hiawatha trail with mountain bikers, added a highly visible orange outfit to my gear list.

My hiking pack is teeming with useful items, filling up more after every trip, and ready for the next. It's also full of things I hope to never use like bear spray and emergency matches. Just when I think my gear is complete, the trail presents a new idea and something else gets added to a list. The trail always inspires something new or requires something else. One day on the trail I unzip every pocket and use every tool, and another day all I need is my water bottle.

It seems that my perfect hiking pack list can never be completed. Every day is different and each trail is unique. I've prepared as best I can, so I'm setting aside my lists of what to get and what to do. Now, all I really need to get is "outside," and all I need to do is "start walking." ■

EVOC Trail Builder 35

As a trail manager who also leads guided hikes, my hiking pack collection is extensive. There are the 21-litre and 35-litre daypacks, there is a 40-litre pack with multiple pouches that I use on guided hikes, there are knapsacks, my old grip bag from my Railroad days and even one donated to me after our son finished college. I also have first aid kits for different hikes, but that is best left for another article!

I had been reviewing different packs that can carry a chainsaw. For years, I carried the saw over my shoulder, going through an old T-shirt or two every year as they got too grimy to use anymore. That way of carrying a saw works well, but you do have to watch out for a hot muffler and be careful that the chain stays in the guard, so it doesn't scrape your neck. I have carried a saw that way for many kilometres over all types of terrain, but I knew that there had to be a better way to get the job done.

One day I saw a post from the Group of Seven Lake Superior Trail Club (G7) in Marathon about an EVOC Trail Builder pack that they were using. Kirsten Spence and I had a good conversation about the pack. The G7 Club uses the pack mainly to transport hand tools as their summer crews are not usually chainsaw qualified. In 2023, we used some of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) seasonal trail grant funds to purchase an EVOC Trail Builder 35 for use on the Casque Isles.

Since then, we have used the pack extensively and can offer it some high praise. Built of heavy canvas, the pack has well padded shoulder straps, a chest compression strap, and a comfortable waist belt. At 35 litres, there is a generous amount of room for a well-stocked first aid kit and the needs of a worker for the day. We use the Stihl 250 chainsaws, with a 16-inch bar, which weigh 4.6 kilograms unfueled. This saw fits into the chainsaw cradle very well. The cradle can be easily released by your partner with the two locking clips. There is a roll-up nail pouch that straps to the bottom of the pack, which fits all the tools needed for the chainsaw. I have comfortably carried this pack with a small folding saw on one hip, bear spray on the other, and a Fiskars brush hook in hand.

The fuel and oil can also be carried easily enough in a gas can, but the next plan is to get some small fuel canisters that will fit in the side pouches on the bag. If you must refill your saw for the third time in an outing, it's time to pack it in for the day! The saw is filled when we head out, and we typically only carry another one-and-a-half fills anyway.

The pack works particularly well on shoreline portions or on steep grades, where you may need your hands available to steady yourself. The chainsaw is replaced easily enough in the cradle to traverse a couple of kilometres of shoreline, or for the back portion of an out-and-back hike. I have also tried



The EVOC Trail Builder 35. Photo by Matt Borutski.

the pack for a short stint with tools in the holsters on each side and a chainsaw in the cradle but found that a heavy carry. That sort of work is best enjoyed with a few friends anyway!

We would highly recommend this pack if you were looking for something that can carry a chainsaw. It's surprising how comfortable it fits, helping to lessen fatigue on the person carrying it. You'll still be tired after a full day on the trail, but that is to be expected. Besides, sore muscles are a good sign of a good day's work! ■ — Matt Borutski, Casque Isles President

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Above, the hiking-boot test group takes a break on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Participants tried out a selection of Baffin hiking boots (below) and learned about the many benefits of VTA membership. Photos and article by Lise Koning, Sauleaux Club VP.

Saulteaux Club Partners With Great Lakes Outfitters and Baffin Boots

Recently, the Saulteaux Club partnered with local retailer Great Lakes Outfitters and Baffin, an outerwear company, on a community hike. Baffin is launching their new line of versatile hiking boots and was excited to give our group the chance to try them on and do some real-world testing. More than 30 participants learned about the benefits of a Voyageur Trail Association membership and about Great Lakes Outfitters, who are the exclusive retailers of the Terrain Collection in Sault Ste. Marie. Hikers had some yummy snacks and enjoyed each other's company on a beautiful fall hike.

The large hiking party was shown the intricate trail system we share with mountain bikers in the SSMRCA's Hiawatha Highlands conservation area, and were educated on how our blazing system works to help any new hikers stay on the right path. Interested participants also learned how to navigate with the VTA's Ondago maps app (available in the Apple App Store and on Google Play) and were shown how many more trails become available to them when they become a member.

With wonderful weather and beautiful fall foliage, it was a great day to try on new boots and make some new friends. ■



Choosing the Right Hiking Socks

By Steve Dominy, *Saulteaux Club Trailmaster*

*In the **Spring 2025 Voyageur Trail News (issue 138)**, I wrote about the features of a good hiking boot. Now I look at the socks that you wear in those boots. This article was adapted from information provided by NorthboundGear and National Geographic.*

While they may seem like trivial pieces of gear, your choice of hiking socks could either make or break your hiking trip. Hiking socks serve various purposes, including protecting your feet from blisters and hotspots to keeping them warm on chilly days. The materials, construction, and added features all play a role in enhancing comfort, absorbing shock, and reducing foot fatigue. When buying hiking socks, consider the terrain, weather, and duration of your hike.

THE FOUR TYPES OF HIKING SOCKS

Liner Socks

Liner socks are thin socks designed to be worn under thicker socks. Their primary role is to help prevent blisters by wicking away sweat and moisture which result in friction. They're made of either synthetic materials such as polypropylene, or merino wool.

Trainer Socks

Trainer socks are what you'd wear for a walk around the park in your trail runners. Trainer socks are often cut low and resemble ankle socks. They are however designed to withstand heavy activity and come with moisture-wicking capabilities.

Crew Socks

Crew socks are the most common type of hiking socks. These mid-calf length socks are great for protecting your ankles against abrasion, especially when wearing mid-cut to high-cut boots.

Crew socks are great for keeping you warm during your cold-weather hikes and camping trips. They're also designed with moisture-wicking technology and thermal insulation properties, making them ideal for winter hikes.

Double Layer Socks

Double-layer socks are great if you plan to hike in a frigid region. Rather than wearing liner and crew socks, double-layer socks combine the two. The inner layer resembles liner socks, while the outer layer resembles crew socks.

FEATURES TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN BUYING HIKING SOCKS

1. FIT

Like shoes, you need to make sure your socks are a perfect fit. If they're too big, they are likely to form wrinkles, which rub against your skin, causing blisters. If they are too small, the socks will create pressure on your fit and are more likely to slip down into your shoe.

To avoid any of these two scenarios, make sure you get socks that fit you well. They shouldn't be too tight and should allow your toes some room to wiggle. And unlike for hiking shoes, where you're advised to buy a size larger than your everyday shoe, hiking socks should be the exact size of your feet. To ensure you get the best fit, ensure the heel cap lines up with your heel.

2. PADDING

Padding serves two functions. It helps keep your feet comfortable when walking and also helps to keep you warm during cold-weather hikes. When shopping for socks, look for a pair with padding on the heel and ball of the foot.

However, different types of socks come with varying forms of padding. Ultralight socks

designed for warmer weather conditions come with no cushioning. Socks intended for long hikes in warm weather come with light padding designed to ensure comfort and moisture-wicking.

3. WICKING

It's no secret that sweat can be a significant problem when hiking, especially in warmer temperatures. Moisture-wicking socks are designed to quickly draw sweat away from your feet and into the sock fabric where it can evaporate quickly, keeping you cool and dry.

When considering buying hiking socks for the first time, always pay attention to whether they are designed with moisture-wicking technology or not. If your feet tend to sweat a lot, go for socks made with synthetic materials, as these are better at wicking away sweat than natural fibers.



Trans Canada Trail Merino Wool Mesh Hiking Socks, available at greatsox.com.

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Choosing the Right Hiking Socks

4. MATERIAL TYPE

When selecting hiking socks, opt for wool or synthetic blends instead of cotton. Cotton retains moisture and takes longer to dry. There are four main types of fabric used to make hiking socks. These are:

Wool

Wool is the most popular material used in the production of hiking socks. As a natural fiber, wool helps to easily regulate your feet's temperature while helping to wick sweat away. Wool also comes with anti-microbial properties, which help prevent odor.

If you're considering wool as an option, go for Merino wool as it's less likely to cause itching.

Polyester

Polyester is another popular material used in the construction of hiking socks. These synthetic fibers are combined with natural wool for added comfort and insulation properties. As an artificial fiber, polyester does not need any break-in period, unlike other materials that can be bothersome when hiking.

Nylon

In most instances, nylon isn't used on its own. It's usually combined with polyester to make it more durable. Thanks to their incredible drying abilities, nylon socks are great if you plan to hike in a place that's likely to flood or during the rainy period.

Spandex

Spandex is the elastic material that helps socks maintain their shape. Most socks will contain a small percentage of spandex to help maintain elasticity.

5. LENGTH

In most instances, the length of the socks will be determined by the type of socks you choose. However, try as much as possible to avoid socks that fall below the ankle. This is because such socks offer no protection from bugs, dirt, and abrasion.

In most instances, get socks that are a mid-calf length or a bit higher than your ankle bone. If you plan to hike in the summer, you can get socks a few inches above your ankle bone. However, if you plan to hike in the winter, get longer socks to help keep you warm.

6. ANTI-ODOR

When shopping for hiking socks, be sure to ask about their anti-odor properties. Socks made from wool are naturally anti-microbial, which helps prevent odor. For socks made with synthetic material, make sure to confirm that the pair has anti-odor capabilities.



Mountaineer Full Cushion Boot Socks, available at motleywoollens.com.

7. THICKNESS

The thickness of your socks will depend on the weather and the type of hike you intend to go on. Thin socks are great for warm days and moderate hiking activities. Medium-thick socks are great for warmer days but harsher terrains.

Thick socks are ideal for cold weather, long hikes in challenging terrain, or when carrying a heavy pack, as they provide extra cushioning and warmth. If you're unsure which to choose, try layering liner socks with thicker ones for better moisture-wicking and blister prevention. Ultimately, it's all about finding what feels most comfortable with your hiking boots.

8. EXTRAS

Additional features to look for when buying hiking socks include reinforced heels and toes for enhanced durability, seamless designs to minimize irritation, and arch support for improved comfort and fit.

PRO TIPS

Always try on socks with the hiking shoes or boots you plan to wear. Make sure your feet feel comfortable and supported – not too tight nor too loose.

Bring three pairs of socks on a longer hike or backpacking trip. Rotate out to a second pair around lunch every day to let the first dry out completely and give your feet a chance to rest too.

If you're backpacking, stuff your hiking socks at the bottom of your sleeping bag. That way, your body heat will naturally dry them out by morning. ■

CANADIAN-MADE HIKING SOCKS

If you're looking for a Canadian-made option you might want to check out one of these, particularly if you can get to a store where you can try them on.

The Great Canadian Sox Co.
(Located in Toronto, Ontario)
<https://greatsox.com/>

Dristex (Located in Quebec)
<https://en.dristex.com/>

Motley Woolens (Located in Alberta)
<https://motleywoollens.com/>

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Ruminations From the President

After five sprays of three or four seconds, the bear still wouldn't leave.

Sitting at home after supper, I received another inReach message of their situation. Knowing that there is cell phone coverage at Twin Harbours, I called them directly. You can imagine the high level of anxiety at the site, so I told them that if the bear wouldn't leave then it was time for them to go. They did manage to put all their food in the bearbox, put on their hiking boots and left everything else at the site. The best thing to do in these situations is to put more people into the equation.

Aggressive encounters with four or more people in Ontario is almost unheard of, so another Club member and I, along with the OPP (with firearms) left Schreiber Beach and headed toward them. We met the hikers halfway at Blind Creek and made it back to the Beach by dark. With all their belongings at Twin



Schreiber Channel Segment, Casque Isles Section.
Photo by Matt Borutski.

Harbours, we put them up at our home overnight. A kind local business owner donated two frozen pizzas for them to have for supper. It came as no surprise that a bear was caught by our security cameras in the yard overnight either!

We boated into Twin Harbours the next morning and retrieved their gear as we thought it was important to clean the site of anything that would keep the bear nearby. Later that afternoon, they hiked the 13-kilometre Mcleans

Segment, seeing one more bear along the way.

This trail manager business sure can get exciting at times! We have two new friends now, and Sadie is a great dog. All these things that we do influence others. Whether it's the quality of the trail product and marking, or the small interactions that we have with those we meet along the way, you can be assured that you are making someone's visit to your trail that much better.

All the contributions that you make towards trail development in the VTA are appreciated. I hope that you all realize that you are making a difference and are helping others who want to get out and enjoy the places that our trails take them to.

I'll be seeing you on the trail! ■

— Matt Borutski, VTA President



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Batchewana Island Bioblitz and Shoreline Clean-up

By Tony R.

It is not easy to launch a 36-foot long, 6-foot wide "Montreal" Voyageur-style canoe. You can't just throw it on your shoulder and carry it to the put-in. It must be gradually winched down to the water off its stretched trailer, the hull protected from damage by foam rollers. The 12 paddlers and helmsman, bags, jugs of water, paddles, and so forth, are best loaded from a dock. Launching is a bit of a palaver, as one might expect, but once you are underway, paddling in sync, you might be rewarded with a taste of a bygone lifestyle, of French-Canadians transporting their furs.

Sunset Shores Resort, an hour's drive north of Sault Ste. Marie, was our put-in spot, and Batchewana Island our destination on a sultry, post-storm Sunday morning. The flies were biting, especially when we arrived on the island after 30 minutes of brisk paddling.

The crew was a mix of Voyageur Trail Association, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Sault Naturalists and Algoma Paddlers. I was heartened to hear from Mirabai from the Conservancy in a speech she delivered on their efforts to keep the island pristine. A difficult job, no doubt. While we swatted flies, botanized, and picked up litter, the easy access that motorboaters and Sea-Doo riders have to the island became blatantly apparent as they buzzed around our beach and disturbed the tranquility of this beautiful offshore area.

Outing highlights:

- We added sightings to the iNaturalist project for the Island and we collected about 100 litres of garbage from the shore ... in order of volume: 25-lb propane tank; pressure treated lumber; styrofoam; beverage containers; beach toys; plastic films; other (hard plastic bits/cigarette butts/rope fragments)
- Thanks to Noreen for making the land acknowledgement and sending forward good thoughts
- Thanks to Scott for moving the canoe and trailer with his truck
- Thanks to Mirabai and Steph from the Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Thanks to Algoma Paddlers for the use of the canoe. ■



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 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!

The Voyageur Hiking 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. All outdoor activities involve some degree of risk. Please, remember that your safety is your personal responsibility; be well prepared for your chosen activity and route. Use at your own risk.



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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 Sudbury.

The VTA is a member of Hike Ontario and Trans Canada Trail.



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Algoma Highlands Conservancy and Saulteaux Club VTA members erect new signage at Robertson Cliffs. Photo by Lise Koning.



Autumn on the Voyageur Trail, Saulteaux Section. Photo by Lise Koning.



A history of trail marking on the Casque Isles. The original painted markers from the 1970s, the yellow painted markers that were created by hand, and the blue markers that now show the main trail. Photo by Matt Borutski.



Robertson Cliffs Lookout, Saulteaux Section. Photo by Lise Koning.



Mazukama Falls trail, Nor'Wester Section. Photo by Deana Renaud.

That scenic.

A person with long dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt, dark leggings, and a backpack, stands on a rocky shore leaning against a large tree trunk. They are holding a smartphone up to take a photo of a calm lake. The far shore of the lake is covered in a dense forest with trees displaying vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The scene is framed by several large, dark tree trunks in the foreground.

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