



# VOYAGEUR TRAIL NEWS

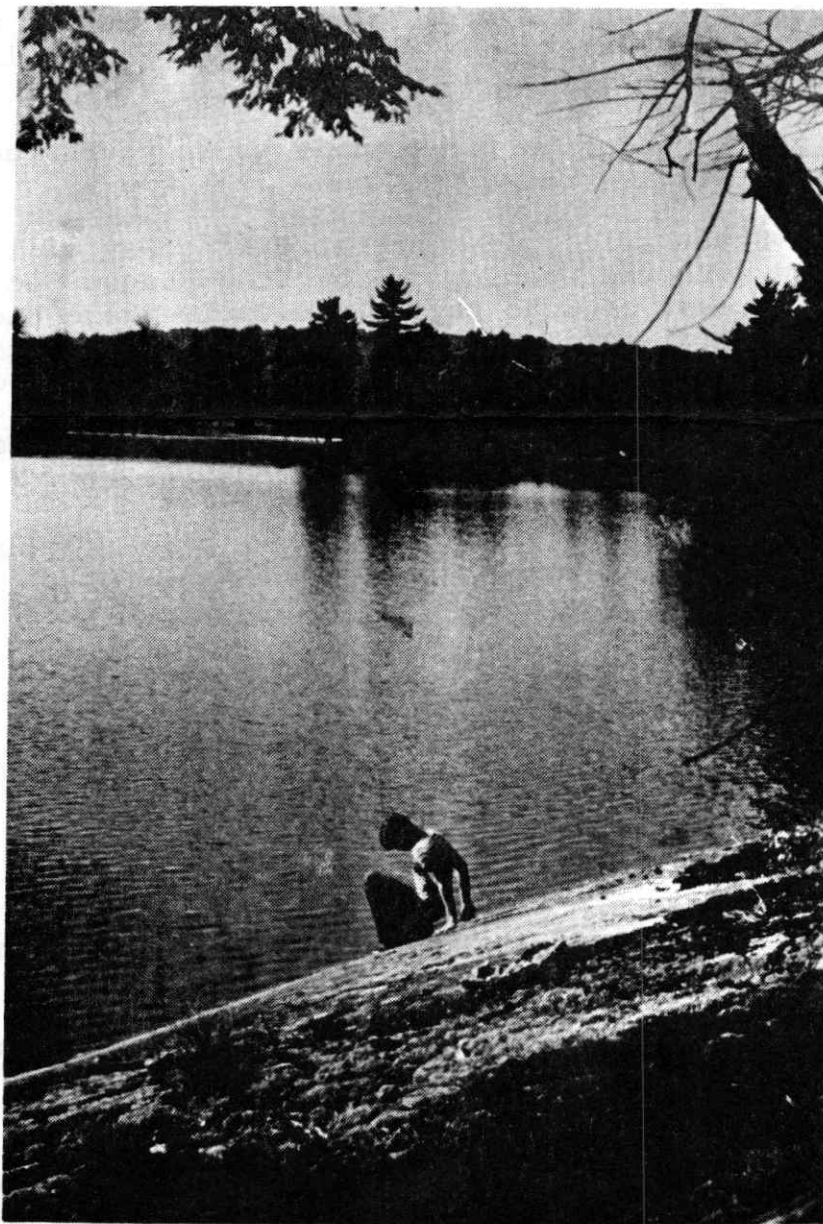
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ONE HORSE LAKE : ECHO RIDGES SECTION

ONTARIO HIKING DAY, 1980 - OPENING OF THE ECHO RIDGES SECTION

(Due to an error, O.H.D. 1980 was listed in the April issue of the Voyageur Trail News as being in September. It is, in fact, on Sunday, October 5th).

Sponsored by the Federation of Ontario Hiking Trail Associations, this is an annual event to help introduce the general public to the pleasures of hiking and to make people aware of Ontario's hiking trails. It also serves to help enlist more members to our organization, the Voyageur Trail Association. Do your part and encourage your friends and neighbours to come out on a guided tour along the Voyageur Trail. Who knows? Maybe they will discover hiking is a joyful pastime!

Check with your local club for activities in your area and watch for posters for details.

In the Sault Ste. Marie area, Ontario Hiking Day will be celebrated in connection with the opening of the Echo Ridges Section at Tower (Lonely) Lake, east of Echo Bay. Plan to be there and bring your friends to the official opening of the Echo Ridges Section. This will open some 200 km of continuous trail from north of Gros Cap to Iron Bridge, and for this gala event, we would like to see a big crowd. Bud Wildman, MP Algoma, will cut the ribbon on this significant occasion.

Remember, 2:00 P.M. at the Park at Lonely Lake, Sunday October 5th, Ontario Hiking Day 1980. BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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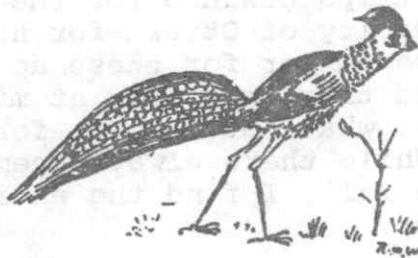
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Plan ahead to attend the Annual General Meeting to be hosted by the Echo Ridges V.T. Club on Saturday, November 8th, at the Public School in Echo Bay at 2:00 P.M.

Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Tom Allinson. He will address us on the topic of the Picture Rocks in Upper Michigan.

DO YOU ENJOY HIKING?

Are some of your weekends available for this pastime? Do you live in or near Sault Ste. Marie? If so, Don Myren would like some company to assist in measuring the Echo Ridges Section and placing logos. If you are interested, please call Don at 254-2580.



STATUS OF THE GUIDEBOOK

This winter, we expect to have two more sections described, mapped and printed for the guidebook. These will be the Echo Ridges and Desbarats Sections of the Voyageur Trail and they will be mailed to all current holders of the guidebook. This will provide a guide to over 100 km of continuous trail through some of Algoma's most scenic country. Further sections will follow.

OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT  
AND  
TRESPASS TO PROPERTY ACT

These two pieces of legislation have been approved by the provincial government, have received royal assent and will be proclaimed in September, 1980.

Basically, the Occupiers Liability Act will relieve the landowner from liability for the person, such as a hiker, who enters upon the land with the owner's permission for recreation purposes.

The Trespass to Property Act provides clear guidelines for the posting and control of use of private lands and provides for a fine of up to \$1,000 for trespassing and for restitution of up to \$1,000 to the landowner for damage to his property. A Guide to explain the legislation is currently being prepared and will soon be available through government sources.

A letter to the Editor

During the month of August I was fortunate to be able to hike the Saulteaux Section of the Voyageur Trail, on three separate days. The trail was well marked (except at the gravel pits), enjoyable and interesting, and the maintenance crew is to be commended on their work this year.

My own interest in hiking and especially back-packing has long been dormant, but this summer I dusted off the boots and headed for the trails. Unfortunately, the Voyageur Trail Club had only a few hikes and no back-packing trips planned for the summer. Since I attend classes at the University of Ottawa for nine months of the year, I look forward to the summer for these activities. When the days are warm and long and there's a swim at mid-day, and the nights cooling and relaxing, what better time for a weekend - or week long - back-pack trip? While there always seems to be an abundance of day-hikes during the fall, I find the entire calendar year lacking in back-packing trips.

Perhaps this can best be explained by an observation that has continually been reinforced during my four years of membership in this club: persons in the Voyageur Trail Association will blaze, cut, paint and maintain their trail but they won't hike it. Nor will they explore the rivers, cliffs, caves, and over-looks of the many trails in Canada and the U.S.

I know that back-packing is the most fun, relaxing and satisfying way to spend a few days (or longer) holiday, and I have my memories and plans for 1981 for the winter months. There are as many different trips that could be planned as persons' interests, and we've only got the rest of our lives to do them all.

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SAULTEAUX END-TO-END HIKE, PHASE THREE

This hike will be on Sunday, September 28th, as indicated in the April Voyageur Trail News, although this is not Ontario Hiking Day as stated there.

LENGTH: About 13 km.

MEET: At Airways Motel parking lot, Hwy. 550 and Airport Road.

BRING: Lunch, Camera.

CALL: Paul Syne, 254-4791, for information.



## VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION

### THE TRAIL USERS CODE

- Hike only along marked routes. -Do not climb fences, use the stiles.
- Carry out all garbage (if you can carry it in, you can carry it out).
- Light cooking fires at official campsites only - drench fires after use (better still, carry lightweight hiker's stove).
- Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- Never strip bark from trees. -Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- Keep dogs on the leash on or near farmland.
- Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.

### VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Bridge-building       | 8. Map-making         | 14. Editorial Work                       |
| 2. Carpentry             | 9. Publicity          | 15. Typing                               |
| 3. Stone Masonry         | 10. Display Designing | 16. Legal Advice                         |
| 4. Trail Maintenance     | 11. Photos and Slides | 17. Correspondence                       |
| 5. Trail Building        | Clearing House        | 18. Envelope Stuffing                    |
| 6. Contacting Landowners | 12. Fund-raising      | 19. Serve on Board of own club or V.T.A. |
| 7. Leading Hikes         | 13. Publications      | 20. Other                                |

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### Sections (please check)

- Association-at-large
- Saulteaux V.T.C.
- Echo Ridges V.T.C.
- Desbarats V.T.C.
- Thessalon V.T.C.
- Iron Bridge
- Penewobikong V.T.C.
- Spanish
- Massey
- Rainbow V.T.C.
- Little Current
- Sheguiandah
- South Baymouth
- Sudbury V.T.C.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_

#### DECLARATION

I have read and will abide by the TRAIL USERS CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

#### FEES

- Individual \$ 5.00
- Family \$ 5.00
- Student \$ 2.00
- Crests \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1.00 each)
- Guidebook \$ 3.00 (for members)
- \$ 5.00 (for non-members)
- Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (receipt for income tax purposes will be sent)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN UP A FRIEND

- Thunder Bay V.T.C.
- Nipigon
- Schreiber V.T.C.
- Marathon
- Pukaskwa Park
- Michipicoten V.T.C.
- Lake Superior Park
- Batchawana
- Goulais V.T.C.