

David Coleman

April 21, 2001 Seneca Trail - Route 96 to Fishers Firehouse #2

Beginning at Route 96:

- (1) A sign or other marking is needed where the trail turns (to cross the creek) off the dirt road going up the hill.
- (2) The creek (near the "conglomerate" wall) seems especially wide today. The field near the wall is deeply rutted with fresh tire tracks, maybe up to a foot deep.
- (3) The trail is wet in the "usual" places through the Ambush section. The "step" in the Ambush section needs some assistance. Possibly some steps or a ramp?
- (4) The sign post is down at the junction of the trail with the road through Interchange Heights and the yellow sign is missing from the post.
- (5) Found 3 discarded car/tractor batteries on the Interchange Heights road near the trail. They are still there, but more visible, for someone to pick up. Where can we dispose of these?
- (6) The trail through Interchange Heights is in pretty good shape. Three of the large signs there were blown down during some of the recent wind storms. (The Interchange Heights road (name?) is paved for about the first 1500 feet. The next section is somewhat rutted. I would recommend 4 wheel drive for anyone driving through there for now.)
- (7) For the final section between Willowbrook Road and the firehouse, the trail is in pretty good shape. It could use a few more blazes near either end.

Trail Sweep – C Young

April 21-25

Lehigh

1. Mainly need rolling stones into surface so I can mow without killing machine
2. Ramp from Lehigh to Auburn
3. Deck bridge and connect to Trolley trail on Lehigh Crossing Park

Lehigh Crossing Park

1. Scouted trail along waterway on trolley trail from 251 to new trails created 4/25. Needs lots of chain saw work – flat and easily mowed once cut.
2. Connects to new trail at beaver dam south of creek near cedar grove.

Royal View

1. Need sign on Benson Rd.

2. Need sign on Fishers Rd
3. Number of logs south of Benson Rd entrance – not impassable – probably worthwhile walking with chainsaw to pond
4. Lots of trash from new house above trail at Benson Rd entrance – picked up stuff close to trail
5. Lots of trash at cul-de-sac end of trail
6. Suggest dropping cul-de-sac end down slightly and then follow retention barrier to area under wires.
7. Mow from Fishers Rd to woods below cul-de-sac.

Auburn – Probst Rd to Fishers Rd

1. Section of coarse stone near Probst Rd ~ 250' needs topping to make easier biking. Ok for hikers
2. West bridge about same – few more stones have fallen into waterway
3. East bridge – work we did still looks good
4. Need new ramp at Fishers Rd to help get Billy-goat over ditch
5. Suggest moving trail to center of berm in section of trail from Fishers Rd to east bridge
6. Goose nesting in pond to south of trail west of west bridge

Auburn – 251 to Rawson

1. Trash north of trail just west of coarse stone – mostly insulation and metal
2. Suggest using coarse stone put into windrow be used to fill in wet spots east of where Seneca Trail joins to Rawson Rd
3. Several aspens partially blocking trail west of where Seneca joins – Chain saw needed
4. Probably need to trim back trail from Rawson to coarse stone to make room for roller
5. Lots of trash near village barns
6. Rusty blackbird south of trail near west end of coarse stone
7. Pussy willow, marsh marigolds, coltsfoot, bloodroot between 251 to coarse stone

Beaver Dam Trail – 96 to Seneca

1. Formalize with sign at Hoffend/Boy Scout parking area
2. Put in bridge over drainage ditch – RR tie good for foot traffic, however not good for mowers.
3. Signage at junction with Seneca
4. Goose nesting on beaver lodge

Seneca – Auburn Trail to 251

1. Lots of survey flags near Auburn end??
2. Should Town/Village condemn house and shed before they acquire property as a CYA move? Are they any more of risk than dump?
3. Need quite a bit of corduroy and/or board walk from house west to hemlock grove
4. Widen bridge west of house for Billy-goat
5. Trolley line section – two willow branches down near west Auburn connection
6. Need fill over culvert near west Auburn connection

7. Hepatica in bloom trolley section
8. Bloodroot, trillium & violets near trolley section heading towards Auburn Creek
9. Widen bridges to accommodate Billy-goat
10. Blue bird in grass land area across from building at Auburn Creek
11. Grass will need mowing in a week or two

251 – Seneca to Auburn

1. Lots of trash along road both sides

Trail Maintenance Schedule:

5/3	Auburn Creek Driving Range	5/19	Dryer & Maple to School
5/5	Ganondagan	5/23	Monkey Run
5/10	E. Victor Road	5/26	Fisher's Fire House #1
5/17	Fishers House #2	5/31	Make-up

Report on United Way Day of Caring:

12 employees of Thermo-Spectronics cleared over 2,000 feet of trails in Lehigh Crossing Park.

22 employees from Spectrocom sanded and painted 14 metal gates on the Auburn and Lehigh Trails, and then helped to clear new trails.

Only gate not painted is the one at Probst Rd.

David Wright will send thank you letters to the companies.

Last Hike: 19 hikers followed Carol MacInnes on a bright, sunny, early spring day to Chimney Bluffs on April 14th. We started up the wooded slope and advanced toward the ridge where Lake Ontario spreads out against the horizon. As one approaches the ridge of the trail, the phenomenon known as chimney bluffs becomes visible. The trail on the ridge has been appreciably eroded and there are places where it is risky to walk. It turned out to be too early to see many flowers in bloom; but, Spring Beauty was evident and some Colt's Foot. By now there is probably a wonderful display of many varieties that the area boasts. We all followed Carol down to the beach and sat on beautiful pieces of driftwood to eat our lunch looking out across the lake. The sky was clear and the breeze cool. We hiked back lakeside and some took a slip or two due to clay that would not allow firm footing and many trees that obstructed the beach. Newcomers to the group were very enthusiastic about the hike and our group.

Old Business:

Mendon Foundation Fund Raiser: Dave W. attended the meeting in Perinton on March 23. 14 people were in attendance, representing 10 trail groups from the Greater Rochester area and GTC. Carl Foss presented his plan for a "Healthy Heart Hike & Bike" promotion and the idea of forming an area trails coalition for long term benefits. After much discussion, it was agreed that the promotion and possible coalition deserved further study and a follow-up meeting was scheduled for April 20th. Dave W. was planning to attend, but at the last minute had a scheduling conflict. He will find out what transpired at the last meeting and report at our next monthly meeting.

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
VICTOR TOWN HALL
04/26/01**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by David Wright at 7:34 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Attendees: Dave Coleman, Larry Fisher, Roberta Lockwood, Carol MacInnes, Kathy Manners, Norm Smith, Dave Wright, Chauncy Young

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as recorded.

Treasurer's Report:	C.D. \$	0.00
	Checking	1,359.75
	Savings	3,800.47
	Cash	<u>0.00</u>
	Total	\$5,160.22

Membership: We have one new member: Welcome to Judge Bill Kocher of the Village of Victor. Nine renewals. Total membership is now 153 households. We also received a donation of \$100.00 from the Victor Garden Club. Dave Wright sent them a thank you letter.

Publicity: Dave Wright did not send faxes to the local newspapers for the May hike because it will be at Bentley Woods and we need to limit the size of the group. Carol MacInnes will call Gil Holtz about hiking in Bentley Woods.

Historian: We are happy to have Roberta Lockwood back in Victor and at our meetings!

One article promoting our April hike to Chimney Bluffs. Article on how quality of life draws employees to the area.

Education: Ruth completed the research on the Rochester & Eastern Rapid Railroad Trolley that bisected the new Town Park (Lehigh Crossing Park). We will see her story in the summer newsletter and at the dedication of the park and trail on National Trails Day, June 2.

Newsletter: Next issue will be mailed June 1, maybe earlier by one week for National Trails Day. Please submit articles to Dave Wright as soon as possible. The Town Newsletter arrived this week. Next issue will be in August, providing three issues this year!

Trailmaster Report: Carol MacInnes is working on gaining access to Powder Mills Park via Tom Golisano's property. Carol and Ruth Nellis plan to call on Tom, April 27 to convince him to grant VHT access. Go get 'em ladies!!!

Trail Boss Report: Trail Sweep Day

High Adventure Explorer Post #215: Dave W. made a motion that we send a letter to Canandaigua National Bank advising them that the Post is no longer active and that the bank account should be closed. Motion was seconded by Dave Coleman and approved by the group.

Adirondacks: Anyone wishing to attend the 2001 Spring Adirondack weekend on May 18-20, call Dave W. as soon as possible.

EMS: Club Day is Sat. April 28.

Dave W. asked Supervisor Richter to ask the Town Attorney to contact RG&E to determine if their section of the Auburn in Victor is for sale or available as part of a TEA -21 Grant. This will require discussion and consideration. Liability of the stone bridge in Fishers is a concern.

New Business:

Review of Trail Master Plan: The Growth Management Committee has formed two task groups to study Town of Victor land uses and implementation. They have borrowed our Trails Master Plan to see how it fits into open space.

Also, Genesee Transportation Council will soon be contacting the Victor Parks and Recreation Supervisor (Charlene) and Dave W. to start on a Trails Master Plan that will be part of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

See VHT Trail Inventory sheets for Master Plan update.

Outdoor Expo: On Sat. June 9th there will be an Outdoor Expo in Mendon Ponds, sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of the ADK and EMS stores. We have been invited to participate to let the public know who, where and what we are. This looks like another opportunity to expand our membership and awareness regarding our group. It conflicts with our scheduled bike hike, but it should be possible to do both. Dave W. volunteered to set-up and man a table in the morning. Roberta Lockwood will be on hand to help. Norm volunteered to hand out literature. Chauncy and Larry will lead the bike ride.

Monroe County Parks Program is in full swing. Many opportunities to enjoy the parks.

Victor Parks Department has purchased a 72" cut front mounted deck mower, a 48" walk behind mower and a 20' long trailer for maintaining the existing and new parks. A presentation of the Parks's Master Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 7 PM at one of the schools. Watch the newspaper for exact location.

Trails for the 21st Century, 2nd edition. We now have a copy of this book. Dave W. is reading it and will forward it to Larry. Victor Parks and Rec. also has a copy.

Dave W. added the Seneca, Auburn, and Lehigh Trails to www.TrailLink.com, a web page listing trails in the USA. Check it out.

Trails for Tomorrow Award. American Hiking society will award \$4,000 to a trail group. To be eligible, we would need to host a National Trails Day event (which we are) and register our event with AHS.

Dave W. has registered our event. Do we want to order the National Trails Day kit for \$39.00? (t-shirts, signs, literature, publicity) Group agreed to order the kit. Chauncy will order. After the event, we would need to complete the Trails for Tomorrow Award application and mail it in.

Next Hike: Sat, May 12 – Bentley Woods – Meet at Town Hall at 9AM

Next Meeting: May 24

Adjourned at 8:45 PM-

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