

# VHT Pathfinder

The Official Newsletter of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

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## National Trails Day 2011

### *"Made With All Natural Ingredients"*

The theme for National Trails Day 2011, *Made With All Natural Ingredients*, encourages all Americans to get outside, connect with local outdoor clubs, businesses, community groups, and parks and recreation departments as well as federal land managing agencies to experience, appreciate and celebrate the natural places where we can find a spread of scenery, a plateful of peace, and a heap of happiness and health.

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day will bring together outdoor enthusiasts across the country for the 19th annual celebration of America's magnificent trail system and its countless supporters and volunteers. Two thousand events will take place around the country including trail maintenance, hiking, paddling, biking, horseback riding, bird watching, running, trail celebrations and more!

Victor Hiking Trails will be doing its part by teaming up with Finger Lakes Community College and Victor Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, June 4th.

There will be 3 separate loop hikes of varying distance, all beginning and ending at the Victor campus of Finger Lakes Community College. Early bird hikers are invited to a continental breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the FLCC patio, overlooking the Auburn Trail.

The first hike will begin at 9:00 a.m.,

following the Auburn Trail and Trolley Trail toward the Village of Victor. It will then follow the Seneca Trail toward the Auburn Golf Driving Range. At Route 251 it will again follow the Trolley Trail, returning to FLCC.

The second hike will head out northwest on the Auburn Trail, cutting into Lehigh Crossing Park following the Trolley Trail to the Lehigh Trail. Depending on the trail condition, there may be an opportunity to hike out to Route 96, then back to the Lehigh Trail. From there it will be an easy walk to the intersection of the Lehigh Trail and the Auburn Trail. From there the hikers will follow the Auburn Trail back to FLCC.

Between the first two hikes there will be time to have a drink and snack at FLCC. After the first two hikes, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., there will be a pizza lunch at FLCC for all the hikers.

After lunch the last hike will follow the Auburn Trail to Rawson Road, then follow the Trolley Trail to Victor Municipal Park where Victor Parks and Recreation staff will have some fun activities for all the hikers. Transportation back to FLCC will be provided for anyone who requests it.

Pre-registration will be required. Please call 585-234-8226 between May 15 and June 1 to sign up for the hikes.

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April 9 : Corbett's Glenn. See details on page 6.

May 7: VHT and Victor Parks and Recreation- Goecache Trail Talk at  
 Victor Municipal Park at 10:00 a.m. See details on page 4.

May 14 : Genesee Land Trust, Monkey Run, Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve.

June 4: National Trails Day (see details on page 1)

June 11: Bike ride on the Lehigh Trail to the Genesee Greenway and back

June 11: 14th Annual ADK Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park

June 18: VHT and VP&R Trail Talk. See website for details.

July 9: Wesley Hill and Briggs Gulley.

July 16: VHT and VP&R Trail Talk. See website for details.

August 13: Powder Mills Park. Meet at the fish hatchery at 9:00 a.m.

August 20: VHT and VP&R Trail Talk. See website for details.

September 3: Ring of Fire at Bare Hill. Meet at town hall at 5:30 p.m.

September 10: Hang Around Victor Day and Victor Fest

October 8: Cleveland Hill

November 12: Mendon Ponds Park

December 10: Boughton Park

Note: Please check the message line at 585-234-8226 for details. All hikes meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Most hikes are relatively easy and take 2-4 hours. Always bring a bag lunch or snack and something to drink. Dress for the weather. We rarely cancel due to inclement weather.

We usually car pool to the trailhead. If gas gets expensive again, expect to share the cost with the driver. If you have any questions regarding any of the hikes, or if you have suggestions for places to hike, please leave a message at 585-234-8226.

This year we have scheduled more hikes in Victor or the surrounding communities. We are also leading shorter and easier hikes to encourage families and younger hikers to join us.

We always hike as fast as the slowest hikers, so don't worry about not keeping up. If we need to split into more than one group, that is not a problem.

**So pick a hike and come enjoy the fun.**

## ***Past Hikes***

### ***January 8 : Harriet Hollister Park***

Only 4 outdoors enthusiasts made the trip to the park to enjoy the wonderful snow for cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful trails at this great facility. No pictures to prove it though.

### ***February 12 : Seneca Trail from The Apple Farm to Boughton Park.***

Although it was cold and blustery, 10 hardy hikers made the trek from the Apple Farm to Boughton Park. Fortunately, they made provisions to have a vehicle at the Park in case someone needed a ride back to the Apple Farm. Everyone decided that the prudent choice was to accept the ride and do the return hike on another day.



### ***March 12 : Auburn Trail from Victor to Mertensia Park and back.***

There were 9 hikers on this trip to see and use the new lodge at Mertensia Park in Farmington. Although there was snow on the ground, the hiking was easy. The picture below was taken on the recently completed Eagle Scout bridge that connects the Trolley Trail with the wooded section of Victor Municipal Park.



# TALKS ALONG THE TRAILS

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. and the Town of Victor Parks and Recreation Dept. are offering a monthly series to anyone interested, beginning May 7, 2011 through October 2011. Each month an environmental or recreational topic related to VHT trails will be presented at a different trail.

Some of the topics may include, but are not limited to, wildlife (e.g. mammals, birds, butterflies), regional wildflowers, railroad history and hiking equipment. Following a presentation, participants may hike the related trail. Young families and senior citizens will specifically be considered for several of the dates, but are welcome at all.

Dates: 3rd Saturday of each month EXCEPTION: May 7 (1st Saturday)  
Pre-register by calling the Town of Victor Parks and Rec. Dept. at 585-742-0140.  
Time: 10AM - 11AM  
Place and Topics: Announced prior to the Saturday on our website  
([www.victorhikingtrails.org](http://www.victorhikingtrails.org)); newspapers;  
call Victor Parks and Rec. at 585-742-0140.  
Donation: \$3/person, \$5/family OR donate 1 hour to assist in trail improvement.  
EXCEPTION: May - \$3, \$5 only.

May 7, Saturday - Kick-off event  
Topic: Geocaching - bring your GPS; 1st place prize - 1-year membership to VHT.  
Meet: In the parking lot of Victor Municipal Park off Brace Road.  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., rain or shine  
Pre-register: Call Town of Victor Parks and Rec. Dept. at 585-742-0140.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

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## ***What is geocaching?***

Geocaching is an outdoor sporting activity in which the participants use a [Global Positioning System](#) (GPS) [receiver](#) or other [navigational](#) techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the [world](#). A typical cache is a small [waterproof](#) container containing a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers ([tupperware](#) or similar) or [ammo boxes](#) can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value. Geocaching is often described as a "game of high-tech hide and seek," sharing many aspects with [benchmarking](#), [trigpointing](#), [orienteering](#), [treasure-hunting](#), [letterboxing](#), and [waymarking](#).

Geocaches are currently placed in over 100 [countries](#) around the world and on all seven [continents](#), including [Antarctica](#).<sup>[1]</sup> After 10 years of activity there are almost 1.3 million active geocaches published on various [websites](#) devoted to the activity. There are over 5 million geocachers worldwide.

See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geocaching> for additional information.

## Special Hikes

Victor Hiking Trails was the host for Crescent Trails on Sunday, March 13th. The original plan was to hike from The Apple Farm to Boughton Park. Unfortunately, due to a quick snow melt, the open fields were too wet for a

pleasant hike. Plan "B" was to drive over to Boughton Park and hike the trails in the park. This turned out to be a very enjoyable hike for all.



Full Moon Hike. This was our first hike under the light of the full moon. 29 hikers met at Mickey Finn's and hiked on the Auburn Trail to the Break of Day Road parking lot, then hopped onto Victor Hills Golf Course (with prior permission) and hiked along the cart

paths and fairways. When the moon was high in the sky there was enough light that flashlights were not needed. We ended up back to Mickey Finn's for some refreshments and socializing. We may do this again.



## Hike at Corbett's Glen Nature Park

Located in the Town of Brighton, Monroe County, Corbett's Glen is an 18-acre hollow located along Allen's Creek at the Brighton/Penfield town-line just north of Route 441 at Linden Avenue, near I-490.

The north entrance is on Penfield Road across the street from Forest Hills Drive. There is an 8-car parking area there.

### Description:

There are a total of 2 miles of well-marked trails through the park. Most are wood chip, with a boardwalk over a particularly wet area and a 0.35 mile stonedust loop at the Penfield Road parking area.

Aside from the wonderful waterfalls and historic tunnel, the Glen features a variety of habitats, including a marsh, open fields, and mature woodlands on the surrounding hills forming the valley.

It is surrounded on three sides by sandy ridges deposited as the glaciers that once covered the area melted and receded.

Upon entering the Glen, one is struck by the feeling of being nestled in a special place, far from the hectic pace of modern life.

Remnants of its previously forested state are located on the higher elevations of the Glen, where some oaks are estimated to be over 150 years old.

The Glen is a traditional migratory stopover for birds in the spring and fall and remains a haven for wildlife including great blue herons, wild turkeys, deer, beaver, trout and salmon.

### History:

The Glen was once an important Native American trading ground. Rochester journalist Arch Merrill has written about the well-trodden trails coming into the area where the creek passes under the New York Central Railway. The Seneca Indian trail led to Irondequoit Creek and followed Allen's Creek from the area near East Avenue through the Glen.

A railroad embankment on the property was built in 1882. The vaulted arch bridge over Allen's Creek is believed to be the largest in upstate New York. The stone for the arch

was quarried from bedrock at the edge of the Glen.

The Glen is also the previous home to a pre-Civil War powder mill. It has been reported that powder from this mill was carted as far as Lockport and used to blast out larger locks when the Erie Canal was being enlarged.

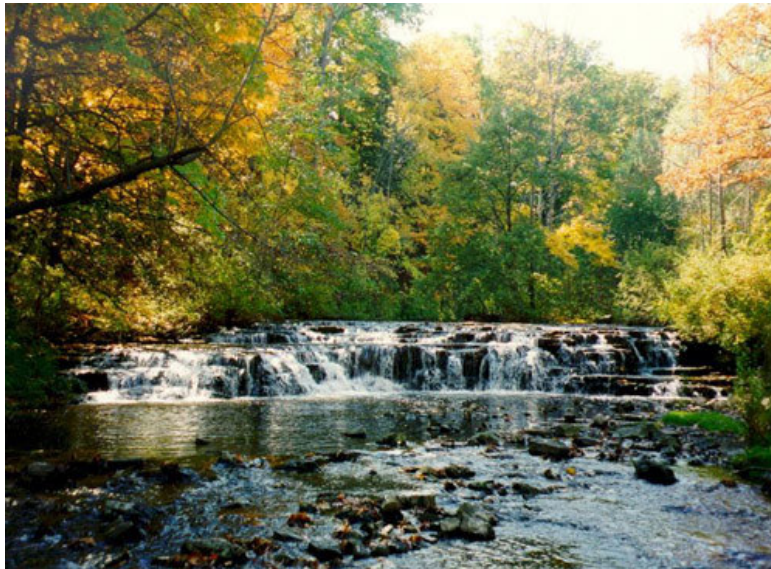
The first documented landowner lived in the Glen in 1833; Patrick Corbett purchased the land in 1890 and developed the land into one of the area's largest truck farms. Recognizing the idyllic setting and natural beauty of his home, Corbett opened a private park which became a popular picnic spot for local groups.

Some Rochesterians have fond memories of attending Camp Hideaway, which operated in the Glen during the 1960's.

In a 1974 article, Clarence Zornow described with fond recollection the Glen as a great place for picnicking and where the trolley line, which ran from Rochester to Syracuse, would bring many picnickers out from the City to the Glen.

### Preservation:

Preservation efforts for the Glen have been a long-term effort. Brighton's 1970 Comprehensive Development Plan recommended that Corbett's Glen "...be preserved in its natural state."



In 1974, the Brighton Town Board voted to have the town supervisor explore various avenues open to the town to obtain aid to help purchase the Glen. Brighton's 1990 Master Plan recommended maintaining the Glen as an open space. And in 1996, the Corbett's Glen was given a "highest priority" ranking by the Monroe County Environmental Management Council for protection as an environmentally sensitive area.

In 1999 the Town of Brighton and Genesee Land Trust agreed to a partnership to save the Glen. GLT secured a purchase contract for the Glen and embarked on a fundraising campaign. On June 24, 1999 the acquisition of the Glen was celebrated and the Corbett's Glen Nature Park was formed.

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