

VHT Pathfinder

The Official Newsletter of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

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Wanted– Mural Artists

By Dave Wright

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., in partnership with the Town of Victor Parks and Recreation, is sponsoring a contest to design and paint a large mural on the Auburn Trail in Fishers, New York.

The NYS Thruway Authority recently repaired the Thruway bridge that spans the Auburn Trail. Located between Main Street Fishers and Fishers Road, the overpass

has a canvas approximately 128 feet long and 10 feet high on each side of the trail. Our desire is to invite the entire community to submit ideas and sketches for the mural. Everyone is invited to hike to the bridge to get a true understanding of the scale of the mural. The picture below gives an idea of the size of the bridge. The general theme is the history of Victor, but

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Looking north at the Thruway overpass on the Auburn Trail. The walls are 128 feet long. For safety reasons, the mural will only be 10 feet high.

HIKES FOR 2012

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Jul. 14. Keuka Lake Outlet Trail, bike ride

Aug. 11. Conklin Gully, creek walk

Sep. 1. Ring of Fire, evening hike and supper

Sep. 8. Hang Around Victor and Victor Fest

Oct. 13. Historic Walk in Victor and Bike Ride on the Auburn

Nov. 10. Black Creek Park

Dec. 8. 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. Expect to share the cost of gas 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.

Again 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 only 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.

Come enjoy the fun.

Geocaching in Victor

Have you ever gone on a treasure hunt? If you have a GPS and a computer, you can find treasures in Victor. Many of them are on our trails and in our parks. Click on to <http://www.geocaching.com/>, put in our zip code and look at all of the interesting challenges. They are rated from easy to difficult. The caches can be in large boxes or small containers. Inside each one you should find a log book to sign and maybe some trinkets to take or exchange. You might even find a travel bug+. Let us know if you are a finder or a hider. Also, let the originator know if you find one out of place. Happy Treasurer hunting.

Past Hikes

April 14– Powder Mills Park.

With trekking poles borrowed from our sponsor, Adventure Out, we started at the ski hill on Woolston Road and hiked north along Irondequoit Creek until we came to a steep hill. With the use of the poles and some teamwork, all eight hikers made it to the top. We continued to follow the creek to Park Road and made a stop at the fish hatchery. We then climbed to the top of the ridge and headed south back to the parking lot.



May 12– Webster Park. Located on East Lake Road at Holt Road, we headed first to the fishing pier to check out the lake. Then it was across the fields and into the woods for a wonderful hike. Because of the early Spring, we saw only a few wildflowers. Except for the short bushwhacking between established trails, everyone enjoyed the hike. A few of us stopped at Bill Gray's on Ridge Road for a quick lunch before heading back to Victor.



Jun. 2. National Trails Day. See page 5.

Jun. 9. Auburn and Lehigh Trails, bike ride. Due to the inclement weather and only 3 people showing up for the ride, it was cancelled. I guess few people like to ride their bikes in a rain storm.

Trail Maintenance 2012

We need volunteers to help with trail maintenance! We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM and most Saturday and Monday mornings at 8:00 AM, from May to September. Volunteers should come equipped with sturdy shoes and proper covering against poison ivy. If you have them, bring pruning shears and a small pruning saw or loppers, or we can supply you with tools. The work usually lasts about one hour. Please feel free to work all or just part of a shift. **Sometimes we cancel due to rain and then shift the schedule. Please call if you are unsure where we will be meeting.**

Call Larry Fisher at 924-5803 for additional information.

Date	Trail	Start Location	Destination
7/11 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd	Into Ganondagan
7/14 Sa	Hike	Victor Town Hall	Outlet Trail, Dresden, NY
7/16 Mo	Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park	Trolley North and Trolley to Lehigh
7/18 We	Monkey Run	Valentown Rd. gas pipeline	All
7/21 Sa	Seneca	Boughton Hill Road	Apple Farm
7/23 Mo	TBD	Call 924-5803, Makeup	
7/25 We	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley South
7/28 Sa	Seneca	Bassett Furniture, Rt 96	Willow Brook
7/30 Mo	Auburn	Fishers House 1	To Fisher Road and Domine
8/1 We	Auburn	East Victor Road and School	To RG&E
8/4 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley South
8/6 Mo	Hundred Acre	And Blue Bird	
8/8 We	Royal View and	Fishers Park	Short open section, West Side Park
8/11 Sa	Hike	Conklin's Gully	Naples
8/13 Mo	Seneca	Willowbrook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
8/15 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd	Into Ganondagan
8/18 Sa	Seneca	Cherry Street	North and South to Boughton Park
8/20 Mo	Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park	Trolley North and Trolley to Lehigh
8/22 We	Monkey Run	Valentown Rd. gas pipeline	Valentown Rd. entrance
8/25 Sa	Seneca	Boughton Hill Road	Apple Farm
8/27 Mo	Auburn	Fishers House 1	To Fisher Road and Domine Trail
8/29 We	Auburn	East Victor Road and School	To RG&E
9/1 Sa	Seneca	Bassett Furniture, Rt 96	Willowbrook
9/3 Mo	Hundred Acre	And Blue Bird	
9/5 We	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley South
9/8 Sa	Hang Around	Victor and Victor Fest	
9/10 Mo	Royal View and	Fishers Park	Short open section, West Side Park
9/12 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd	Into Ganondagan

National Trails Day, June 2, 2012

The 20th National Trails Day event was a total success in Victor. A total of 87 Friends of Victor Hiking Trails enjoyed a perfect day for hiking. There was food, great weather, new trail improvements, plans for 2012 projects and more food. The hikes covered the Auburn Trail from Main Street Fishers to Probst Road, the Domine Trails and Fishers Park, and the Auburn Trail to Lehigh Crossing Park and back. If you did them all you covered 10 miles of trails.

Many thanks to our sponsors and staff who set-up everything, served the food and cleaned up at the end. Now get ready for next year!



Paul Nothnagle talking to Nat and Bruce Fisher during the continental breakfast before the first hike.



Some of the hikers on the Auburn Trail.



Crossing the new bridge over Irondequoit Creek.



These hikers did all three hikes and are entitled to a free one-year membership to Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.



Momma turtle laying her eggs on the side of the Auburn Trail.

Another Eagle

Congratulations to Matt Spitzer of Troop 60 in Victor for completing all the requirements for the rank of Eagle. Matt's Court of Honor was held on June 10th. His Eagle project was to build a stairway on the Auburn and Seneca Trails near the corner of Maple Avenue and Dryer Road. This had been a troublesome steep, narrow path along Great Brook. Because of the clay treadway, it would become extremely slippery when it rained.

Matt used the trails to train for his cross country running races at Victor High School, so Matt knew that he could improve the trail and help the community with a safe solution. Working with Chauncy Young, Matt designed the stairway, created a material list, got prices, raised the funds, ordered the material and coordinated the construction of the stairway.

Matt and Troop 60 can be proud of their accomplishment.

Currently, there are two more Eagle projects in the works. One is in Fishers Park. The other is at Monkey Run.



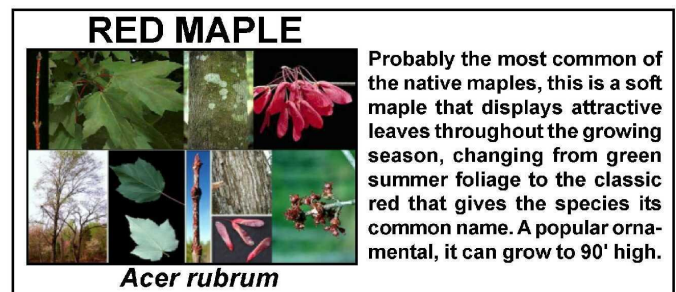
Matt Spitzer and the new stairway.

Tree Identification

New tree identification signs have been installed on the blue and yellow trails on the Domine Builders Supply property in Fishers. The new signs have colored pictures of the tree and text to give some facts about the tree. The signs are part of a \$5000 grant from the American Hiking Society.

The trails can be accessed from both the Auburn Trail and the Lehigh Trail.

VHT plans to place more of these signs along additional trails in Victor. Look for them soon.



Typical of the signs that are on the trails.

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all ideas will be considered. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2012.

A panel of three judges will review the designs and select at least one design. Beginning around April 15, 2013, weather permitting, the design will be sketched on the wall by the designer and the entire community will be invited to come and help paint the mural. Groups such as Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, art classes and clubs,

sports teams, etc. will be encouraged to paint one or more sections and sign and date their work. All supplies will be provided.

Because of the large scale of this project and the dependency on the weather, it may need to be completed in phases over one or more seasons.

All entries should be sent to Victor Hiking Trails, 85 East Main Street, Victor, NY 14564.

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