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National Trails Day 2020 in Victor



National Trails Day is a day of public events aimed at advocacy and trail service. It is also the largest event of the year for VHT. On Saturday, June 6th, Victor Hiking Trails will show off the new Farmington extension of the Auburn Trail in the morning, followed by other trails in Victor.

Hikers of all abilities

should gather at the Mertensia Road Park at 8:30 a.m. for a continental breakfast before heading out to the Auburn Trail shortly after 9:00 a.m. There will be a water and snack break, with a free pizza and drinks lunch in the Mertensia Road Park Lodge. A drawing for door prizes will take place during lunch. The afternoon hike will start at 1:00 p.m. and return to the Lodge by 3:00 p.m.

Everyone who completes all of the hikes will be rewarded with a free annual membership to VHT.

Admission is free; reservations are required. Call 585-234-8226 or visit [meetup.com/victor-hiking-trails-meetup](https://www.meetup.com/victor-hiking-trails-meetup) or our Facebook page for additional information and to sign up.



COVID—19 Virus

Victor Hiking Trails is encouraging everyone to take advantage of the 65 plus miles of trails in the Town of Victor during this trying time dealing with the novel coronavirus. Getting out into nature and exercising can help reduce stress and build the bodies immune systems.

Because of the efforts to flatten the curve for the incidence of infections some of the events outlined in this issue may be changed, delayed or cancelled. Check the VHT website and/or meetup site for the latest information.

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VHT MONTHLY HIKES FOR 2020

April 11, 9 a.m.– Lehigh Crossing Park, meet at the park
~~April 19, 2 p.m.– Bird watching educational hike - RESCHEDULING~~
 May 9, 8 a.m.– Chimney Bluffs State Park
 May 17, 2 p.m.– Village of Victor Historical Hike with Victor Historian
 June 6, 8:30 a.m.– National Trails Day hikes in Victor and Farmington
 June 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.– ADK Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park
 July 11, 8 a.m.— Fillmore Glen
 August 2, 2 p.m.– Educational Fossil Hike at HiTor's Conklin Gully
 August 9, 8 a.m.– Keuka Outlet Trail Bike Ride
 Sept 5, 5:30 p.m.– Ring of Fire hike and bonfire
 Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.– Hang Around Victor Day
 Oct. 10, 9 a.m.– Whiting Road in Webster
 Nov. 14, 9 a.m.– Apple Farm Seneca Trail North, meet at Apple Farm
 Dec. 12, 9 a.m.– Valentown to Kreag Rd. Park, hike one direction, car
 pool back

Note: Please check the message line at 585-234-8226 for details and last minute updates. Also, if you join <https://www.meetup.com/Victor-Hiking-Trails-Meetup>, you will get notifications of hikes and other events and reminders and last minute changes if you are signed up for a hike.

All hikes meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot, 85 East Main Street, unless otherwise noted. Most hikes are relatively easy and take 2-3 hours. Always bring a snack and something to drink. Dress for the weather. We rarely cancel due to inclement weather.

We usually carpool 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 the VHT Message Line, 585-234-8226.

Again this year we have scheduled several hikes in Victor or the surrounding communities. We are also leading shorter and easier hikes to encourage families and younger hikers to join us. Based on the success of past years we will again be adding an educational element to some of the hikes.

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.**

NOTE: There are several hiking Meetup groups in our area that schedule hikes in Victor. If you like to hike, join those Meetup groups as well.

Past Hikes

Jan 11, 9 a.m.– Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial State Recreation Area– This place is well known for its abundance of snow in the winter because of its high elevation compared to the surrounding areas. But this has been an unusual season, so the group of eight found mostly frozen ground and some ice on the trails. They still enjoyed the morning hike, the view of the lake and lunch in Honeoye.



Feb 8, 9 a.m.– Fishers Park– This was the first of two hikes scheduled for this day, which just happened to coincide with the Victor Winter Fest. Plus there was a winter fat tire bike ride, just to please everyone. And finally some snow for the snowshoe and cross-country fans.

Mar 14, 8 a.m.-Cumming Nature Center– A beautiful spring morning to hike on the trails that are normally reserved for cross-country skiing at this time of the year. The trails were a combination of dry, wet, frozen and muddy. Six hikers traversed 6.8 miles on a brisk morning. The museum has a fascinating display of local wildlife and native American history.



Additional pictures of the hikes can be found on page 5.

Thank you Carol MacInnis

Carol MacInnis has stepped down. As one of the founding members of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc and she has served as Trail Master for 27 years. The Trail Master is in charge of acquiring permission to have trails on private lands as well as coordinating with other agencies for trails on public lands. There were zero miles of trails in the Town of Victor in 1992 when VHT incorporated. Now there are over 65 miles. Thank you Carol for all your years of helping VHT grow!!

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Day	Time	Trail	Section
Saturday, April 11, 2020	9:00 AM	Monthly Hike	Lehigh Crossing Park
Monday, April 13, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	County Line to Willowbrook - sweep and blaze
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Willowbrook to Rawson via the Trolley - sweep and blaze
Thursday, April 16, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Town Hall
Friday, April 17, 2020	7:30 AM	Seneca Trail	Auburn at Insulator to CR 41 - sweep and blaze
Saturday, April 18, 2020	9:00 AM	Special Event	Village Tree Board Arbor Day Tree Planting
Saturday, April 18, 2020	1:00 PM	Special Hike	Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Opening Day for Trails Bike/Hike
Sunday, April 19, 2020	2:00 PM	Special Hike	Bird Watching - Bluebird Sanctuary
Monday, April 20, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	CR 41 thru the Apple Farm to Judson - sweep and blaze
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Judson - mow, sweep & blaze
Friday, April 24, 2020	7:30 AM	Seneca Trail	Boughton Park - sweep & blaze
Saturday, April 25, 2020	8:00 AM	Boughton Park	Trail Improvement Day
Monday, April 27, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Duvall - mow, sweep & blaze
Wednesday, April 29, 2020	5:30 PM	Trolley Trail	Lehigh Crossing Park and Omnitech - mow, sweep & blaze
Friday, May 1, 2020	7:30 AM	Dryer Trail	Dryer Rd Park to Rte 251
Monday, May 4, 2020	5:30 PM	Monkey Run	All trails - sweep, mow and blaze
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	5:30 PM	Polidori/GLT	All trails - sweep, mow and blaze
Friday, May 8, 2020	7:30 AM	Domine Trails	All trails - sweep, mow and blaze
Saturday, May 9, 2020	8:00 AM	Monthly Hike	Chimney Bluffs
Monday, May 11, 2020	5:30 PM	Fishers Park	Sweep and blaze - mow where the Town does not
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	5:30 PM	100 Acre Woods	Reroute part of trail, sweep, blaze and mow beginning
Friday, May 15, 2020	7:30 AM	Mixed	Fishers Landing/VMP/Auburn east of Break of Day parking
Sunday, May 17, 2020	2:00 PM	Special Hike	Village of Victor historical hike with Babette Huber
Monday, May 18, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	High Point - County line to High St
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Behind the Plazas - High Street to Willowbrook
Thursday, May 21, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Town Hall
Friday, May 22, 2020	7:30 AM	TBD	
Saturday, May 23, 2020	8:00 AM	Boughton Park	Trail Improvement Day
Monday, May 25, 2020	5:30 PM	Holiday	Chauncy leading hike for GVHC
Wednesday, May 27, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Willowbrook to Rte 251
Friday, May 29, 2020	7:30 AM	Seneca Trail	Via the Trolley east of Rte 251 to Rawson
Monday, June 1, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Insulator to School St
Wednesday, June 3, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	CR 41 thru the Apple Farm to Judson
Friday, June 5, 2020	7:30 AM	TBD	
Saturday, June 6, 2020	8:30 AM	Special Event	National Trails Day
Monday, June 8, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Judson
Wednesday, June 10, 2020	5:30 PM	Seneca Trail	Duvall
Friday, June 12, 2020	7:30 AM	TBD	
Saturday, June 13, 2020	8:30 AM	Special Event	ADK Expo - man table and provide information
Saturday, June 13, 2020	10:30 AM	Monthly Hike	Mendon Ponds - Part of ADK - faster than normal VHT hike
Monday, June 15, 2020	5:30 PM	Trolley Trail	Lehigh Crossing Park and Omnitech
Wednesday, June 17, 2020	5:30 PM	Dryer Trail	Dryer Rd Park to Rte 251
Thursday, June 18, 2020	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting	Town Hall
Friday, June 19, 2020	7:30 AM	TBD	
Monday, June 22, 2020	5:30 PM	Monkey Run	Monkey Run
Wednesday, June 24, 2020	5:30 PM	Polidori/GLT	Polidori/GLT
Friday, June 26, 2020	7:30 AM	Domine Trails	Domine Trails
Saturday, June 27, 2020	8:00 AM	Boughton Park	Trail Improvement Day
Monday, June 29, 2020	5:30 PM	Fishers Park	Fishers Park
Wednesday, July 1, 2020	5:30 PM	Mixed	100 Acre & Bluebird
Friday, July 3, 2020	7:30 AM	Mixed	Fishers Landing/VMP/Auburn east of Break of Day parking

More Hike and Bike Photos



Photos by Lisa R.

Photo by Dave W.



Photos by Pat F.





Photo by Chauncy Y.

New Board Members

The VHT Board of Directors welcomes Paul Kneer and Scott Reinhart to the Board. They have signed on to be Co-Trailmasters. They will be coordinating with the Victor Parks and Recreation Department and the Victor Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to move forward on the Town's Master Plan to make more connections through the development of new trails. The Master Plan has several areas of the town that are lacking good alternate means of transportation. These new trails will enhance our system of trails and provide more opportunities for exercise and well being for our residents and guests. Thank you Paul and Scott for volunteering to fill this important position on the Board.

Director Jeff Miller has expressed a desire to become our Education Hike Coordinator. That leaves us with an opening for **Volunteer Coordinator**. This person will be responsible for contacting people on our list of volunteers and signing them up for a variety of events. Typical events include National Trails Day, Hang Around Victor Day, Winter Fest, Maple Fest, trail construction, trail improvements and trail counts.

If this is something you could help us with, please contact us by phone or website. We meet once a month on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Victor Town Hall. We invite you to attend a board meeting, meet the board members and learn more about this position.

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Trail Races in Victor

VHT will be helping with several trail races this summer. The first one is an old favorite; the Ospf scheduled for July 11. As in past years, the runners will start and finish at Valentown Museum. Approximately 120 participants will run on our Seneca Trail heading north to Perinton where they will be on a section of the Crescent Trail. This is a very challenging race with many hills to navigate. When they reach Kreag Road, they will turn around and return on the same trail, completing 13.1 miles, a half marathon. Food, drinks and prizes will await the finishers.

The second race, the Unlimited Breadsticks, sponsored by Olive Garden Restaurant, is scheduled for September 27. Contestants will start at the south end of Boughton Park and follow our Seneca Trail north to Valentown Museum, a distance of 13.1 miles. Pasta, salad, breadsticks and drinks will be ready for the approximately 120 runners.

The third race is a new one for Victor. The new Fleet Feet store near Valentown will accept up to 120 entries, split them into two groups and direct one group to the north and one group to the south, all on the Seneca Trail. After running approximately 3.3 miles, each group will return to Valentown and then run the other half of the trail for a total of 13.1 miles.

If you see any problems on the Seneca Trail, or any of the other trails, please bring it to our attention so we can keep all of our trails in great and safe condition.


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Filling the gaps in Victor

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VHT Map Link

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