



VHT Pathfinder

30 YEARS AND GROWING

Victor Hiking Trails
Summer 2022

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30th Anniversary Celebration

June 4th was National Trails Day and our celebration of 30 years of creating and maintaining multi-use trails in Victor. The weather was near perfect (a little windy, but we'll take it), mid 70s and no rain. We had over 30 vendors, counting the food and beverage companies. It would have been great to have a few more trails groups, but many were doing their own celebration.



The music was perfect for our audience. Oldies but goodies and plenty of Beatles songs. Folks were clapping and dancing, having a wonderful time.

Hall of Fame inductees were presented a plaque by Dave Wright

The Friends of Victor Hiking Trails and the inductees for the first class of Victor Hiking Trails Hall of Fame were very appreciative of the recognition and honor.

The board of directors wants to thank all of the organizations that helped us celebrate. And they want to thank all of the volunteers who made everything flow smoothly. And of course, all of the people who attended and helped us celebrate.

Early Memories of the VHT by Ruth E. Nellis

The beauty of Victor sold my husband and me on a house in the early '70's. We knew others would soon move into this area with its hills, streams and many trees.

But, how was all of this to be spared and shared? I knew that the more people enjoyed this environment, the more it would be cared for. I came across the name, Marcia Bryan, who had the same dream.

Marcia had the support and insurance coverage of the Town of Victor! WOW! This was power! She and I laid down areas to begin walking over for possible trails. I soon learned that hiking with Marcia required more than shorts and sneakers as we traversed fields of tall unknown plants, swamps and hills.

"Should we go around or..." I began as Marcia was halfway up the hill.

My family dinners were pretty simple as I stumbled into my house. "Where is Mom? Oh yeah, she's out hiking." Was frequently heard.

Visiting landowners for approval was next. Marcia and I knocked on many doors promoting the advantages of trails across Victor. Actually, she didn't need me. Marcia had so much exuberance, knowledge and personality that I recall about 99% of the people signed up knowing they could pull out any time. Then a group of residents joined in and we had, and still have, those who clear the trails, give programs and take hikers to other area trails. I could say so much more, but.....

THANKS FOR MAKING MY DREAM COME TRUE!

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VHT MONTHLY HIKES**2022 Hikes**

July 9, 8:30 AM– Canandaigua Vista and Onanda Park
 Jul 31, 2 PM– *Geology in Mendon Ponds Park*
 Aug 13, 9 AM– Outlet Trail Bike Ride
 Aug 28, 2 PM– *Hungry Bear Farms, 868 Newell Road, Middlesex*
 Sept 3, 5:30 PM– Ring of Fire at Bare Hill, Middlesex
 Sept 4, 2PM– *Talulah's Fancy, 1076 Route 15A Honeoye Falls*
 Sept 10, 8 AM– VHT Challenge Hike on the Seneca Trail
 Oct 8– TBD
 Oct 30, 2 PM– *Cobbs Hill Old Growth Forest*
 Nov 12– TBD
 Nov 20, 2 PM– *Historic Churches of Canandaigua*
 Dec 10– TBD
 Dec 18 – 2 PM– *Rochester Zen Center, 7 Arnold Park, Rochester*

Green are Educational walks

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 if you are signed up for a hike and last minute changes.

All hikes meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot, 85 East Main Street, at 9:00 AM 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.

As noted in our schedule there are several educational hikes planned for 2021. These are usually on a Sunday afternoon, starting at 2:00 PM.

We usually carpool from Victor Town Hall 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.

Additional hikes with the Victor PTSA and the Victor Farmington Library will be scheduled throughout the year.

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

Mar 27, 2 PM– Valentown Museum. It might have been colder inside the museum than it was outside, but the wind outside made it unbearable. Our guides split us into two groups and did an excellent presentation on the history of the building and the artifacts in the museum. It would be nice to visit in again some time during the summer months when it is fully open. After the tour a few went to the Thirsty Turtle for dinner.

Apr 9, 9 AM– Rob’s Trail. A great hike for getting your exercise. The trail meanders down the hill from the parking lot to the east shore of Hemlock Lake. Then it goes north along the shoreline where cottages were located years ago. 15 people enjoyed the hike of about 7-8 miles.



Apr 14, 6 PM- Sustainability Seminar, P&R in person or Zoom.

Thank you to Adam Reitz for presenting the theory of what exactly is sustainability and how it relates to our trails.

Apr 16, 2 PM– Sustainability Hands On, Dryer Road Park. Adam Reitz took a small group of interested folks on a hike to show how to build a trail that will be of interest to a wide variety of hikers, dog walkers, bicyclists, cross country skiers and people just enjoying nature. When the trails are constructed properly they will last a long time with a minimum of maintenance.

Apr 24, 2 PM– Wildflowers in Fishers Park and Domine Trails.

28 hikers came to discover some of the many wildflowers that we have in the Fishers area. Both of our guides are very knowledgeable and could identify most of the plants. Several went to Thirsty Turtle after the hike for additional comradery and nourishment.



Photo by Jeff Miller

Past Hikes continued

May 14, 9 AM– Letchworth Park. What looked like a 7-mile hike along the eastern side of the Genesee River turned out to be 10 miles. In spite of that, all 12 trekkers made it and several went to a new restaurant in Mt. Morris to relax and get fueled up for the ride home.



May 22, 2 PM– Migrating Bird Watching. 23 bird watchers enjoyed the walk around MaryFrances Bluebird Haven, led by Liz Magnanti, owner of The Bird House in Pittsford. Many different breeds were heard and observed, Several went to the Thirsty Turtle for light food and drinks.



Jun 4, 11:00 AM– National Trails Day and All Things Trails. The weather was beautiful for a full day of celebration, starting with two hikes and two bike rides around Victor. At least 30 people participated.

Jun 11, 9 AM– Bike ride on the Greenway. Because of threatening thunderstorms and heavy rain, only 3 bikers attended the ride,

Jun 11, 9 am to 3 PM– ADK-GVC Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds. The morning was picture perfect for all of the outdoor activities. There was a steady stream of spectators and vendor workers from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. We did get a few sprinkles, but it didn't dampen our spirits.

Earth Day Trail Cleanup

12 volunteers donned their gloves and magic wands to pick up several bags of trash spewed around the Seneca Trail near Eastview Mall. Thanks to them the trail looks much better. Don't be a litter bug!



Rails to Trails– Celebrating Trails on Earth Day

Ten riders enjoyed a bike ride on the Auburn Trail and a visit to some of the parks near by. The sun was shining and the temps were cool, ideal for the group ride.



Arbor Day Planting Seedlings at Boughton Park



Several families participated in the annual planting of seedlings in Boughton Park. This is a program designed to replace the pine trees in the park as they complete their life cycle.

The Victor Village Tree Board sponsored a large tree planting on Rawson Road. They had many groups participate, including VHT.

New Bridge

The Seneca Trail has a new footbridge. Located between Willowbrook Road and Route 96 on property owned by the DiMarco Group, the trail was rerouted to make for a better crossing of a small creek. Over the course of several Monday mornings, the new path was created and the bridge was built by several members of VHT and GROC.



New Trail at Dryer Road Park

Adam Reitz, the trails guru for the town, has been using the new excavator, transforming some of the old, narrow, hilly trails into a new, wide, beginner trail that will be ideal for new mountain bikers as well as physically challenged riders. Several GROC volunteers have been working on the trail, removing roots and rocks, smoothing out the surface and making sure water will be managed correctly.



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New Volunteers

When a volunteer comes out for 3 events, they are awarded the coveted Trail Volunteer shirt. Several volunteers have recently completed their 3 events and were ceremoniously bestowed the precious shirt.



New Bench Dedicated

Stephanie Coleman wanted to remember her father, a long time VHT member and board member, David Coleman, with a bench at Boughton Park. She contacted artisan Mike Houser, gave him some ideas and waited until June 5th for the unveiling. She is very pleased with the bench and location. If you have an opportunity, stop by David's bench and enjoy the view.



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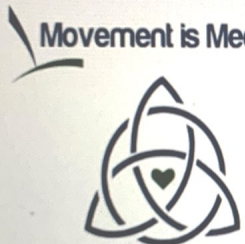
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