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Victor Hiking Trails
Fall 2022

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HELP WANTED

Victor Hiking Trails Needs Your Assistance!

We have come a long way in 30 years, but we still have a long way to go before we will be well known as the place to go for hiking, biking, bird watching, alternate transportation, outdoor exercise, enjoyment of the environment and fun things to do.

We are in search of people willing to join short-term, goal-oriented, sub-committees in the following areas:

- Develop a plan to increase membership
- Recruit and retain more volunteers
- Plan fund raising events
- Write grants
- Plan for an equipment storage building
- Create videos and training manuals
- Develop a public relations plan
- Partner with local businesses and organizations
- Work on special projects
- Expand the trails master plan

No expertise is required, only a willingness to make the Victor Community a better place to live, work, and recreate.

For more info or to help us, contact us at
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VHT MONTHLY HIKES**2022 Hikes**

Oct 8– Ontario County Park. Meet at Victor town hall at 8:30 AM
 Oct 30, 2 PM– Cobbs Hill Old Growth Forest
 Nov 12– Boughton Park. Meet at Victor town hall at 8:30 AM
 Nov 20, 2 PM– Historic Churches of Canandaigua
 Dec 10– Seneca Falls. Meet at Victor town hall at 8:30 AM
 Dec 18 – 2 PM- Rochester Zen Center, 7 Arnold Park, Rochester

2023 Hikes

Jan 1– First Day Hike
 Jan 14– Mendon Ponds Park
 Feb 11– Harriet Hollister Park
 March 11– Fishers Park and Domine Trails
 Apr 8– Mertensia Park and Auburn Trail

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 2022. 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

July 9—Canandaigua Vista and Onanda Park. 15 hikers went on a hot, morning hike. They enjoyed the new trails and the creek walk. Photo by Henry Stewart.



July 31—Educational hike at Mendon Ponds Park. 25 people followed Dan Krisher, retired geologist, paleontologist, educator and president of the “Rochester Academy of Science Fossil Section” around the Devil’s Bathtub as he explained the geologic history of our area. Photo by Jeff Miller.



August 13—Bike ride on the Keuka Lake Outlet Trail. There were 13 cyclists that biked the trail from Penn Yan to the Seneca Lake at Dresden and back, about 16 miles. It was a beautiful, blue sky day, followed by lunch at the Seneca Farms Dairy. Photo by Dave Wright.



August 28—Educational visit at the Hungry Bear Farms. 15 folks learned a lot about bees and honey from Ben and Kimberly Carpenter, owners of the farm that raises, sells and rents beehives. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed in Canandaigua. Photo by Jeff Miller.



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Victor Farmington Library Wednesday Walkers

Looking for a mid-week morning walk? Come to the library at 15 West Main Street in Victor at 9:15 AM on a Wednesday and join a small group of hikers. The distance is usually 2-3 miles at an easy pace. The location is usually in Victor or one of several parks close by. The group usually convenes at a local restaurant for coffee or more. Here are a few pictures of the group at various locations. Photos by Dave Wright.



Victor Municipal Park Fishing Dock



Fishers Park @ Main St. Fishers



Monkey Run, northwest corner



Helen's Way @ the kiosk



Dryer Road Park, in the woods



MaryFrances Bluebird Haven

Updating the Boardwalk

On the Seneca Trail between Route 251 and Rawson Road there is a boardwalk that needs some major repair. The deck boards have rotted out in several areas, creating several safety problems. This section of trail has been closed for several years, waiting for repairs to be made. Now thanks to #TrailsRoc and a grant from RG&E, the boardwalk is getting fixed. The trail will remain closed until all of the boardwalk has been corrected. Please be patient as the work progresses. Check our Meetup page for work sessions. Photos by Dave Wright.



New Trail in Fishers Park

The Red Trail in Fishers Park is a great trail for most of the way around the park. But there is one section that was always muddy, especially in the Spring. After many discussions and walking the area near the trail, it was decided that a re-route could be made that would be an improvement. With the help of Adam Reitz, the Parks and Rec trail expert, and the town's mini excavator, a new trail has been created. It still needs to be properly marked and blazed, but it is open to hiking and biking. Photos by Dave Wright.



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Past Hikes continued

September 3—Ring of Fire outing at Bare Hill. 7 hikers met in the parking lot just as a shower was passing through. After it stopped raining they hiked up the trail to the opening where the stack of dry wood was ready for the bonfire at 9:00 PM. Several folks brought a light dinner as they waited for the traditions to start. After the fire died down, Peter Jemison led the group in several Seneca social dances. Photos by Dave Wright.



September 10—Challenge Hike on the Seneca Trail. 19 long-distance hikers started the 14 mile journey at Boughton Park. 3 had to bailout, but 16 completed the trek at the Bed Bath and Beyond parking lot. Several of them enjoyed a victory celebration at the Thirsty Turtle. Photo by Dave Wright.





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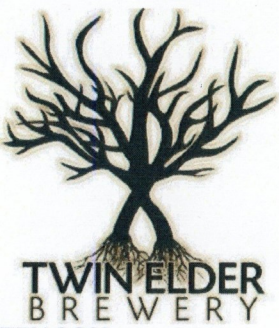
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