



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street * Victor * New York * 14564-1397

June 26, 1997
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with 7 attending:

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| Dave Wright | Larry Fisher | Rich Freeman | |
| Chauncy Young | Roberta Lockwood | John Francis | Jeff Hennick |

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

As of May 31

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| Checking account | 1,018.55 |
| Savings account | 4,979.73 |
| Total | 5,998.28 |

Form 990 was filed with the IRS on May 15th.

Membership:

Welcome to our newest member: Susan Johnson, Allen's daughter.

Dropped 11 members due to lack of paying membership annual fee. One dropped due to moving. One new member. Nine members renewed. Still many members are in arrears. Currently have 129 household memberships.

Publicity:

Dave submitted information for our next hike to the local newspapers based on Jeff Hennick's research.

Maps have been going fast at town hall and library.

We need to order more brochures. Last order was in July for 2000 at a cost of \$377.85.

Dave will call Amy to order 3000 on recycled paper.

Hang Around Victor Day on Sept. 6 will give us more exposure.

Education:

John Francis requested authorization to spend \$80.00 for pressure treated 4X4 posts for number locations at Monkey Run. Requested approved. John will purchase them at Victor Coal & Lumber and charge to our account.

Newsletter:

Deadline is Aug. 1. Larry will supply Amy with a picture of "Billy Goat".

Trailmaster's Report:

Carol received notice that we cannot have a trail in Bentley Woods. After several phone conversations with the Nature Conservancy, she found out the names of all of the property owners and asked them if they would sign a letter stating that they would not have any objection to a trail in Bentley Woods. All signed. When Carol returns from vacation, She will approach the Nature Conservancy again.

Trail Boss' Report:

ISTEA: Larry talked with Steve Beavis (DOT) regarding state bridge inspectors looking at the stone bridge over Irondequoit Creek. Larry told Steve that Sheldon Fisher has drawings of the bridge. Paul Van Scott is pursuing help from licensed engineers.

Trail maintenance is going well. Brace Rd to Maple Ave is not on the schedule. Dave will trim the bushes on the sides. Dave and Troop 86 took care of Seneca Trail from firehouse 2 to Willowbrook last Tuesday. Meet at house 2 Thursday and go to Interchange Heights. Larry, Paul, Chauncy and Dave will check out what is needed for more boardwalks in the wetland section of the Seneca trail near the golf driving range on Route 251.

Would like to start on a foundation for the proposed bridge over Great Brook. Dave knows that a scout from Troop 60 is interested in doing a project and has looked at Great Brook with Jim Daily.

Work session set for Sunday July 6 at 8:30 am to remove stones from Irondequoit at the bridge. Bring water shoes and rubber gloves. Meet on Fishers Road at the trail.

Royal View Heights trail need to be kept clear.

Signs are still needed on Phillips Rd.

Last Hike:

15 hikers enjoyed a great morning tour of Monkey Run. John Francis led the hike. He was testing his new brochure for tree and fauna identification. The hike continued across the street to the dedication of the MaryFrances Blue Bird Haven. Many people attended. A large carved wooded statue and a bronze plaque were unveiled. Trail signs are needed. A neighboring scout from Troop 60 may be interested in doing a project there.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Ontario Pathways has a new map and a schedule of hikes (copy attached).

Ganondagan has a new brochure describing the building of their bark longhouse.

The multi-use trail map for the greater Rochester region has been completed and distributed by the Genesee Transportation Council.

Larry showed us pictures of his vacation out west.

Next Hike:

July 12- Hike Onanda Park on the west side of Canandaigua Lake. These trails feature views of streams and falls as well as the lake itself. Those wishing to extend the day may use the lakefront park for swimming and picnicking for \$1.00 per person. Car pool from the Town Hall, 9AM. Return around 12:30 PM.

Next Meeting: July 24, 7:30PM at Town Hall.

Adjournment: 8:39PM

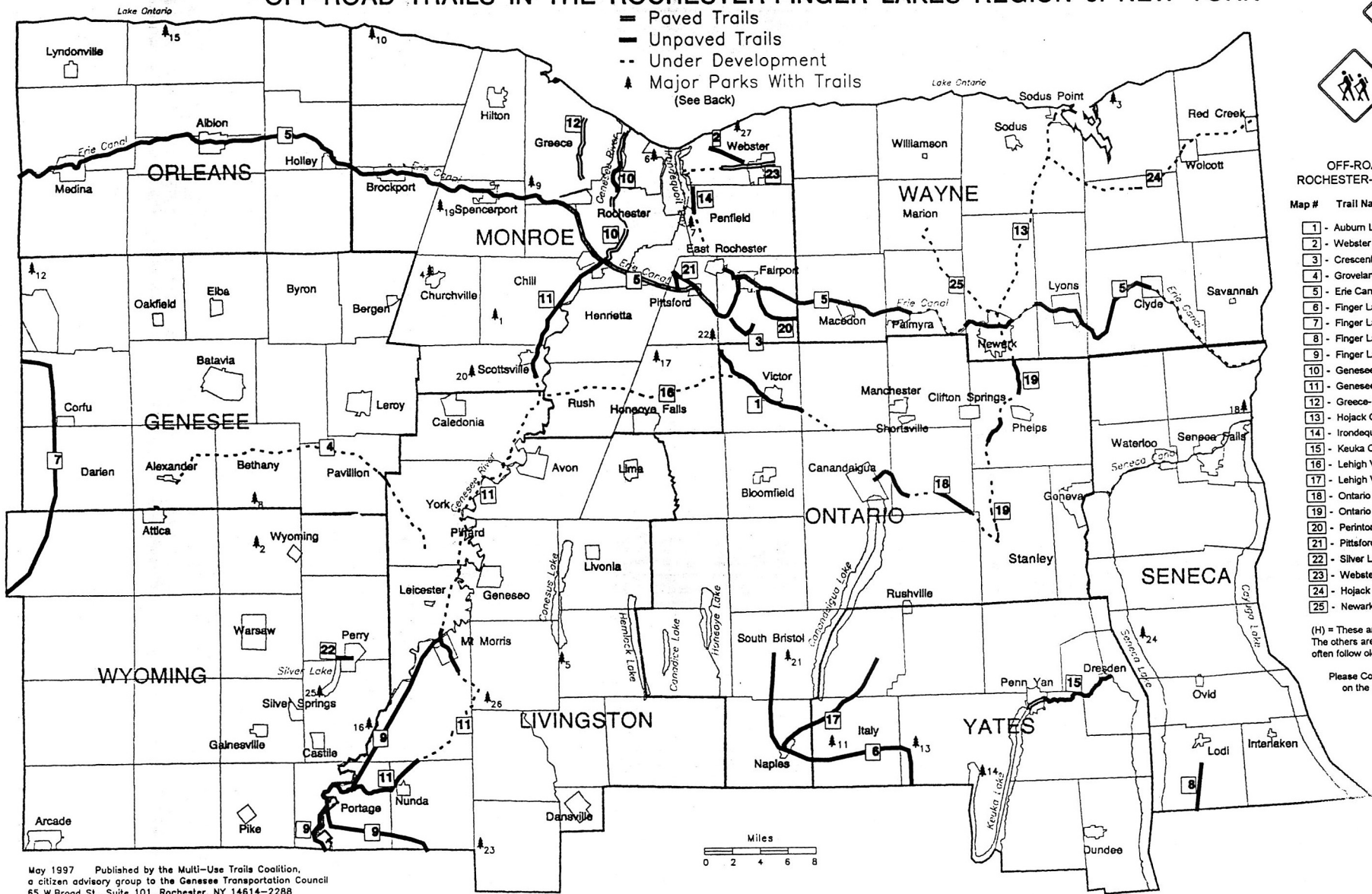
**Notes taken by Roberta Lockwood
Typed by David A. Wright**

VHT CALENDAR

July 12 - Hike at Onanda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake
July 15 -Freeman's slide show of their Appalachian hike, at Valentown
Aug. 9 - Hike from Dresden to Penn Yan
Sept. 6 - Hang Around Victor Day
Sept. 13 - Hike Irondequoit Bay Park East
Sept 26-28 -Hike the Adirondacks from Schroon Lake
Oct. 11 - Hike Stid Hill, Bristol Hills
Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop
Dec. 13 - Hike Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park

OFF-ROAD TRAILS IN THE ROCHESTER-FINGER LAKES REGION of NEW YORK

- Paved Trails
- Unpaved Trails
- - Under Development
- ▲ Major Parks With Trails
(See Back)

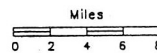


OFF-ROAD TRAILS IN THE ROCHESTER-FINGER LAKES REGION

| Map # | Trail Name |
|-------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 | Auburn Line Trail |
| 2 | Webster - Hojak Trail |
| 3 | Crescent Trail (H) |
| 4 | Groveland Secondary Trail |
| 5 | Erie Canal Heritage Trail |
| 6 | Finger Lakes Trail - Bristol Hills (H) |
| 7 | Finger Lakes Trail - Conservation (H) |
| 8 | Finger Lakes Trail - Interlocken (H) |
| 9 | Finger Lakes Trail - Letchworth (H) |
| 10 | Genesee River Trail System |
| 11 | Genesee Valley Greenway |
| 12 | Greece-Route 390 Trail |
| 13 | Hojack Connector |
| 14 | Irondequoit Creek Trail (H) |
| 15 | Keuka Outlet Trail |
| 16 | Lehigh Valley Trail |
| 17 | Lehigh Valley Rail Trail - Naples |
| 18 | Ontario Pathways |
| 19 | Ontario Pathways |
| 20 | Perinton Hikeaway-Bikeway |
| 21 | Pittsford Trails |
| 22 | Silver Lake Outlet Trail |
| 23 | Webster-Route 104 Trail |
| 24 | Hojack Trail |
| 25 | Newark-Marion Trail |

(H) = These are primarily narrow hiking trails. The others are wider multi-use trails which often follow old railroad rights-of-way.

Please Contact the Organizations Listed on the Back For More Information



1. **Auburn Line Trail**
endpoints: Probst Road, Mertensia Road
length: 8.3 miles
surface: abandoned RR bed-cinder, stone
uses: hiking, biking, skiing
contact: Victor Hiking Trails
85 East Main Street
Victor, NY 14564
(716) 924-7141
2. **Webster-Hojack Trail**
endpoints: Drumm Road, North Ponds Park
length: 2.5 miles
surface: abandoned RR bed-cinder, stone
uses: hiking, biking, skiing
contact: Friends of Webster Parks
(716) 671-0258
3. **Crescent Trail**
endpoints: Bushnell's Basin, Turk Hill Road
length: 27 miles
surface: unimproved, single-file pathway
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: Crescent Trail Association
P.O. Box 1354
Fairport, NY 14450
(716) 223-5050
<http://www.ggw.org/freenet/c/otha>
4. **Groveland Secondary Trail**
endpoints: Tonawanda Creek in Genesee Co., Greigsville in Livingston Co.
length: 20.8 miles
surface: abandoned RR bed, coarse gravel, cinder
uses: limited while under development
contact: NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation
7291 Coon Road
Bath, NY 14810
(607) 776-2165
5. **Erie Canal Heritage Trail**
endpoints: Medina, Palmyra, Newark, Clyde
length: 25 miles in Orleans Co., 39.6 miles in Monroe Co., and 37 miles in Wayne Co. (when completed)
surface: paved between Pittsford and Long Pond Road, paved in Fairport, stone dust or gravel elsewhere
uses: hiking, biking, skiing, skating
contact: NYS Canal Corporation
P.O. Box 189
Albany, NY 12201-0189
(518) 436-2799, or 1-800-4CANALA
6. **Finger Lakes Trail-Bristol Hills**
endpoints: Ontario County Park, Hi-Tor State Wildlife Management Area, Italy Hill State Forest
length: 32.2 miles
surface: unimproved single-file pathway
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: Finger Lakes Trail Conference
P.O. Box 18048
Rochester, NY 14618-0048
(716) 288-7191
fltc@axsnet.com

maps are available at Eastern Mountain Sports
7. **Finger Lakes Trail-Conservation**
endpoints: Bear Rd. in Wyoming Co., Marble Rd. in Genesee Co.
length: 24.4 miles
surface: unimproved, single-file pathway
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: same as #6

8. **Finger Lakes Trail-Interloken**
endpoints: Parmenter Road, Seneca Road
length: 2.1 miles
surface: unimproved, single-file pathway
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: same as #6
9. **Finger Lakes Trail-Letchworth**
endpoints: Genesee Valley Greenway in Mt. Morris, Camp Road in Wyoming Co., Smith Road in Livingston Co.
length: Letchworth Trail 25.4 miles, main trail 17.7 miles
surface: unimproved, single-file pathway
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: same as #6
10. **Genesee River Trail System**
endpoints: Erie Canal, downtown, Turning Point Park
length: southern section 3.4 miles, northern section 5.5 miles (when completed)
surface: primarily asphalt, some stone
uses: hiking, biking, skating
contact: City of Rochester
Parks, Recreation & Human Services
400 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14613
(716) 428-6755
11. **Genesee Valley Greenway**
endpoints: Genesee Valley Park, Portage
length: approx. 50 miles
surface: abandoned RR, cinder, stone
uses: hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling
contact: Friends of the Greenway
16 Chapel Street
Mt. Morris, NY
(716) 658-2569
<http://netace.net/~fogvg>
12. **Greece-Rt. 390 Trail**
endpoints: Rt. 104, Lake Ontario State Parkway
length: 4.7 miles
surface: asphalt
uses: hiking, biking, skating
contact: Town of Greece
Dept. Of Human Services
500 Maiden Lane
Rochester, NY 14616
(716) 663-0200
13. **Hojack Connector**
endpoints: Village of Newark, Sodus Point
length: 18 miles
surface: stone ballast
uses: hiking
contact: Wayne County Planning Dept.
9 Pearl Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-5919
14. **Irondequoit Creek Trail**
endpoints: Empire Blvd., Ellison Park, Linden Road
length: approx. 10 miles (when completed)
surface: unimproved, single-file pathway
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: Town of Penfield
Parks and Recreation
1985 Baird Road
Penfield, NY 14526
(716) 377-8655

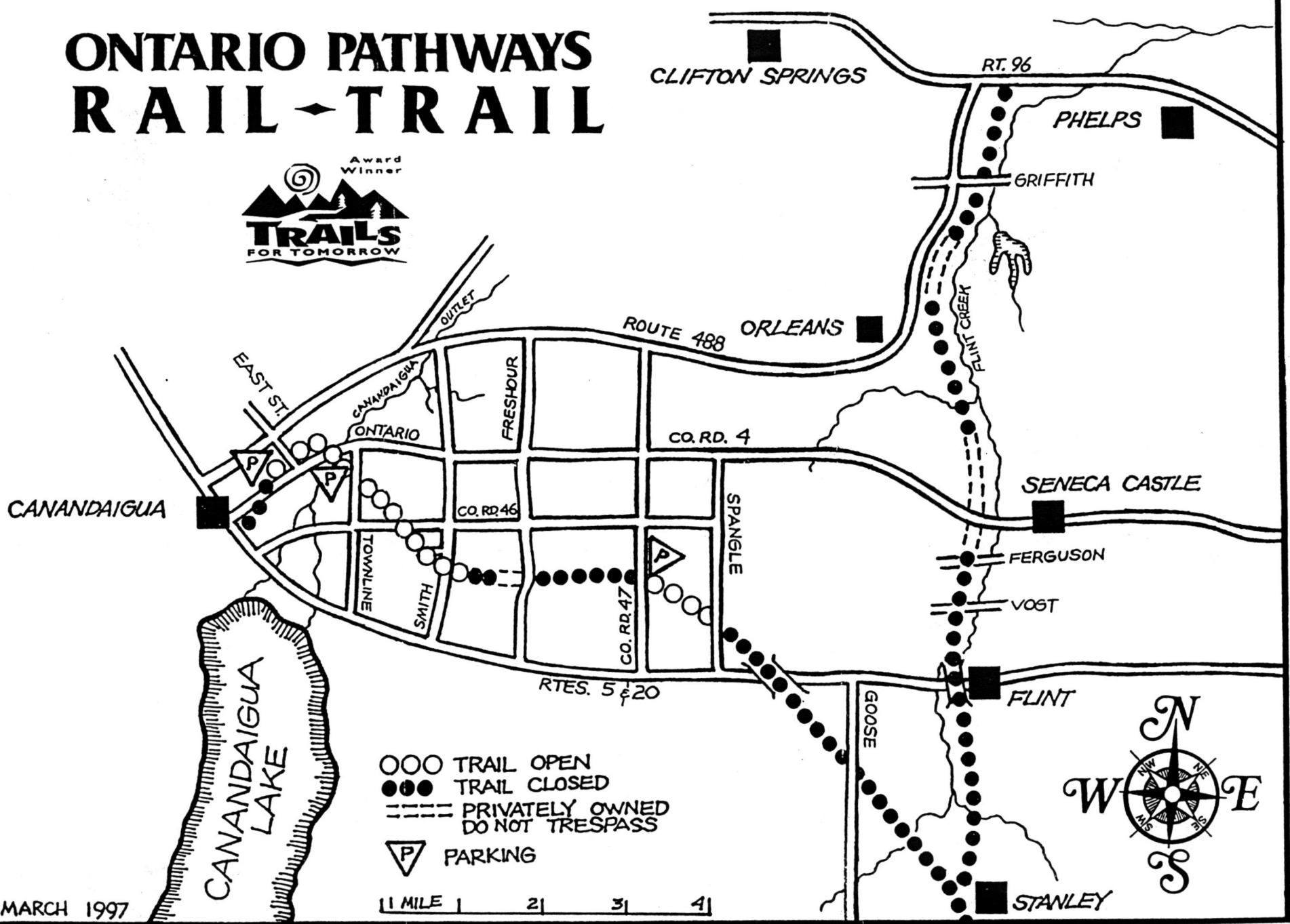
15. **Keuka Outlet Trail**
endpoints: Village of Penn Yan, Village of Dresden
length: approx. 6 miles
surface: cinder or dirt
uses: hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling
contact: Yates County Chamber of Commerce
2375 Rt. 14A
Penn Yan, NY 14527
(315) 536-3111
(800) 868-YATES
16. **Lehigh Valley Trail**
endpoints: Genesee Valley Greenway, Auburn Trail
length: 16 miles
surface: abandoned RR, unimproved
uses: limited while under development
contact: Mendon Foundation
P.O. Box 231
Mendon, NY 14506-0231
(716) 385-2330
17. **Lehigh Valley Rail Trail-Naples**
endpoints: Rt. 21, Cayward Cross Road in Middlesex
length: 6.5 miles
surface: abandoned RR, cinder, grass, ballast
uses: hiking, skiing
contact: Bob and Holly Elwell
6974 Reservoir Road
Naples, NY 14512
(716) 374-5554
18. **Ontario Pathways**
endpoints: 200 Ontario St. in Canandaigua, Stanley
length: 10.9 miles (when completed)
surface: fine cinder
uses: hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding
contact: Ontario Pathways, Inc.
P.O. Box 996
Canandaigua, NY 14424
(716) 394-7698
19. **Ontario Pathways**
endpoints: Stanley, Rt. 96 in Phelps
length: 11 miles
surface: fine cinder
uses: hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding
contact: same as #18
20. **Perinton Hikeaway-Bikeway**
endpoints: Pannell Road, south bank of Erie Canal
length: 4.5 miles
surface: crushed stone
uses: hiking, biking, skiing
contact: Town of Perinton
Director of Parks
1350 Turk Hill Road
Fairport, NY 14450
(716) 223-5050
21. **Pittsford Trails**
endpoints: seven different trails
length: 10.8 miles (total)
surface: single-track dirt or grass
uses: hiking, some biking, skiing
contact: Town of Pittsford
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
35 Lincoln Avenue
Pittsford, NY 14534
(716) 248-6280

22. **Silver Lake Outlet Trail**
endpoints: Walker Road, Federal Street
length: less than 1 mile
surface: gravel
uses: hiking
contact: Village of Perry
(716) 237-3216
23. **Webster-Route 104 Trail**
endpoints: Salt Road, Five Mile Line Road, Bay Road (1998)
length: 5.8 miles (when completed)
surface: asphalt
uses: hiking, biking, skating
contact: Town of Webster
Parks, Recreation, & Community Services
985 Ebner Drive
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 872-2911
24. **Hojack Trail**
endpoints: Wallington, Red Creek
length: 9 miles
surface: stone ballast, grass
uses: hiking, biking, snowmobiles
contact: Wayne County Planning Department
9 Pearl Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-5919
25. **Newark-Marion Trail**
endpoints: Newark, Marion
length: 8 miles
surface: gravel, grass
uses: hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiles
contact: same as #24

| Major Parks with Hiking Trails | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Black Creek County Park | 15. Lakeside Beach State Park |
| 2. Carlton Hill State Multiple Use Area | 16. Letchworth State Park |
| 3. Chimney Bluffs State Park | 17. Mendon Ponds County Park |
| 4. Churchville County Park | 18. Montezuma Nat. Wildlife Refuge |
| 5. Conesus Inlet State Wildlife Area | 19. Northampton County Park |
| 6. Durand Eastman County Park | 20. Oatka Creek County Park |
| 7. Ellison County Park | 21. Ontario County Park |
| 8. Genesee County Park and Forest | 22. Powder Mills County Park |
| 9. Greece Canal County Park | 23. Rattlesnake Hill Wildlife Area |
| 10. Hamlin Beach State Park | 24. Sampson State Park |
| 11. High Tor State Wildlife Area | 25. Silver Lake State Park |
| 12. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | 26. Sonyea State Forest |
| 13. Italy Hill State Forest | 27. Webster Beach County Park |
| 14. Keuka Lake State Park | |

This map is current as of April 1997. Permitted uses and trail conditions are subject to change without notice. Proper attire and safety equipment should be worn at all times. USE ANY TRAIL AT YOUR OWN RISK.

ONTARIO PATHWAYS RAIL-TRAIL



MARCH 1997

Eating the Weedies

This walk was so popular last summer, we've brought it back. Join us on a newly opened section of the rail trail as we learn how to identify and prepare wild edible plants. A sampling of prepared dishes will be presented for you to taste, all made with wild ingredients.

Walk leader is Karen Evans of Canandaigua. Karen has taught several classes on wild edibles through the FLCC Community Education Program. She is a certified Master Gardener through the Cornell Cooperative Extension and has her own business called "Bloomin' Edibles" that will help you create your very own beautiful and edible home landscaping.

Date and Time: Sunday, July 13th, 9:00AM
Location: Meet at Ontario Pathways parking area, Rt.96, Phelps. 1/4 mile east of Midlakes High School and Rt.488 intersection.
Length: About 2 hours. One mile of slow easy walking.
Please: Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.
More info: Contact Ann McDonnell at 716-396-3455

Fireflies and Full Moon Walk

Did you know there are more than 125 species of fireflies in the United States? On any summer evening you may be able to spot at least five different species, each flashing a different "language." Join us for a magical evening on the rail trail in Orleans as we look for fireflies under the light of a full moon. Fred Bertram will lead the walk as he entertains and teaches at the same time.

Fred Bertram is a self-taught naturalist and nature artist. He is a past president of the Eaton Birding Society and currently serves on the boards of the Finger Lakes Land Trust and Ontario Pathways. Fred writes the Finger Lakes Bird Watch column for the Finger Lakes Times. He is an artisan at McKenzie-Childs in Aurora, NY and lives in Geneva.

Date and Time: Saturday evening, July 19, 1997 at 9:00PM
Location: Meet at the Orleans Water Tower (the "Town Pump") at the intersection of Co. Rd. 23 and Waddell Rd.
Length: 1 hour and 1 mile of very easy walking.
Please: Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.
More Info: Fred Bertram at 315-781-0465 or Ann McDonnell at 716-396-3455

Creekside Walk and Picnic Lunch

An easy walk along the newly opened section of the rail trail. This walk is especially geared toward children. Kids will have a chance to get their feet wet exploring the creek. Bring a small backpack with your bag lunch, a pair of old sneakers you can get wet and an empty plastic bag. There will be a carpool leaving Canandaigua at 10:30AM from the Ontario County Courthouse rear parking lot. Walk leader will be Betsy Russell, Ontario Pathways president.

Date and Time: Sunday, August 17th, 11:00AM-1:00PM.
Location: Ontario Pathways parking area, Rt. 96, Phelps. 1/4 mile east of Midlakes High School and Rt.488 intersection.
Length: 2 hours with about 1 mile of walking.
Please: Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.
More Info: Betsy Russell at 716-394-7968

Hiking the Auburn Railroad Trail

Join Ontario Pathways as we visit a trail in Victor, NY that used to be part of the Auburn Railroad Line running between Canandaigua and Rochester. The Victor Hiking Trails organization, based in Victor, has been creating foottrails in the village and town of Victor for the past 5 years. The old Auburn Line has become part of that trail system. You will learn a little about the history of this line and you will also receive maps of all the trails in Victor so you can come back at your leisure and enjoy each one of them.

Hike leader TBA.

Date and Time: Saturday, September 6, 1997 at 9:00AM.
Location: Meet at the far end of Mickey Finn's (restaurant) parking lot off Maple Ave. in Victor right across the street from Victor Insulators.
Length: About 4 miles round trip. About 2 hrs. of easy to intermediate walking.
Please: Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.
More Info: Ann McDonnell at 716-394-7968

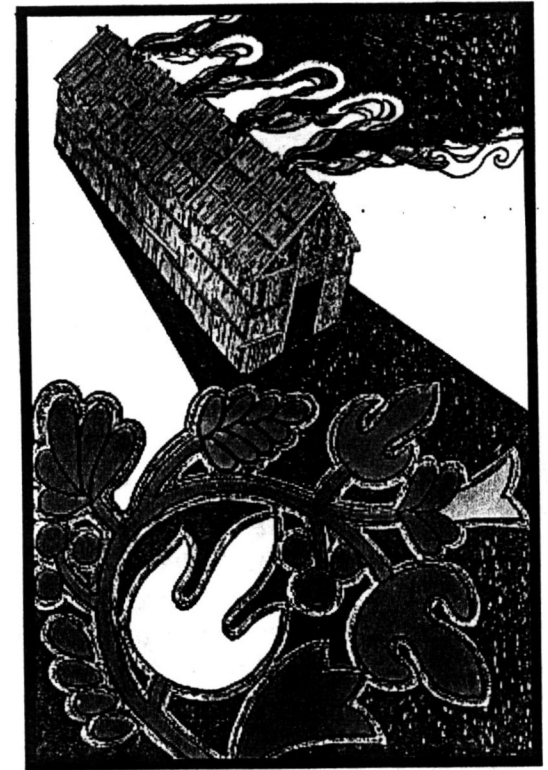
The Friends of
GANONDAGAN
 State Historic Site

The Friends of Ganondagan, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization which supports the many activities Ganondagan provides throughout its season from mid-May until the end of October. The Friends were incorporated in 1989. Its membership is made up of Native and non-Native people who are a part of the fastest growing Friends organization in the New York State Historic Site system. Since 1987 over 150,000 people have visited the site with attendance quadrupling in the last five years.

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New York State Office of
 Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
 1488 Victor-Holcomb Road
 Victor, NY 14564
 716-924-5848

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BARK LONGHOUSE

GIFTS TO GANONDAGAN

Eagle
 They fly the highest and are considered friends to the Haudenosaunee. We often refer to them as our protectors as they soar overhead and keep watch.

Hawk
 The hawk is a clan of the Seneca revered for its keen eyesight and beauty. We will refer to them as our visionary group.

Beaver
 The beavers, also a clan animal, are lodge builders and natural engineers admired because of their steady work in building a home.

Turtle
 The Haudenosaunee refer to North America as Turtle Island. Turtle supports our way of life and is a clan animal.

Gifts of \$5,000 or more

Gifts of \$1,500 - \$4,999

Gifts of \$100 - \$1,499

Gifts of \$10 - \$99

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ (Day)

_____ (Eve.)

Eagle Hawk Beaver Turtle

Please make checks payable to:
 Friends of Ganondagan and mail to:

Ganondagan
 P.O. Box 239
 Victor, NY 14564
 (716) 924-5848

Do you know there is an ancient Seneca Indian town in your neighborhood... and the people who lived there were key players in the North American fur trade?

If you answered "yes" then you are one of the few. If you or those you know answered "no," your response is one of the reasons why we need help getting the word out about this Seneca Town.

That town is Ganondagan, today a New York State Historic Site located in Victor, New York.

What is Ganondagan State Historic Site?

In 1964, Ganondagan was designated a National Historic Landmark; in 1966, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the only New York State Historic Site dedicated to a Native American theme, part of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation located in the Finger Lakes Region.

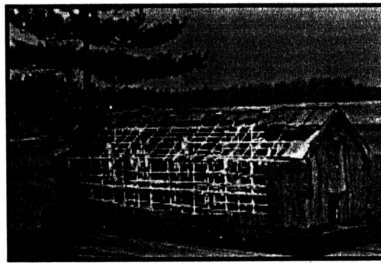
Heritage Tourism

The Finger Lakes Region of New York State is a major tourist destination. Ganondagan State Historic Site is the only Native American heritage tourism attraction in the area. With the Bark Longhouse, it is destined to bring many more visitors to our region. When completed it will present and preserve an accurate portrayal of Native Americans during the fur trade era as it existed over one hundred years prior to the founding of the United States.

The interpretive programs presented at the site enhance the unit on the Iroquois Confederacy which all area school children study in the fourth and seventh grades.

The Project

A Seneca Bark Longhouse of the type people lived in over three hundred years ago is being constructed there now. A piece of this town is being brought to life to teach your children and the community about the history of Native Americans indigenous to this area for thousands of years.



The folks at Ganondagan started the construction of an authentic, full scale, seventeenth century Bark Longhouse in April 1997; and it is scheduled to be completed by the Fall of 1998.

We are completely furnishing the interior as it was when Seneca people lived in a home of this type. A television documentary is being created to tell the story of the construction and its impact on our community.

The total project cost is \$364,000 of which, \$125,000 has been secured already for the construction of the Bark Longhouse. We must raise a matching amount of \$125,000 plus funding for the documentary of \$72,500 and the interior furnishings of \$41,500.

The distinguished Ancient Lifeways Institute of Michael, Illinois has been contracted to build the Bark Longhouse. This field school of Native American life and culture has constructed numerous traditional Native structures around the United States.

Ganondagan's Bark Longhouse will be the only one based on an actual 17th century Seneca home. It will be 65' long 20' wide and 20' wide high with four hearths, and two entrances.

Entering the Bark Longhouse will be a step into the past. Inside, handmade items including clothing made from moose hide, pottery, lacrosse sticks, dolls and foods will remind you of a life lived in harmony with the natural world.

European trade items, including a musket, cloth, blankets, iron tools and German stoneware will illustrate the results of fur trading three hundred years ago. Visitors will see, touch, and smell the life of this community's first inhabitants, the hardy Seneca people.

