

VHT Pathfinder

The Official Newsletter of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

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Scouts are Helping VHT

This is a great year for VHT for getting help on trail expansion and trail improvements from local scouts. Five young men and one young lady have volunteered to coordinate projects on our system of trails.

Sean Coleman has chosen to create a new trail behind the WalMart Plaza, running parallel to the Seneca Trail, but staying low, avoiding the big hill. This will also create a loop on the Seneca Trail, giving hikers an alternate path to take when hiking in that area. Sean marked the trail in the spring and will be leading a group of scouts and volunteers to clear the trail this fall. If you would like to help Sean, send him an email at charbenew@gmail.com.

Kaleb Harp is building a boardwalk and creating a new trail in Lehigh Crossing Park. He is working closely with Chauncy Young, VHT Trail Boss, to design and build the boardwalk through a wet area. The new trail will travel by the pond and cut through a heavily wooded section to connect with an existing trail. He expects to finish the project by November 1st.

Nyle Masoon is interested in building a small bridge and boardwalk on the Seneca Trail on the Apple Farm property. He is meeting with Chauncy to determine exact location and measurements before ordering the material and scheduling the construction.

George Heltz has committed to build a substantial bridge over a creek on Victor Hills Golf Course. The bridge will be 5 feet wide and approximately 40 feet long, with ramps on both sides. This project has been on the VHT "wish list" for many years, so we are very glad that George has decided to take on this major project. He is doing some fund raising to help pay for the materials and could use some help. Contact George at gheltz126@rochester.rr.com if you can contribute.

Laura Buggie will be building a boardwalk on the yellow trail behind Monroe Muffler on Route 96. This will give hikers an alternate trail between Doodle Bugs Daycare Center and Lehigh Crossing Park. Laura is doing this project as part of her Gold Award requirements for the Girl Scouts.

Spencer Kull has agreed to build a bridge over a creek by the Longhorn Restaurant, near Route 96. This bridge will enhance the Seneca Trail and make for a safer crossing of the trail. Spencer is working with Chauncy to get measurements of the span and then design the bridge based on similar bridges.

HIKES FOR 2015

VHT 2015 Officers:

Dave Wright— Chairman
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 Suzy Paquin— Secretary
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 Chauncy Young— Trail Boss
 Peter Ingalsbe— Membership
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 Coordinator
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October 10th— Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Hills Branch, south end

November 14th— Boughton Park

December 12th— Ontario County Park, new north trails

Note: Please check the message line at 585-234-8226 for details and last minutes updates. Also, if you join Meetup, Victor Hiking Trails, you will get notifications of hikes and other events, 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 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 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 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 last year 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.

VB Brewery helping VHT, you can too

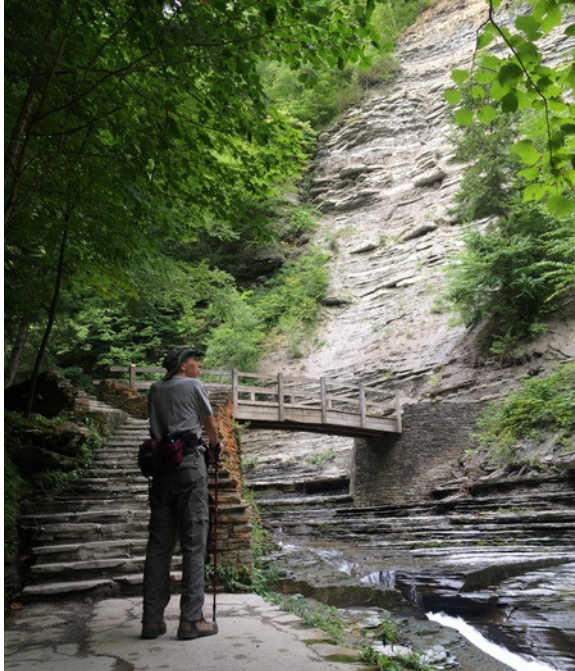
During the months of October, November and December, the employees at VB Brewery will donate half of their tips to VHT. And the company has decided to become a Corporate member, allowing all of the employees to be full members of VHT. Please stop in and thank them for their support.

On behalf of the entire VHT board, we thank the employees and management of VB Brewery.

Past Hikes

July 11— Robert H. Treman State Park. There were seven hikers. It was very scenic (one of the best series of falls in the area) with many hills and good ice cream at the end.

August 8— Stony Brook State Park. Four hikers ventured down to the park to hike the trails along the creek. There were plans to take a dip in the swimming area, but with a temperature of 58 degrees, no one was that anxious to jump in. Anita stayed to do some extra hiking and did go in, but only for a very short time.



Jeff Hennick at Stony Brook State Park.
Photo by Suzy.



Robert H. Treman State Park.
Photo by Clay.

September 5— Ring of Fire at Bare Hill. Eighteen folks from the Victor and Penfield areas drove to Bare Hill and hiked to the summit for the traditional bonfire at 9:00 P.M.

September 12— Hike in the Village. Due to the inclement weather, only two VHT board members toured around the Village and over to Victor Municipal Park. But in spite of the weather, VHT was at Hang Around Victor Day and talked to many people about our trails.



Bonfire at Bare Hill.
Photo by Suzy.

Upcoming Hikes

October 10— Bristol Hills Branch, Finger Lakes Trail. We will be hiking the south end of this section of trail. Fall colors should be near peak. Expect some hilly terrain with plenty of rest stops for water. Looking at 7 to 8 miles of hiking. If you are coming from the south, you can meet the group in Prattsburg on Route 53, in front of the Prattsburg Market Place, 2 S. Main St, Prattsburg, NY 14873 at 10 A.M.. We should return to Victor between 3:30 and 4:30 P.M.

November 14— Boughton Park. This park is owned by the towns of East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Victor. Purchased in 1990 from the Village of Fairport, it has remained a passive park used for hiking, biking, snowshoeing, fishing, bird watching and dog walking. It has two

separate ponds that used to be the water supply for Fairport. We will be hiking the trails around the perimeter of the park, about five miles, relatively flat and easy. If you are a resident of one of the three towns, be sure to get a mirror tag for your car. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9:00 A.M. to car pool to the trailhead. Or meet at the Boughton Road parking lot at 9:30 A.M.

December 12— Ontario County Park, north trails. The mountain bike club GROC has created several miles of new trails at the north end of the park. We will be hiking (or skiing if there is snow) these trails from 10:00 A.M. until noon. For those that want, we will stop for lunch at the Brown Hound Bistro in South Bristol for lunch.

VHT is now a Meetup Group

Now you can find VHT on Meetup. No cost to join.

This is another means of communicating our monthly hikes, weekly trail maintenance sched-

ule, scout projects and special events.

To join, search for Victor Hiking Trails Meetup or go to this:

<http://www.meetup.com/Victor-Hiking-Trails-Meetup/>

Mural Update

Our resident artist, Emily Waldman, has returned to college. Due to the rainy season, there were not many opportunities to paint on the wall. But she and her helpers made the best of it and really added a lot of detail to the steam engine. If you haven't seen it recently, take a walk on the Auburn Trail. It is about 1/4 mile north of Main Street Fishers. You can park behind the fire station. You can also check the website for updated pictures.



Emily with one of her helpers.

Trail Maintenance — 2015

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out and helped clear the trails of wild rose, Russian olive, sumac, and other invasive brush. We had a great turnout on Wednesday evenings. Usually 6 to 8 happy workers. Monday mornings were hit and miss during the season. Usually 3 to 5 would be able to make it. Saturday mornings had the poorest turnout. Sometimes just two people. We can't maintain 20 to 30 miles of trails with more help. If you enjoy hiking and biking on the trails, you need to get signed up on the Victor Trails Meetup page. All we ask for is an hour a week.

Special thanks goes to our Trail Boss Chauncy Young. He was at every session this year. He started an hour before the session and worked on the equipment for at least a half hour after each session. He bought a drink for everyone after the work was done. He put in extra sessions cutting down trees when they blocked the trails. He made sure all the equipment was in tip-top working order. He made sure that everyone who came to help had an important job. If it wasn't for Chauncy, the trails would not be as great as they are.

As we plan for the 2016 season, with more trails being add to the area, please let us know if you will be able to help keep the trails clear. Don't wait until next May. Make the commitment today.



The Santa Train Excursions are back!!!

Tickets are now available for the popular **Santa Train Excursions**, sponsored by Victor's Friends of the Railroad, Inc., to be held on Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29, 2015 in the Village of Victor, NY. Be sure to bring your camera for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will be along for the ride.

Excursion times are 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, and 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on Sunday. Tickets are \$18.00 and may be ordered from the website www.friendsoftherailroad.org. No ticket is required for lapsitters (age 2 and younger).

Check out the website at www.friendsoftherailroad.org or call Pat Palomaki at 585-742-8037 for more information.

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Then select Victor Hiking Trails Inc. as your charity. The funds will automatically be transferred to our VHT bank account. So the more we spend, the more Amazon will donate to VHT.

Let us know if you have any questions or problems.

New Membership Level

We now have a level for Corporate membership. For a mere \$100 per year a business can join and all the employees automatically become

members. When applying, a list of employees, with their home address and email address, should be attached to the membership form.

Trail Count and Survey

You may have noticed the trail counters (humans) on the Auburn and Lehigh Trails in August. We were collecting data on who uses the trails, if bike riders are wearing helmets, and what times of day are most popular.

We also had two different surveys for trail users as well as residents fill out and give us information about the trails. This was being done for two purposes. The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation asked us to participate in the state-wide trail count and a special survey for trail users. For several weeks we counted trail users on the Auburn and Lehigh Trails. Several boxes with the surveys and return envelopes were placed along the trails. Trail users could also complete the survey electronically. If you are a Victor Trail user and would like to go online to provide information for the state, go to <http://surveys.parks.ny.gov/s'trail-users/>.

When the NYSOPRHP has compiled all of the data, they will send us a report. This information is useful to us for making trail improvements. It is also helpful when VHT or the town applies for a grant to increase the miles of trails or to improve existing trails.

The second survey was part of the *Parks and Trails New York, Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grant* that we were awarded in April. We have been meeting with consultant Ed Flynn of Labella Associates to devise a plan to increase VHT membership, increase volunteer members, determine if we can build more sustainable trails in Victor and plan for the continuation of VHT.

There will be a public meeting in the near future to present the findings to the residents and decide how best to execute the plan. Check the town website, our website, Facebook, Meetup/Victor Trails and local newspapers for the location, date and time.

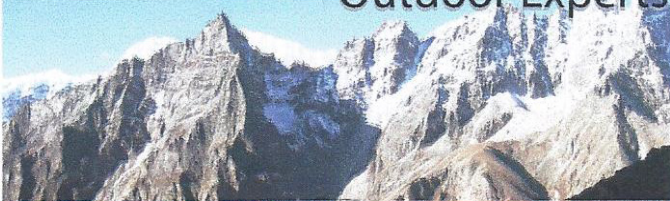
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