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National Trails Day in Victor, NY

Saturday, June 3rd will be the 25th time Victor Hiking Trails has been the host of a day of hiking in Victor. First started by the American Hiking Society in 1993, National Trails Day is a time to celebrate the trails in Victor.

This year will again feature three hikes in Victor, highlighting our accomplishments and new trails. The festivities will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Ganondagan State Historic Site Visitor's Center located at 7000 Boughton Hill Road (County Road 41). A free continental breakfast will be offered to all participants. Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Have a glass of juice or milk. There will be fresh fruit, bagels and pastries.

At 9:00 a.m. there will be some introductions and announcements. The first hike will take some of the trekkers on a fast-paced hike for about an hour. Another group of hikers will take a different trail at a slower pace, again for about an hour. A third group will be invited to tour the Visitor's Center to learn about the Seneca's way of life when they lived in this area. Everyone will return about 10:30 a.m. for snacks and drinks.

At 10:45 a.m. the three groups will rotate and head out on the trails again, returning around noon. Free pizza and drinks will be provided to all who can stay. Anyone who did not have a chance to see the Seneca displays will have time to do so. There will also be raffle prizes given away, thanks to many local businesses that support VHT.

At 1:00 p.m. there will be one more hike that will head over to Fort Hill and Dryer Road Park. The group will then travel north on a new trail to the Auburn Trail and Lehigh Crossing Park. Vehicles will be provided to take anyone back to the start, but the ones looking for a few more miles will hike back via the Auburn and Seneca Trails. Everyone who completes all three hikes will be eligible for a free VHT membership for one year.

In order for the volunteers to prepare the food and set-up, everyone is asked to register on the VHT Meetup page by June 1st. If you are not a member of Meetup yet, please join. It will send you any last minutes changes and a reminder of the date, time and place.

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VHT MONTHLY HIKES FOR 2017

April 8th – Rob’s Trail on 15A to Hemlock Lake
 May 13th – Vine Crest/Midlands & Beaumont, meet at old Fo-
 ley Road parking lot off Route 250 at 9:00 a.m.
 June 3rd – National Trails Day: Ganondagan, Seneca Art &
 Culture Center
 June 10th – ADK Expo, Mendon Ponds
 July 8th— Wesley Nature Preserve
 August 12th—Chimney Bluffs State Park
 September 2nd—Ring of Fire at Bare Hill, evening hike
 September 9th—Hang Around Victor, Village hike
 October 14th—Dryer Road Park to Lehigh Crossing Park
 November 11th—Powder Mills Park
 December 9th—Lucien Moran Park (Old Rifle Range)

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.**

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

January 14th— Oatka Creek Park. This gem of a park is definitely underutilized. Maybe because it is so far from local civilization. Seven VHT members and friends had a great hike on a mild January morning, covering 5 miles of the trails. After the hike a few stopped at the local coffee shop in Scottsville for some warm nourishment.



February 11th— Irondequoit Bay West Park. Lisa Roberts, our newest board member, volunteered to lead this hike. 14 hardy hikers followed her up and down the snow packed trails. Traction devises were a big help on the snow packed hills. Unlike some days in February this year, it was not 60 and sunny. It was a typical overcast and cool morning, but everyone enjoyed the hike.



Photo by Lisa Roberts

March 11th— Apple Farm to Boughton Park. 18 people attended the hike that was advertised as a 9 to 11 mile hike that was actually only 8 miles round trip. It had snowed a few days earlier and the ground was frozen, but the spirits were warm. Again, traction devices were recommended for the hills with the ice and slippery leaves under the snow. A repeat of this hike is scheduled for March 25th, hosted by Genesee Valley Hiking Group Meetup, led by Chauncy Young. Meet at the Apple Farm at 9:00 a.m. if you are interested.



Photo by Chauncy Young

April 8th— Rob’s Trail, Hemlock Section. This section of Rob’s Trail opened in 2016. It is a continuation of the trail that begins on the west shore of Canadice Lake, travels west up the steep hill to the top and continues west across a grassy field that used to be farmed. The property is owned by the Nature Conservancy and maintained by volunteers. At the end of this section is a kiosk with some informative signs telling about the history and nature that can be found on the property. The section that we will be hiking starts at the new parking lot on State Route 15A and winds down the hill to Hemlock Lake shoreline, a distance of 1.5 miles. At the bottom of the hill is a trail that runs north along the shoreline to the north end of the lake and the boat launch. We will

have a few vehicles parked there to transport hikers back to the trailhead. Total distance of the hike will be 4.8 miles.

May 13th – Vine Crest/Midlands & Beaumont. Meet at old Foley Road parking lot off Route 250 at 9:00 a.m. This loop hike will be about 5 miles, somewhat hilly, some woods and some meadows.

June 3rd— See page 1

June 10th— See page 5

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:

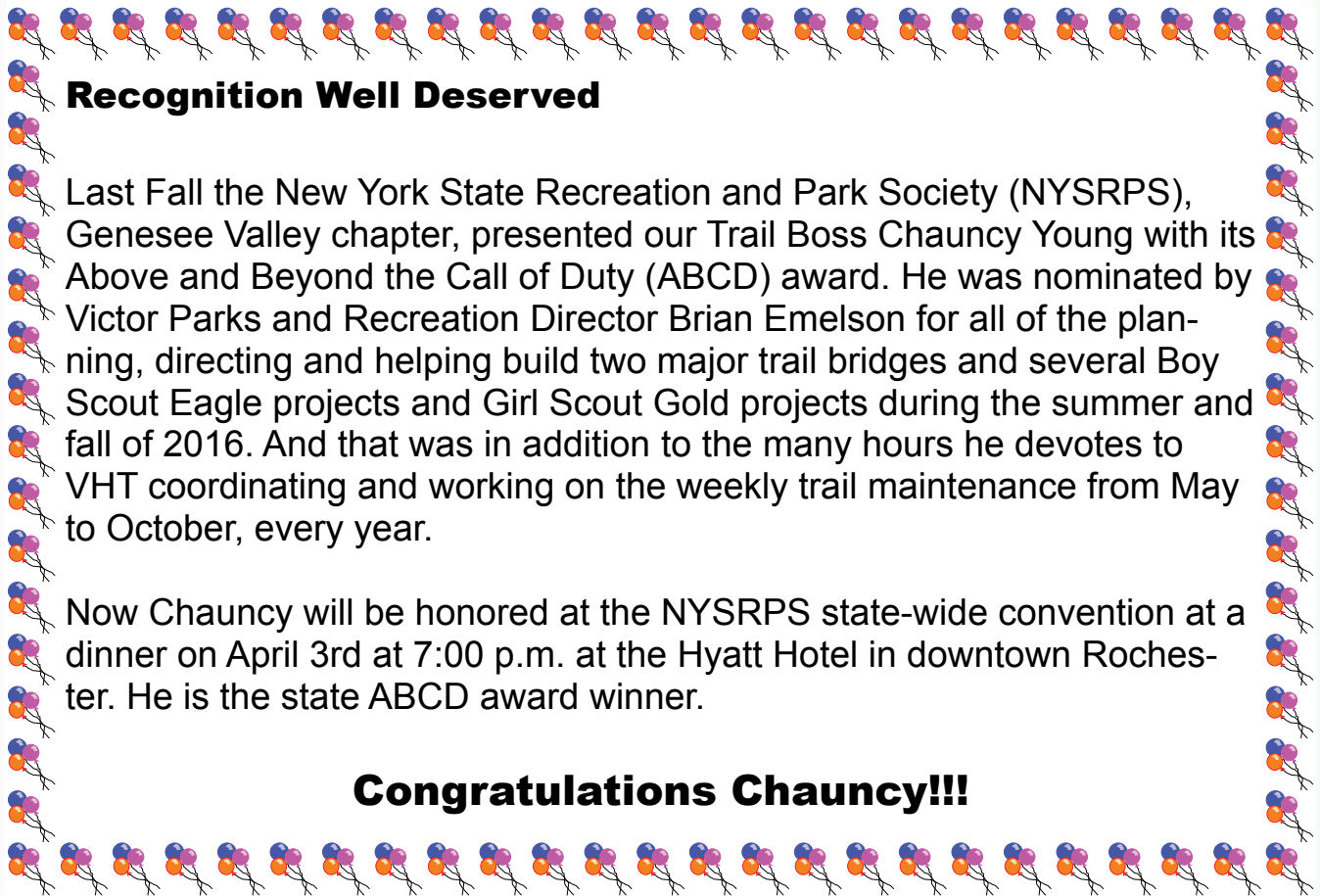
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Recognition Well Deserved

Last Fall the New York State Recreation and Park Society (NYSRPS), Genesee Valley chapter, presented our Trail Boss Chauncy Young with its Above and Beyond the Call of Duty (ABCD) award. He was nominated by Victor Parks and Recreation Director Brian Emelson for all of the planning, directing and helping build two major trail bridges and several Boy Scout Eagle projects and Girl Scout Gold projects during the summer and fall of 2016. And that was in addition to the many hours he devotes to VHT coordinating and working on the weekly trail maintenance from May to October, every year.

Now Chauncy will be honored at the NYSRPS state-wide convention at a dinner on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Rochester. He is the state ABCD award winner.

Congratulations Chauncy!!!



More Hikes and Events in Victor

April 8th— A Health and Wellness Expo will be held at the Pinnacle Sports Campus on Phillips Road from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. VHT will have a table promoting our trails and upcoming hikes. Stop by and say hello.

April 9th— Bike Ride on the Auburn Trail, celebrating Rails-to-Trails Conservancy opening day for rail trails. Meet at VB Brewery, 160 School Street in Victor at 10:00 a.m. for a ride to Powder Mills Park and back. Should return around noon, just in time for the Brewery to open.

April 22nd— Fishers Park and Domine Trails with the Genesee Valley Hiking Group, led by Chauncy Young. Meet at the tennis courts on Wangum Road at 9:00 a.m. and plan on 5-6 miles of hilly, fast paced hiking. Sign up on the GVHG Meetup page.

April 29th— Arbor Day at Victor Municipal Park, at 10:00 a.m. sponsored by the Victor Village Tree Board. Help plant 40 trees in the park to replace the Ash trees being removed because of the Emerald Ash Bore insect that is killing the trees. Receive a White Pine seedling from Chauncy Young.

May 7th— Educational Hike at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven, at 2:00 p.m. This is a VHT and Springwater Trails combined hike for all ages and abilities. Learn about the park and the bluebirds. The hike will include Monkey Run Trails for those interested. Bring your binoculars and camera for some bird sightings. Bring a dish to pass (or donate \$5.00) and enjoy a social dinner at 4:00 p.m. in the Butler Cottage.

May 13th— Nat Fisher Memorial Bridge Dedication. Meet at the tennis court parking lot on Wangum Road in Fishers at 3:00 p.m. for a special ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

May 27th— MaryFrances Bluebird Haven and Monkey Run Trails. This is another Genesee Valley Hiking Group sponsored hike in Victor. It will be a 4-5 mile moderate hike, covering all of the trails in both parks, searching for spring wild flowers. Meet at the Butler Cottage parking lot, 235 Victor-Egypt Road (County Road 9) at 9:00 a.m. You can register for the hike on the GVHG Meetup page.

June 10th— ADK Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds. This popular event is a great way to test out new outdoor equipment like canoes and kayaks. You can also learn about new camping gear, backpacking events and all types of outdoor activities. VHT will have a booth and display to spread the word about our multi-use trails and parks. We will be there from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and leading a hike in the park starting at 10:00 a.m. Stop by and say hello.

TBD— Bridge or boardwalk building. We have applied for a grant to build a small bridge on the Seneca Trail near the north end of Boughton Park. We should hear sometime in May if we are successful. With the funding secured, we will plan on the construction of the bridge and the improvements of several culverts where the trail goes through the woods on the Duvall property. Look for good news in the summer newsletter.

2017 Trail Maintenance and More Schedule

Check the VHT Meetup page for any last minute changes.

Sign up with the Volunteer Coordinator Suzy Paquin to help anytime.

Date	Time	Trail	Section
4/8/2017	9:00 AM	Monthly Hike	Robs Trail - Rte 15 to Hemlock Lake and Back
4/9/2017	10:00 AM	Bike Ride	Rails-To-Trails Conservancy - Open Day for Trails
4/28/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Seneca	Judson/Duval - Cherry St to Apple Farm & Boughton Park
4/29/2017	9:00 AM	Arbor Day	Victor Municipal Park - Plant trees
5/1/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Fishers Ridge - Willowbrook to Rt 96
5/3/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	High Point - County Line to High St
5/5/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Seneca	Behind Plazas - High Street to Willowbrook
5/8/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Dryer Rd to School St
5/10/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Monkey	Monkey Run all trails - come in gas line road
5/12/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Mixed	100 Acre & Blue Bird Sanctuary
5/13/2017	9:00 AM	Monthly Hike	Vine Crest/Midlands/Beaumont
5/13/2017	3:00 PM	Bridge Dedication	Fishers Park - Nat Fisher Bridge Dedication Ceremony
5/15/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Fishers Park	Fishers Park all trails including connecting trail to Lehigh
5/17/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Auburn	New Trail - Manitou Heights to Dryer Rd
5/19/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Boughton Rd (CR 41) thru the Apple Farm
5/22/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park, Omnitech & West from Rte 251
5/24/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Trolley	Trolley Trail - East from Rte 251 & Seneca to woods
5/26/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Mixed	Domine , Fishers Landing and FLCC Trails
5/29/2017	6:00 PM	Holiday	
5/31/2017	6:00 PM	TBD	Prep for National Trails Day?
6/2/2017	7:30 AM	TBD	Prep for National Trails Day?
6/3/2017	7:30 AM	National Trails Day	Ganondagan
6/5/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Judson - Cherry St to Apple Farm
6/7/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Duval - Cherry St to Boughton Park
6/9/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Seneca	Fishers Ridge - Willowbrook to Rt 96
6/10/2017	8:00 AM	ADK Expo	Booth and lead hike at 10 AM
6/12/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	High Point - County Line to High St
6/14/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Behind Plazas - High Street to Willowbrook
6/16/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Dryer Rd to School St
6/19/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Monkey	Monkey Run all trails - come in gas line road
6/21/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Mixed	100 Acre & Blue Bird Sanctuary
6/23/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Fishers Park	Fishers Park all trails including connecting trail to Lehigh
6/26/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Auburn	New Trail - Manitou Heights to Dryer Rd
6/28/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Boughton Rd (CR 41) thru the Apple Farm
6/30/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park, Omnitech & West from Rte 251
7/3/2017	6:00 PM	Holiday	
7/5/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Trolley	Trolley Trail - East from Rte 251 & Seneca to woods
7/7/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Mixed	Domine , Fishers Landing and FLCC Trails
7/8/2017	9:00 AM	Monthly Hike	Wesley Hill Nature Preserve
7/10/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Judson - Cherry St to Apple Farm
7/12/2017	6:00 PM	Maint: Seneca	Duval - Cherry St to Boughton Park
7/14/2017	7:30 AM	Maint: Seneca	Fishers Ridge - Willowbrook to Rt 96

Start Location Description

Meet Behind the Town Hall and carpool
 VB's Parking area at corner of Rawson Rd and School Street
 Trailhead past the barns on Cherry Street
 Park by pavilion - come into park from Brace Rd
 Fishers Ridge sign on Willowbrook just east of Rowley Rd
 Follow High Point Drive to top of the hill and west side of parking area
 Trailhead south end of Victor Crossing Plaza (Goodwill)
 Trailhead RG&E substation on Dryer Rd
 Trailhead on Valentine Rd
 Trailhead South end of Yale Court then move to other locations
 Crescent Trails Old Foley Rd parking area on Rte 250
 Tennis Court parking area - walk to bridge via trail north of courts
 Trailhead Main Street Fishers parking area
 Trail Head toward the southern end of Manitou Heights
 Metal Barns south of CR 41 just west of School St
 Lehigh Crossing Park parking area off Rte 251 about 1/4 south of Rte 96
 Trailhead on Rte 251 just north of the Auburn Trail
 Lehigh Trailhead where it crosses Wangum Rd

Visitors Center
 Trailhead past the barns on Cherry Street
 Trailhead past the barns on Cherry Street
 Fishers Ridge sign on Willowbrook just east of Rowley Rd
 Beach Parking area - Mendon Ponds Park
 Follow High Point Drive to top of the hill and west side of parking area
 Trailhead south end of Victor Crossing Plaza (Goodwill)
 Trailhead RG&E substation on Dryer Rd
 Trailhead on Valentine Rd
 Trailhead South end of Yale Court then move to other locations
 Trailhead Main Street Fishers parking area
 Trail Head toward the southern end of Manitou Heights
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 Fishers Ridge sign on Willowbrook just east of Rowley Rd



Anita mowing the trail. With proper training you too can be a Billy Goat operator.

Trail maintenance is healthy and fun. We have a great crew that works hard and plays hard. All dates are listed here on pages 5 and 6, on our website and Meetup page.

Sign up on Meetup for an evening or a morning workout. No charge.

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