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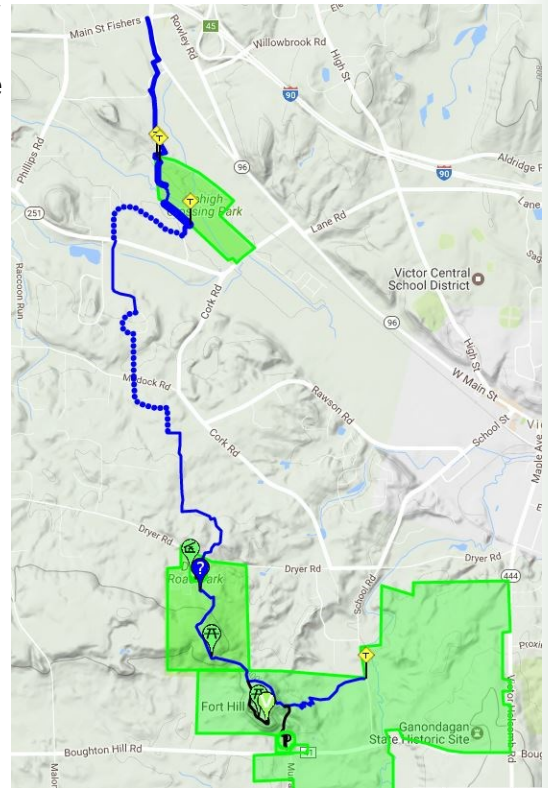
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We have a new trail!

Over the river and through the woods. OK, there is no river, but we have plenty of hills. And because we don't even have a creek to cross or a swamp to trudge through, this new trail was open to the public shortly after securing permission from the landowners.

Starting at Dryer Road Park and heading north, this new trail, officially known as Dryer Trail and blazed with blue paint and markers, travels all the way to the Auburn Trail and into Lehigh Crossing Park.

When you cross Dryer Road you enter the Kingsley property and pass through some lovely woods with rolling terrain. Then you step onto the Elder's property at the edge of a working farm field. Follow it until you reach a new development that was built with a conservation easement and a trail easement. Follow the signs and blazes out to the road, turn right and then left at the first street. Follow the signs and cross Modock Road at Warters Cove and go around the circle. Look for the sign inviting you to the trail that comes out on State Route 251 at Victor Heights Parkway. Follow the road around to FLCC, Victor Campus and look for the trail on your left that leads over to the Auburn Trail. From there you can enter Lehigh Crossing Park via the Beaver Bridge and a new boardwalk. If you want to, you can follow the blue trail to the Lehigh Trail and then decide if you want to continue on the Lehigh Trail, follow the Trolley Trail (also blazed blue) or head back to Fishers Park.



The interactive map for the new trail is on our website, along with all of our other trails. We invite you to walk or ride your bike on the trail and give us some feedback. Take pictures and add them to our website photo album. Tell your friends and neighbors to explore this trail as well as our other well established trails.

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VHT MONTHLY HIKES FOR 2017

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.

Changes on the Board

Barb Cole has new responsibilities in her position working for the Town of Victor and asked to step down as our Treasurer. We thank her for her time on our board. Peter Ingalsbe is the Town of Farmington Supervisor and has also taken on new responsibilities. We thank Pete for his time as our Membership Chair. After a selection process, Chairman David Wright appointed Ruth Rugaber as VHT Treasurer and Denni Harbaugh as Membership Chair. We thank them for volunteering to be on our board.

Past Hikes

April 8th – Rob’s Trail on 15A to Hemlock Lake. This new section of Rob’s Trail opened in 2016 and was created by and is maintained by The Nature Conservancy. From the parking area on State Route 15A the trail is downhill all the way to the shore of Hemlock Lake. The first 1/4 mile is usually wet and muddy, until you reach the woods. From there it is a single track trail meandering around the trees with a side trail to view a falls. When we reached the bottom of the trail we headed north, following a trail along the shoreline. After about a mile we came to an dirt and gravel road that was access for the cottages that were removed many years ago when the City of Rochester purchased the land and started using the lake as a source of drinking water. We finally reached the north boat launch parking area where we had left a vehicle to get us back up to the start of the trail. Total distance hiked was about five miles.

May 13th – Vine Crest/Midlands & Beaumont. Starting at the parking area on Mosley Road at the Old Foley Road, the group hiked on the Crescent Trails through the woods that surround the neighborhoods. Some of the hiking is on the road, but the hikers didn’t mind. The total hike was about six miles long and took two hours.

June 3rd – National Trails Day. Ganondagan State Historic Site and the Seneca Art & Culture Center was headquarters for our hikes and food nourishment. Approximately 50 hikers and 15 volunteers enjoyed a continental breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Hikers had a choice of a fast paced hike with Chauncy Young or a more moderate hike with Dave Wright or an opportunity to tour the Center and learn about the Seneca who once lived on these grounds. The majority went with Chauncy, returning around 10:30 a.m. for a snack and water break. When the groups repeated the hikes covering different trails at 10:45 a.m., Dave had a few more hikers. Unfortunately for the hikers, he made a wrong turn and went a few extra miles. At 12:30 p.m. the pizza arrived and the door prizes were awarded. Thanks to the many local businesses that support VHT we had more prizes than hikers, so everyone was happy. The last hike was on our newest trail, Dryer Trail. See page one for a description of the trail. All of the hikers who completed all 3 hikes, a total of at least 12 miles, was offered a free year membership to VHT.

June 10th – ADK Expo, Mendon Ponds. Chauncy led 5 hikers on a six-mile trek on the Mendon Ponds Trails. Good weather and many vendors made for another successful Expo.

See pages 4, 5 and 8 for photos.

VHT is now a Meetup Group

Now you can find VHT on Meetup. No cost to join. There are 654 members as of June 17.

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/>



May 13th hike on the Crescent Trails.



Trail Maintenance Volunteers enjoying after-hours refreshments.

More Hikes and Events in Victor

TBD— Bridge or boardwalk building. We have received a grant For \$1600 from the American Hiking Society to build a small bridge on the Seneca Trail near the north end of Boughton Park. We can now plan on the design and construction of the bridge and the improvements of several culverts where the trail goes through the woods on the Duvall property. We might even have a Boy Scout interested in doing this as an Eagle project.

July 16th, Dryer Road Park. Hike with the Genesee Valley Hiking Group (GVHG) led by Derek. This will be a moderate 5-mile hike starting at 10 a.m. in the parking lot.

August 19th— Twisted Branch 100K trail race. We will be manning a booth on the Bristol Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail at the DEC station on Route 245 in Naples. We need volunteers to hand out water and fruit to the runners. The good news is that because we are the first station, we will be done early. The bad news is that we have to be ready for the first runners, who are expected between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m. If you are an early riser and would like to see what type of people like to run 62.5 miles on trails, consider volunteering for this event.



Parking lot on 15A.



Fiberglass bridge on Rob's Trail.



Direction sign on Rob's Trail.



Hemlock Lake last fall.

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.

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
7/17/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	High Point - County Line to High St
7/19/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Behind Plazas - High Street to Willowbrook
7/21/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Dryer Rd to School St
7/24/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Monkey	Monkey Run all trails - come in gas line road
7/26/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Mixed	100 Acre & Blue Bird Sanctuary
7/28/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Fishers Park	Fishers Park all trails including connecting trail to Lehigh
7/31/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Auburn	New Trail - Manitou Heights to Dryer Rd
8/2/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Boughton Rd (CR 41) thru the Apple Farm
8/4/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park, Omnitech & West from Rte 251
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8/9/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Judson - Cherry St to Apple Farm
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8/12/2017	8:00 AM Monthly Hike	Chimney Bluffs
8/14/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Fishers Ridge - Willowbrook to Rt 96
8/16/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	High Point - County Line to High St
8/18/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Seneca	Behind Plazas - High Street to Willowbrook
8/19/2017	4:30 AM Twisted Branch	Manning the Naples Aid Station Rte 245
8/21/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Ganondagan - Dryer Rd to School St
8/23/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Monkey	Monkey Run all trails - come in gas line road
8/25/2017	7:30 AM TBD	
8/28/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Mixed	100 Acre & Blue Bird Sanctuary
8/30/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Fishers Park	Fishers Park all trails including connecting trail to Lehigh
9/1/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Auburn	New Trail - Manitou Heights to Dryer Rd
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9/8/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park, Omnitech & West from Rte 251
9/9/2017	8:00 AM Hang Around Victor	HAVD with booth in Mead Square - Hike starts 11 AM
9/11/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Judson - Cherry St to Apple Farm
9/13/2017	6:00 PM Maint: Seneca	Duval - Cherry St to Boughton Park
9/15/2017	7:30 AM Maint: Seneca	Fishers Ridge - Willowbrook to Rt 96

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
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
Meet Behind the Town Hall and carpool
Trailhead past the barns on Cherry Street
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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
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Fishers Ridge sign on Willowbrook just east of Rowley Rd



A “short cut” across a field at Ganondagan on NTD.



Coming up a hill on the access road.



One of the groups that enjoyed National Trails Day.

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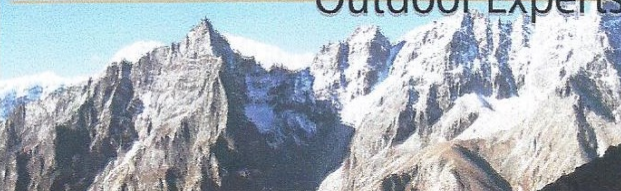
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