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Victor Hiking Trails
Spring 2022

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All Things Trails and National Trails Day®

Put Saturday, June 4th on your calendar and come to Victor Village to help us celebrate All Things Trails and National Trails Day®. As we hope you know, Victor Hiking Trails (VHT) is celebrating 30 years of trail building and maintenance in Victor. This will be a full day of guided hikes, bike rides, live music, great food and drinks, and special awards presented to the folks that helped create VHT.

June 4th is National Trails Day® in Victor. VHT has been participating in this event since 1995 as a way to celebrate trails in Victor. This year there will be several guided hikes beginning at 11:00 A.M. in the Victor Farmington Library parking lot, 15 West Main Street. Or if you prefer, you can take part in a guided bike ride on the trails.

After the hikes and bike rides, return to the library where a variety of food and drink choices will be available.

Beginning at 2:00 P.M. live music will be provided by “47 South” and the Beatles tribute band “Mr. Mustard”. The first annual Victor Hiking Trails Hall of Fame induction ceremony will begin at 4:30 P.M.

Trail related organizations and vendors will be on hand from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M. to answer any questions you might have about trails in our region.



Lehigh Crossing Park photo by Dave Wright

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VHT MONTHLY HIKES**2022 Hikes**

Mar 27, 2 PM– Valentown Museum

Apr 9, 9 AM– Rob's Trail

Apr 14 6 PM- Sustainability Seminar, P&R in person or Zoom

Apr 16, 2 PM– Sustainability Hands On, Dryer Road Park

Apr 24, 2 PM– Wildflowers

May 14, 9 AM– Letchworth Park

May 22, 2 PM– Migrating Bird Watching

Jun 4, 11:00 AM– National Trails Day and All Things Trails

Jun 11, 9 AM– Bike ride on the Greenway

Jun 11, 9 am to 3 PM– ADK_GVC Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds

Jun 26, 2 PM– Railroad Bridges in Victor

July 9, 9 AM– Canandaigua Vista and Onanda Park

Jul 31– Geology in Mendon Ponds Park

Aug 13, 9 AM– Outlet Trail Bike Ride

Aug 28, 2 PM- Hungry Bear Farms, 868 Newell Road, Middlesex

Sept 3, 5:30 PM– Ring of Fire at Bare Hill, Middlesex

Sept 10, 8 AM– VHT Challenge Hike on the Seneca Trail

Sept 4, 2PM- Talulah's Fancy, 1076 Route 15A Honeoye Falls

Oct 30, 2 PM– Cobbs Hill Old Growth Forest

Nov 20, 2 PM– Historic Churches of Canandaigua

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 2021. 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

Jan 1, 10 AM– Auburn Trail North. Great turnout of hikers for the first hike of 2022. It was cold but everyone was prepared. Hiked the Auburn Trail from Main Street Fishers to Powder Mills Park and back, about five miles. Some continued on to Domine Trails and back.



Photo by Dave Wright



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Photo by Paul Knerr

Jan 8, 9 AM– Helen's Way. Finally got some snow to hike in, giving the trekkers an opportunity to look for animal tracks. After the 2-mile hike at Helen's Way, a few of the group drove over to MaryFrances Bluebird Haven for another mile hike.



Photo by Dave Wright

Jan 30, 2 PM– Woodworking Shop Tour. The first educational hike of 2022 was fantastic. Dean Spychalski, our host, is a retired police officer and excellent woodworker. He gave the group a tour of his shop, explaining all of the equipment and how it is used to transform the raw, rough-cut wood into a finished product. Dean makes unique household items with no fasteners as well as custom commissioned projects.



Photo by Jeff Miller



Photo by Lisa Roberts

Past Hikes continued

Feb 5, 10 AM to 12 PM– Victor Parks & Rec Winterfest.

There was plenty of snow for the adventurous hikers that went to Fishers Park. The Happy Pirates entertained the little tykes and their parents. And there were activities for the teens as well. VHT had a few folks interested in learning about the trails and some of the kids and adults tested their knowledge about animal tracks in the snow.



Photos by Paul Knerr

Feb 12, 9 AM– Abe Lincoln Park, Penfield.

22 winter hikers enjoyed a five mile hike up and down the hills, some of it bushwhacking through deep snow. This hike was a real workout. A few hungry hikers stopped at Browncroft Family Restaurant.



Photo by Agnieszka



Photo by Dave Wright

Feb 27, 2 PM– Cumming Nature Center.

The goal of this educational hike was to identify animal tracks in the snow. There was plenty of snow and many deer tracks that were easy to identify. With the fresh snow from the night before it was difficult to see other tracks, but our guide helped us find other signs of wildlife. The telltale observations of the presence of beaver along the creek and pond were abundant. A stop at Simply Crepes completed the afternoon.



Photo by Lisa Roberts



Photo by Jeff Miller

Mar 12, 9 AM– Ganondagan State Historic Site and Seneca Trail.

A beautiful morning hike with 3-4 inches of fresh snow to play in made for a great hike. 18 trekkers covered 5 miles in about 2.5 hours. It was great to see two youngsters making snow angels and having fun on the hike.



Photo by Alicia A.

PTSA Spring Hike

On Saturday, March 19th, the Victor Parents, Teachers and Students Association hosted a *Hike with a Tyke* at Ganondagan State Historic Site. The group enjoyed watching a video of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Creation Story and touring the museum. The participants then split up into groups based on age and ability for a hike led by VHT leaders. The theme was to find things that show that Spring is arriving. Refreshments at the Visitor's Center was greatly appreciated.



Looking for sap from the sugar maple tree.
Photo by Lisa Roberts

Victor Farmington Library Walkers



Selfie by Dave Wright

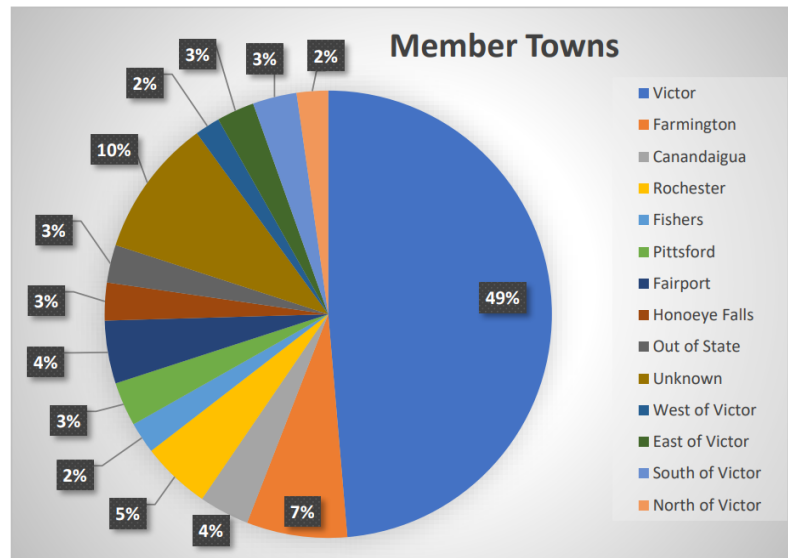
VHT and the library decided to keep hiking all winter as long as the weather cooperated. So every week on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. a group of well prepared individuals met at the library and decided where they wanted to walk. They have covered almost all of the village, Lehigh Crossing Park and Victor Municipal Park. As the weather gets nicer they will be going to more Victor parks to discover more trails and interesting flora and fauna. Join them for the walk and lunch at the Busy Bean.



Photos of Victor Municipal Park taken by Lisa Roberts

Interesting Facts About VHT Members

Town	Members
Victor	107
Farmington	16
Canandaigua	8
Rochester	11
Fishers	5
Pittsford	7
Fairport	10
Honoeye Falls	6
Out of State	6
Unknown	22
West of Victor	4
East of Victor	6
South of Victor	7
North of Victor	5



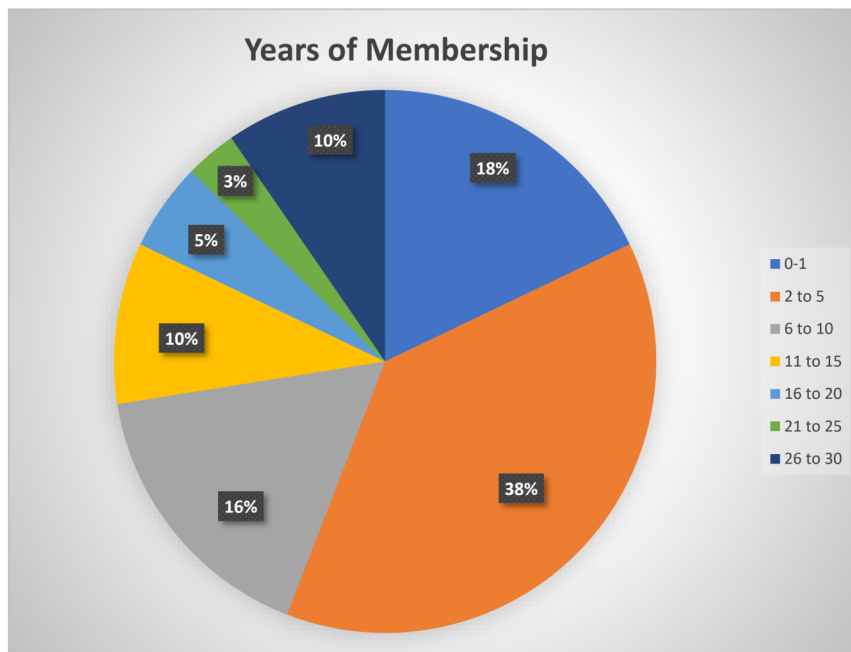
West of Victor includes West Henrietta, Spencerport and Mendon

East of Victor includes Macedon, Manchester, Phelps, Walworth and Newark

South of Victor includes Bloomfield, Naples, Hornell, Springwater and Honoeye

North of Victor includes Penfield and Webster

Years	Members
0-1	41
2 to 5	87
6 to 10	38
11 to 15	22
16 to 20	12
21 to 25	7
26 to 30	22



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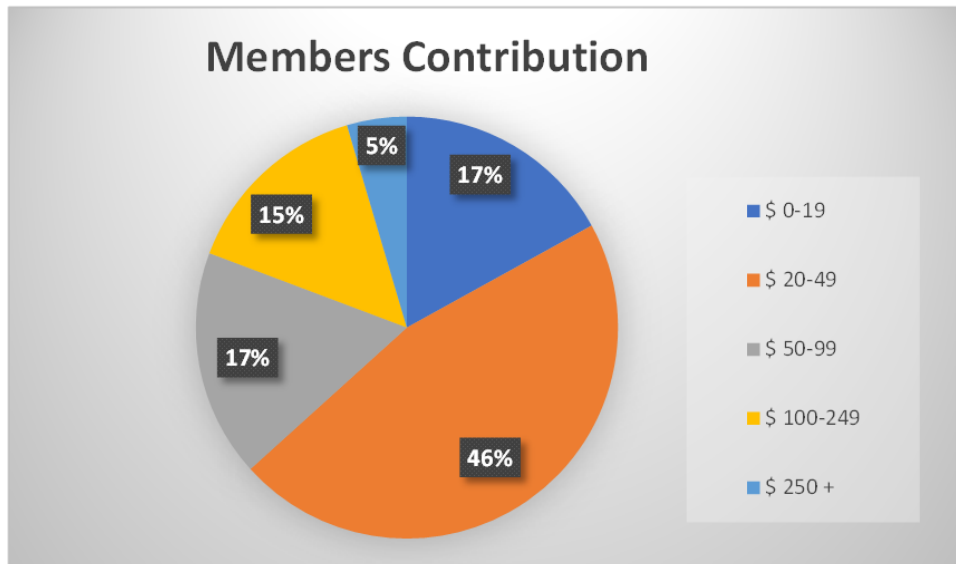
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Trail Maintenance

The days are getting longer and warmer. It won't be long before the dedicated trail volunteers are out there sprucing up the trails. Some of the trails didn't get the leaves blown off, so the crew will be doing that. All of the trails will get the painted blazes touched up. Some of the road crossings need signs. When the leaves start to blossom it will be time for the gas-powered hedge trimmers and heavy-duty mowers.

If you use the trails for walking your pets, please cleanup after them. If you are hiking, running or biking, don't use the trails that tend to be muddy in the Spring. Use the Auburn and Lehigh Valley Trails as they are wider and built to drain well.



If you use the trails, consider coming out to one of our trail maintenance sessions. They are only 1.5 to 2 hours long, with an opportunity for some after work refreshments and comradey. You will see how easy it is when there are many hands doing the work. And if you attend three sessions you will have earned one of the coveted Trail Maintenance tee shirts. Check the VHT Meetup page for dates, times and starting location. Hope to see you on the trails.



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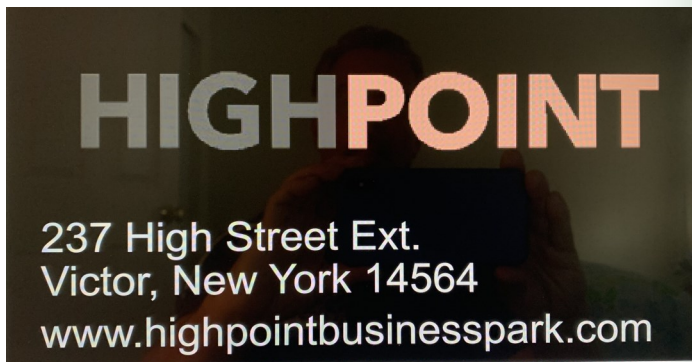
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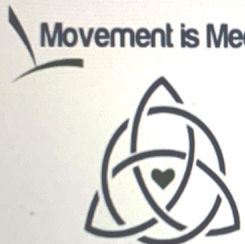
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