



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

May 28, 1998

The meeting called to order at 7:34 PM with the following members present:
Dave Wright Jeff Hennick Dave Coleman
Carol MacInnes Chauncy Young

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Approved as written. Dave Coleman arrived late and noted that we had Larry Fisher listed twice and had omitted Dave Coleman. Correction noted.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account:	284.69	Expenses in Apr.:	8.60
Savings account :	5114.05	Income in Apr.:	119.85
Total:	5398.74		

Membership:

Welcome to 3 new family memberships: Ron & Joan Weetman, Mike & Bea Wolford, Curtis & Elaine Mast.
Total memberships are 143.

Publicity:

Dave sent a press release to the local papers regarding our National Trails Day hike on June 6. Jeff Hennick will write a press release for our Bergen Swamp Hike on June 13.

Historian:

Dave W. submitted articles about our hikes and the Freeman's new book on the Bruce Trail. Also some photos of our March hike at Letchworth and the Tiger Cubs hike at Monkey Run.

Newsletter:

Amy promised to have the newsletter ready for the printer by 5-31-98.

Trailmaster's Report:

Carol called Louise Slaughter's office regarding the Boston to Buffalo Woman's Heritage Trail. It is strictly an auto route. They were not interested in hiking.

Regarding the Interchange Heights easement, Carol said that Jane Luce recommended that we wait until they come before the planning board.

Carol tried to find a trail from Powder Mills Park to Victor, to tie into our trails. It was very muddy and overgrown. She will try again when conditions are more suitable.

Trailboss' Report:

Larry told Dave W. that he had met with Brian Powers and another engineer from Sear-Brown to discuss saving our stone bridge in Fishers. They said it would be very difficult to get an engineering firm to become involved because of the uncertainty of the foundation of the bridge. They suggested building a steel footbridge adjacent to the stone bridge, using used steel to keep the cost down. Larry will pursue this approach.

Larry needs to meet with Devin Branca to see if the boardwalk in the wetlands is complete.

Last Hike:

There were 18 hikers who enjoyed a beautiful spring walk at Chimney Bluffs near Sodus. Many wildflowers were observed, although the trillium were fading fast.

Old Business:

Hang Around Victor Day, Sept. 12 - Dave W. talked to Sue Stehling regarding two adjacent booths, one for us and one for Post 215. She said it would not be a problem, just put a note on the applications. We agreed to pay the \$25.00 fee for the post. Dave W. will call Bruce Mellen and then fill out the applications. Chauncy will submit them with a check.

New Business:

Dave sold another Hiking book and three History books.

The Dowling property has been rezoned, allowing more shopping stores at Route 96 and Turk Hill Rd. There is an opportunity to save some of the woods.

Ontario Pathways is sponsoring several hikes (see insert).

Sat. June 6 @ 2pm. Park at Midlakes High School, Rts. 96 and 488 west of Phelps. 2 mile easy walk on new section.

Sat. July 11 @ 9pm. Full Moon Walk. Same as June 6 hike.

Sun. Aug. 9. Keuka Outlet Trail hike and picnic. Meet @ Ontario Pathways parking area (200 Ontario St., Canandaigua) @ 10:30am. Bring lunch.

Sun. Sept. 20. Off and On Road Bike Ride. 18 miles on & off Ontario Pathways trails. Meet @ Ontario Pathways Parking Area @ 9am. Limited to 20 riders. Call Betsy Russell @ 394-7968 for reservations.

Bike Week is June 1 through June 7.

Rich and Sue Freeman's new bike book will be available June 10. They have offered us \$5.00 for every book sale we make. A special coupon will be mailed to all members. See letter and coupon attached.

Dave C. wanted to know what we can do about the motorized vehicles on our trails. We suggested talking to the riders if possible and politely informing them that they

should not be riding on the trails. If they are uncooperative, report them to the Sheriff.

Carol wanted to know who made our patches. Dave W. will check our records.

Next Hike:

June 6-Ganondagan to Fishers Firehouse 1. Meet @ firehouse @ 8:45am and carpool to Ganondagan.

June 13- Bergen Swamp. Meet @ Town Hall @ 9am.

Next Meeting:

June 25, 1998, 7:30PM at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: 8:58pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wright

VHT CALENDAR

June 6, 9am	- National Trails Day. Ganondagan to Fishers hike
June 6, 2pm	- Ontario Pathways hike.
June 13, 9am	- hike Bergen Swamp
June 21	- Rails-to-Trails ride along the Auburn Trail
June 25	- Next meeting
July 11, 9am	- hike Conklin's Gully
July 11, 9pm	- Ontario Pathways Full Moon Walk
Aug. 8, 9am	- hike Turning Point Park, Lower Genesee River
Aug. 9, 10:30am	- Ontario Pathways Keuka Outlet Trail hike
Aug. 28-30	- Adirondack Adventure
Sept. 5, 6pm	- Ring of Fire hike, Canandaigua Lake
Sept. 12	- Hang Around Victor Day
Sept. 20, 9am	-Ontario Pathways Bike Ride

Take A Hike



on the **Ontario Pathways Rail-Trail**

**Summer
1998**

Trail Grand Opening- National Trails Day

What better way to celebrate National Trails Day than to join us as we hold a Grand Open Tour of the newest trail segment located at RT. 96 in Phelps, NY. Three restored railroad bridges will be dedicated at this time. Enjoy the excitement of a horseback patrol, scavenger hunt for children, refreshments and a tour of the trail.

Date and Time: Saturday, June 6th, 2:00 PM
Location: Park at Midlakes High School at the corner of rts. 488 and 96. A shuttle will take you to the trailhead.
Length: About 2 hours. 1 1/2 miles of easy walking
Please: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets please.
More info: Contact Betsy Russell at 716-394-7968 or Jean Naukaum 315-548-5125

Fireflies and Full Moon Walk

Back by popular demand, Fred Bertram's fascinating and informative firefly evening on the rail trail in Phelps, our newly opened and dedicated section. Enjoy both the light of the full moon and the glow of the many species of fireflies found in this area.

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 and lives in Geneva.

Date and Time: Saturday evening, July 11th at 9:00PM
Location: Meet at Ontario Pathway parking area, Rt.96, Phelps NY-1/4 mile east of Midlakes High School and Rt. 488 intersection.
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

Hike and Picnic at Keuka Outlet Trail

Back in 1884 the sounds of the Seneca Mill Paper Mill and the nearby waterfall could be heard by people passing by. Join members and friends on a summer hike along the Keuka Outlet Trail as we hike to the site of this historic landmark.. Hikers from Canandaigua will meet at the Ontario Pathway parking lot (10:30AM) at 200 Ontario St. and caravan to Pudgie's parking lot in Penn Yan 14A. Denny Cunningham, Ontario Pathway board member and avid hiker, will lead the way as we walk three miles to the Seneca Mill Site and enjoy our picnic lunches. It will be your choice to walk the three miles back or return on a shuttle.

Date and Time: Sunday, August 9th, 11:30 AM in Penn Yan
Location: Trailhead parking lot behind Pudgie's Pizza on Rt. 14A, Penn Yan NY.
Length: 2-3 hours. 3-6 miles of hiking.
Please: Bring a picnic lunch. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. No Pets, please.
More info: Contact Ann McDonnell at 716-396-3455

Off and On Road Bike Ride for the Serious Cyclist

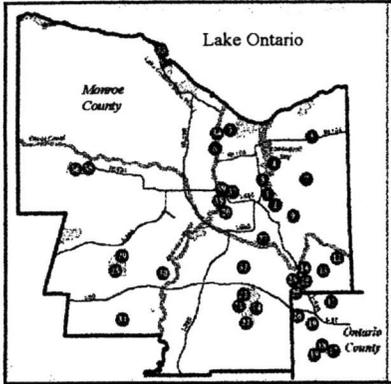
This beautiful ride will be both off and on the road taking in four scenic sections of the Ontario Pathways Rail Trail plus several back country roads in Ontario County. Jennifer Fox, manager of Park Avenue Bike Shop in Canandaigua, will lead the 18 mile ride. Cyclists will be treated to a picnic lunch after the ride plus a shuttle back to the starting point in Canandaigua. (limited to 20 riders)

Date and Time: Sunday, Sept. 20th, 9:00AM
Location: Meet at Ontario Pathways Parking Area, 200 Ontario St., Canandaigua
Length: About 3 1/2 hours. Approximately 18 miles
Please: Mountain or Hybrid bike, helmets mandatory, water bottle
More info: Contact Betsy Russell to make reservations at 716 394-7968

Support Victor Hiking Trails AND Enjoy Local Hiking and Biking
 (\$5 from each book ordered will be donated to VHT)

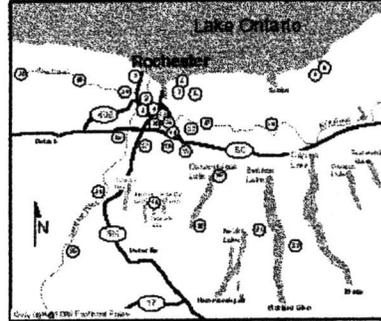
Take A Hike!
Family Walks in
the Rochester Area

Perfect for everyone who wants to explore local trails and learn more about the history and geology of the Rochester area. From lost cities to farm lanes, this book explores a variety of interesting walks. Whether young or young at heart, you'll enjoy each of the 40+ trails ranging from 0.5 mile to 7 miles long.



Take Your Bike!
Family Rides in the
Rochester Area

Includes maps for over 260 miles of fun and healthful biking adventures for people of all ages and abilities. The 30 bike trails are mostly off-road and all safe for family rides. Included are: the Erie Canal Trail, paved bike trails in Greece and Webster, and many newly converted railroad trails. No need to have a mountain bike; any sturdy bicycle will be fine to begin your adventures.



Special price for VHT members: \$17 per book

(includes shipping and \$5 donation to VHT)

Quantity

_____ Take A Hike! Family Walks in the Rochester Area
 _____ Take Your Bike! Family Rides in the Rochester Area

Checks payable to Footprint Press for \$17 per book

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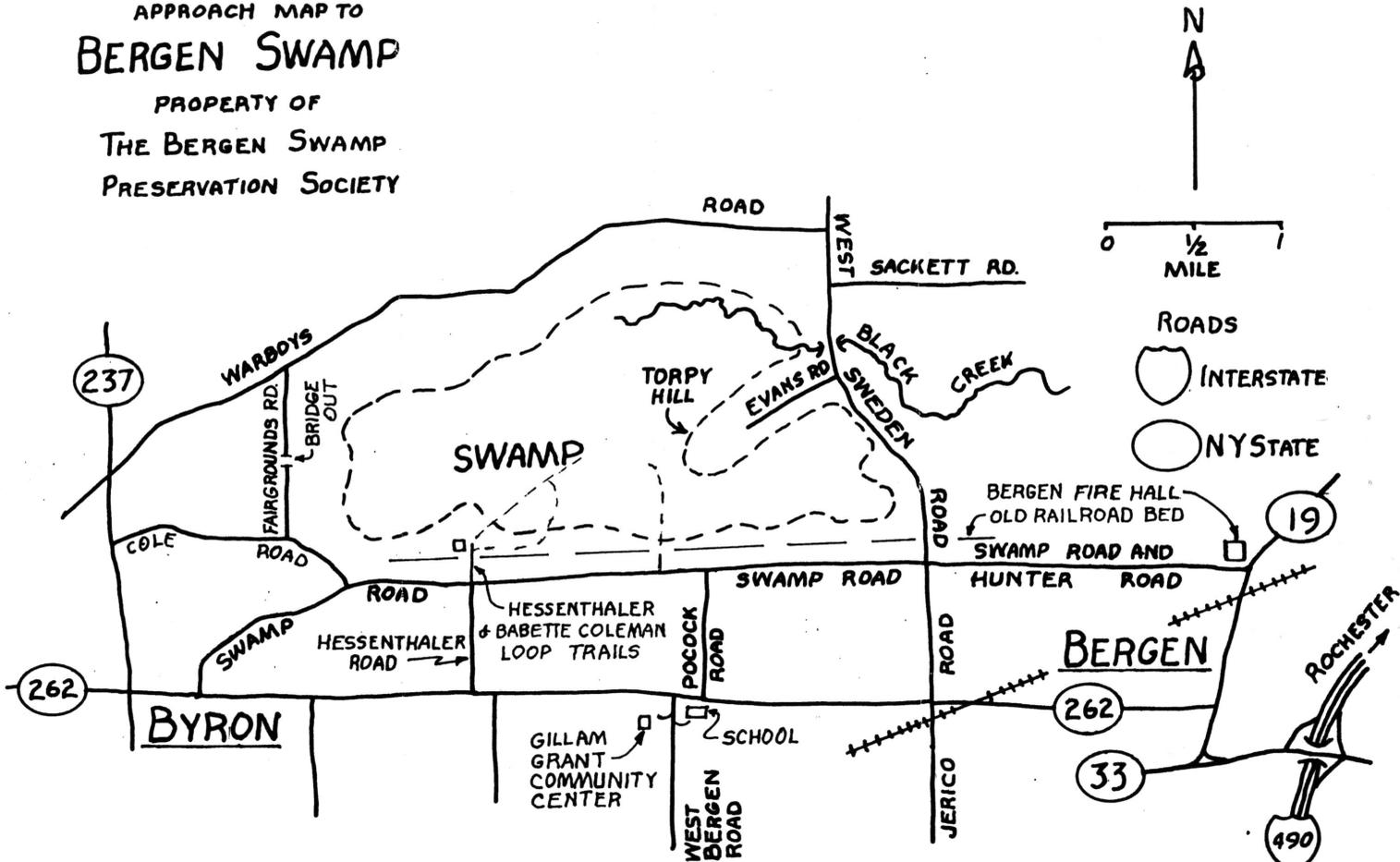
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APPROACH MAP TO
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DISTANCE ROCHESTER
 CITY LINE TO TRAIL
 ENTRANCES APPROX. 17 MILES

B.S.P.S.
 11/95 S. WEBER

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Date: 5/14/98

TO: BPAC Members

FROM: Dave Schaeffer, Steering Committee
Friends of the Canalway Trail

RE: NEW YORK STATE CANAL CRUISE AND TRAIL TREK

Please refer to the attached announcement of a June 1998 Cruise and Trek along the Erie Canal and Canalway Trail. The NYS Canal Corporation flagship "Grand Erie" will lead the core group as it travels across the State.

The planned schedule for Monroe County is as follows:

				Approx. Miles
Thursday June 11	4:00 pm	Arrive	} Village of Brockport (Main St. at canal)	}
	5:00 pm	Leave		
	6:15 pm	Arrive	} Village of Spencerport (Union St. at canal)	} 8
Friday June 12	9:15 am	Leave		
	10:00 am	Arrive	} Town of Greece (Canal Park or Henpeck Park)	} 3½
	11:00 am	Leave		
	12:30 pm	Arrive	} City of Rochester (Corn Hill, Exchange Blvd.)	} 10
	2:00 pm	Leave		
	3:00 pm	Arrive	} Town of Henrietta Lock #33 (Edgewood Ave.)	} 6½
	3:30 pm	Leave		
	3:45 pm	Arrive	} Town of Pittsford Lock #32 (Clover St.)	} 1½
	4:15 pm	Leave		
	4:45 pm	Arrive	} Village of Pittsford (N. Main St.)	} 2
	5:45 pm	Leave		
	6:45 pm	Arrive	} Village of Fairport (N. Main St.)	} 6½
Saturday June 13	10:00 am	Leave		
	11:15 am	Arrive	Village of Macedon Lock #30 (Rt. 350)	} 7

If you or others you know would like to participate in the event by welcoming the cyclists and boaters at a scheduled stop, staging a performance or exhibit, or cycling, jogging or boating along with the core group for part of the event, please call me locally at (716) 223-3878 or Pat Greenfield in Albany at (518) 471-5010.

A limited number of people, with bicycles or walking shoes, may be pre-registered to board the Grand Erie at one of the scheduled stops, cruise to the next stop, then cycle or hike back along the canalway trail. For this arrangement you should call or write to me c/o the Crescent Trail Association, voice mail (716) 234-1621 or P.O. Box 1354, Fairport, NY 14450 no later than June 1. Reservations will be made on a first-received basis.

Dave S.

TENTATIVE 1998 CANAL CRUISE AND TRAIL TREK SCHEDULE

Date (June)	Begin at:	Pass Through:*	End at:	Est. Mileage:**
Wed 10	Tonawanda	Lockport Middleport	Medina	35
Thurs 11	Medina	Albion Holley Brockport	Spencerport	30
Fri 12	Spencerport	Greece Rochester Pittsford	Fairport	25
Sat 13	Fairport	Palmyra Newark	Lyons	25
Sun 14	Lyons	Clyde Montezuma	Seneca Falls	25
Mon 15	Seneca Falls	Baldwinsville	Syracuse	40
Tues 16	Syracuse	Brewerton	Sylvan Beach	30
Wed 17	Sylvan Beach	Rome Utica	Frankfort	35
Thurs 18	Frankfort	Little Falls St. Johnsville Fort Plain	Canajoharie	30
Fri 19	Canajoharie	Fonda Schoharie Cross. Amsterdam Rotterdam	Schenectady	35
Sat 20	Schenectady	Niskayuna Colonie Halfmoon	Waterford	20

*The Trail Trek will follow the historic Erie Canal route through Port Byron, Weedsport, Jordan, Camillus, Dewitt, Chittenango, and Canastota. It will rejoin the Canal Cruise group in Syracuse and Rome.
 ** Canal Cruise and Trail Trek distances are approximately the same.

Trail Maintenance '98

We Need Your Help!

Every Thursday evening at 6:00PM (except the week of our monthly meeting when we will meet on Wednesdays) from May to October we need volunteers to perform trail maintenance. Volunteers should come equipped with sturdy shoes, pruning shears, small pruning saw or loppers. Expect to experience an enjoyable evening outside with other members of Victor Hiking Trails. We welcome owners of weedwackers and gas powered hedge trimmers to volunteer their use on the trails. The work usually is not hard and typically lasts one hour. Please feel free to work all or just part of a shift. Give me a call if you have questions or want to know if maintenance has been canceled because of weather. Larry Fisher 924-5803

Date	Trail	Trail Head Location	Tasks
5/7	Lehigh	Old Dutch Road	Collect Trash (Bring Pickup Trucks)
5/14	Lehigh	Wangum Road	Collect Trash (Bring Pickup Trucks)
5/21	Auburn	Mickey Finn's Parking lot	Install Sign, check trail condition
5/27	Auburn	East Victor Road	Prune, Mow to Break of Day Rd.
5/28	Meeting		
6/4	Auburn	School Street	Prune, Mow to Great Brook
6/11	Seneca	Dryer	Prune, Mow into Ganondagan
6/18	Seneca	Fishers Fire Dept. House 2	Prune, Mow to Willow Brook Rd.
6/24	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow to Ambush Site
6/25	Meeting		
7/2	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	Prune, Mow to Auburn Trail
7/9	Auburn	East Victor Road	Prune, Mow to Break of Day Rd.
7/16	Auburn	Fisher Road	Prune, Mow both directions
7/22	Seneca	Dryer Road	Prune, Mow into Ganondagan
7/23	Meeting		
7/30	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow to Ambush Site
8/6	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	Prune, Mow to Auburn Trail
8/13	Auburn	East Victor Road	Prune, Mow to Break of Day Road
8/20	Auburn	Fisher Road	Prune, Mow both directions
8/26	Seneca	School Street	Prune, Mow to Great Brook
8/27	Meeting		
9/3	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	Prune, Mow to Auburn Trail
9/10	Seneca	Fishers Fire House #2	Prune, Mow to Willow Brook Rd.
9/17	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow to Ambush Site
9/23	Auburn	East Victor Road	Prune, Mow to Break of Day Rd.
9/24	Meeting		

Note: You may notice that Parts of the Auburn trail have not been included for maintenance. I feel that the grading done last fall should make it unnecessary. Larry

Monkey Run -
 Blue Bird -
 Royal View -