

VHT Pathfinder

The Official Newsletter of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

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Thank you Scouts

The Boy Scouts in our area continue to help us improve our parks and trails. Most recently Harrison VanBork, Troop 105 of Mendon, NY. He built two 16' long by 6' wide bridges over two wet areas in Fishers Park. Harrison had to plan the entire project, get the building permit from the Town of Victor and order all the material. With the help of his troop he cut the pathway through the wild rose bushes on a Friday. The material was delivered to the park the following day. The lumber was quite heavy, requiring several adults and strong scouts to carry them to the building site. It was a full day of work for 10 adults and scouts to build the bridges. Several of the moms brought hot dogs to cook on the grills at the park, along with homemade tortellini, beans, cookies and brownies. The lower left picture on page 6 shows some of the scouts finishing one of the bridges, with Harrison on the far right. The middle picture shows a finished bridge.

Boy Scout Alexander Robinson and Troop 61 in Victor placed several nature signs identifying trees along the Monkey Run trails.

On November 2nd we are expecting 50+ scouts to help us with 5 or 6 separate trail improvement projects as part of their community service requirements.

Another scout has agreed to clear a new path for a section of the Seneca Trail in back of Office Max.

A Girl Scout, Grace Seibold, is leading a boardwalk project at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven for her Gold Award.

All of these projects are designed to make Victor Trails the best in the area. We hope you have an opportunity to hike, bike or ski on them this Fall and Winter.

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Auburn Trail Extension Update

Work on the Auburn Trail between Main Street Fishers and Powder Mills Park continued this summer. The main focus was to complete the addition of wide shoulders on Woolston Road, leading to the parking lot at Powder Mills Park. The pictures show the road with the widened shoulders for hikers and bike riders. Split rail fencing was also installed on both sides of the road where a culvert is close to the road.

Next year a kiosk and plaza with benches and a bike rack will be installed where the trail joins Woolston Road. Also, interpretive signs will be placed along the trail, similar to other locations.



Photos by Dave Wright

Woolston Road shoulders, crosswalk and striping.

HIKES FOR 2013

VHT 2013 Officers:

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Oct. 12– Finger Lakes Trail, Prattsburgh

Nov. 9– Ganondagan, Fort Hill, Dryer Road Park.

Dec. 14– Seneca Park / Genesee River gorge

Note: Please check the message line at 585-234-8226 for details. 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 car pool 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 more hikes in Victor or the surrounding communities. We are also leading shorter and easier hikes to encourage families and younger hikers to join us. This year we will 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.

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Half-marathon Trail Race Results

We are happy to report that the race was a complete success. Registration closed out at the maximum 125 racers. Race director Eric Eagan greeted 120 finishers. Awards were presented and refreshments were enjoyed at the end of the race. VHT was presented with a check for \$500 for our work on getting the trail connected with Crescent Trails in Perinton and supporting the race. We hope to partner with Eric and TrailsRoc.org next year.



Eric Eagan congratulating another finisher at Valentown.

Past Hikes

Jul. 13- Griffis Sculpture Park. This was a most unusual hike, through a park full of unusual statues. More pictures can be found on page 5 and on the photo album on our website. Just remember, it's art.



Photos by Ralph Weber.

August 10- Letchworth Park. Another beautiful day for a hike. We started at the lower falls, hiked to the middle falls for a quick lunch and then hiked up to the upper falls. A few ventured out onto the railroad bridge for a view of the gorge. Then we hiked back to the visitors center before heading back to the cars.



Photos by Dave Wright.

Sep. 29- VHT Challenge Hike III.

42 hikers showed up at Bed, Bath and Beyond at 8:00 a.m. for a 14 mile hike on the Seneca Trail. The morning air was cool, but the sun was already shining. By the time they reached Valentown, everyone was warmed up. Chauncy Young set a quick pace that most everyone was able to match. Water, granola bars and special Chauncy bars were placed along the route to keep everyone hydrated and energized. Transportation was provided at Boughton Park to take everyone back to the start. Next year promises to be even better.



Photos by Dave Wright.

Club Day at EMS



Eastern Mountain Sports, located at 3349 Monroe Avenue in Pittsford Plaza, is having their semi-annual Club Day Sale on October 4th and 5th. All EMS products are 25 % off for all club members. Most other items are 20% off.

EMS is a great supporter of Victor Hiking Trails. Stop by their store and see what they have to offer. We will have a display table there on Saturday, telling customers about our wonderful trails.



Hunting Season is here again

Big game hunting (deer) for our region has begun. Bow season opened October 1st and runs until November 15th. Shotgun season opens on November 16th and runs until December 8th. Bow hunters and muzzleloaders get one more chance from December 9th to December 17th. Fall turkey hunting runs from October 19th to November 1st. If you do any hiking south of Victor be aware of bear hunters between October 1st and December 17th. Please be careful if you are hiking on the trails. Wear bright clothing and avoid dawn and dusk hours.



Odocoileus virginianus - white-tailed deer

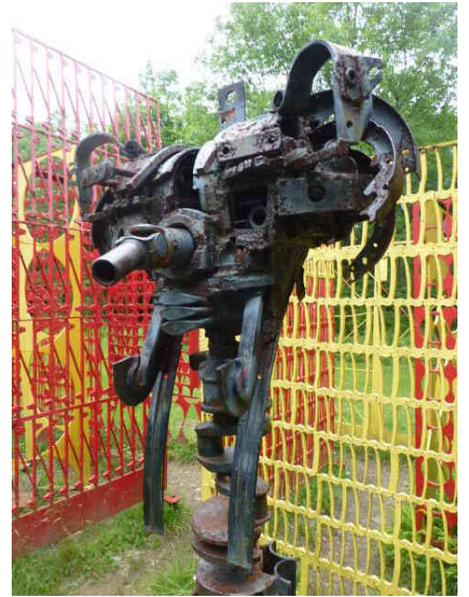
Want to be notified of upcoming hikes and events?

Several members have asked if we could put them on a list to be notified of our next hike or special event. This is fairly easy to do, via e-mail.

If you want us to send you a reminder about a week before the event, send an email to dwright@victorhikingtrails.org and ask to be added to the list.

You can still check the voice mail at 585-234-8226 or our website calendar for details.





Photos by Ralph Weber at Griffis Sculpture Park.



Look for signs like these on the Monkey Run trails, thanks to Alex Robinson and Troop 61 of Victor.



This original Auburn Railroad mile marker might get moved back to the Auburn Trail.



The Lower Falls at Letchworth State Park.



The view of the Middle Falls from Inspiration Point.



Upper Falls and the old railroad bridge.



New footbridge in Fishers Park built by Harrison VanBork and Troop 105 in Mendon.



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