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Victor Hiking Trails
Fall 2024

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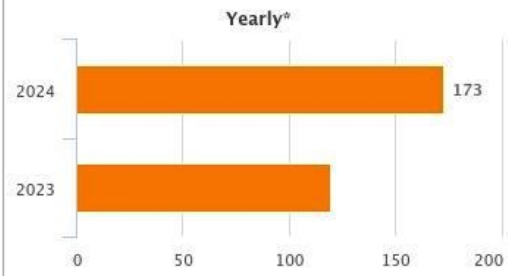
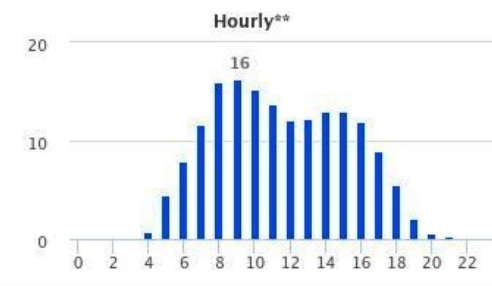
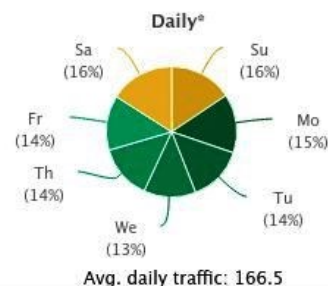
Your membership dollars help fund the creation, improvement, and maintenance of our 70+ miles of trails, bridges, boardwalks, benches, and signs; providing a wide variety of outdoor recreational and educational opportunities for Victor and the surrounding community.

Trail Counts

The graph below is an example of the data that we are collecting on the Auburn Trail. We can't differentiate between hikers, runners or bicyclists, but it does show trail usage. The weeks of June 10th and July 1st saw nearly 2000 users. The average daily traffic during the month of June was 241 people. Additional information and graphs are on page 6.

Proximity

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* Weekly and Daily are calculated from Average Daily Traffic (ADT); Monthly and Yearly show ADT values.
 ** Based on last year of data only.

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VHT MONTHLY HIKES**2024 Hikes****Oct 12—Lehigh Crossing Park and More.** Meet at the park.**Nov 9—Fishers Park.** Meet at the Fire House parking lot.**Dec 14—Powder Mills Park.** Meet at the parking lot on Woolston Rd**Sep 29—NY Museum of Transportation, West Henrietta, NY****Oct 27—Mushrooms and Fungi at Zurich Bog, Lyons, NY****Nov 23—Tom's Pro Bike Shop in Victor****Dec 15—Lamberton Conservatory or Sonnenberg Gardens****Green are Educational walks and meet at 2:00 PM**

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, 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 2024. 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. Wednesday morning we meet at the Victor Farmington Library at 9:00 AM for a short, easy walk.

Additional hikes with the Victor PTSA may 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.

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Ask about our rates. To submit articles for the *VHT Pathfinder*, please contact:

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Past Hikes

Jul 13— Naples Trails by the Creeks. Only two hikers went but they had a good 5.5 mile hike along Naples Creek to Grimes Glen and back to the parking lot.

Aug 10— Chimney Bluffs. This hike was cancelled.

Aug 31—Ring of Fire evening hike at Bare Hill. This event was cancelled..

Sep 14— Hometown Days and Climb Aboard Victor, Village walk. We didn't get any hikers, but we sure had lots of visitors at our booth. Many young families from the area enjoyed the warm weather, all the large vehicles, train rides, food, arts and crafts, and community non-profits like VHT.

The little ones did a great job matching animals with their tracks and were awarded a granola bar. Many adults were interested in where we might have new trails in Victor.



Photos by Dave Wright

Educational Hikes

Jun 30—Muller Field Station. It was a very rainy beginning to the summer, so the trails were very wet and muddy. That did not bother the seven adventurist hikers that wanted to learn all about the flora and fauna in the area. Operated by the Finger Lakes Community College, it is a great learning opportunity for the students as well as groups like VHT.



Jul 28—Geology and Historic Iron Mining. Twelve hikers (including the leader Fred Haynes) went to this very interesting, historic park to see where iron ore was mined in the 19th century. They also learned about the wild flowers growing in the park.



Aug 25—Canandaigua Lake Front Tour. Ben Falter, Community Outreach Director at the Ontario County Historical Society, led the walk for eighteen VHT hikers. The talk started on the Canandaigua City Pier, discussed the history of the boat houses, the facts about the small Skenoh Island and the history of Kershaw Park and the Swimming School that existed from the 1920s to the 1960s.



Photos by Jeff Miller

Trail Project

Congratulations to Logan Springer and Troop 61 on the completion of an excellent boardwalk. Logan did a great job of planning, developing a materials list, getting prices, raising the funds, ordering the materials, organizing the construction of the sections, getting the sections delivered to the site and directing the installation of the boardwalk.

If the beavers decide to dam Great Brook again, we will be prepared. The new trail is now much better than the old section that was prone to flooding when we got heavy spring rains and snow melt.

Thank you to Logan and Troop 61 for taking on this project. The temporary trail and bridge located upstream will be removed in the next few months.



That's Logan giving instructions to the crew.



Almost finished.



Photos by Dave Wright

Hunting Season

Big game (white-tailed deer) hunting in Victor will be open from October 1 to January 1, 2025 on private property where it is allowed. Some of our trails are on private property where the landowner allows hunting.

We will post TRAIL CLOSED signs where hunting is allowed. It is extremely important that all trail users abide by the rules, for their own safety as well as for the continued permission by the landowner to use the trails. We do not want to lose a section of trail because someone is trespassing.

Three trails that will be closed are Helen’s Way, GLT on Valentown Road, and the section of the Seneca Trail from County Road 41 to Boughton Park. Check our website for the latest information about all of the trails.

Trail Counts

As we continue to collect data about the use of our trails, we are pleasantly surprised by the numbers. We currently have three counters located on the Auburn Trail. We plan to get a full year of counts at these locations and then either move the counters or purchase additional counters. Below are two graphs that show the numbers.

Auburn at Fishers Fire Hall

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Auburn & Seneca Junction near stairs

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Wednesday Library Walkers

Dr. Bruce Gilman, retired professor at the Finger Lakes Community College, has led the group on several interesting hikes outside of Victor. These are slow, short walks that are meant to educate the folks on the variety of plants that can be found in our region. Bruce plans to lead several more walks, so be sure to sign up on our MeetUp page to get the information.



Photos by Dave Wright

New VHT Board Position Created

The VHT board of directors has eliminated the Volunteer Coordinator position and created the new board position of Community Outreach Director. The duties of the director would be to develop and implement strategies for increasing public awareness of VHT through the use of events, media and other venues.

The director should have knowledge of local and regional organizations, especially those impacting trail use and development. They should have a willingness to learn and utilize the MeetUp app.

If you are interesting in learning more about this position, send an email to Chair@VictorHikingTrails.org.

Grants

Recently, we have applied for two grants to construct a building to store our trailer, mowers, hand and power tools, bridge and boardwalk building materials, paint, fasteners, a popup tent, table, chairs and advertising materials.

Currently, we are storing most of these items in a self-storage unit on Main Street Fishers. A building would eliminate this monthly cost.

The first application was to the Rochester Community Foundation. They paired us up with ESL. We recently received a notice that we did not meet all of the requirements, the main one being the required amount of matching funds that we would need. If we can show that we can match the grant, we will be able to resubmit the application.

On July 31st, we filed a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for the equipment storage building. Thanks to Morrell Builders, we have a potential location for the building on Rawson Road, next to the Auburn Trail. If we are successful in receiving this grant, which also requires matching funds, we will then resubmit the grant to ESL.

If anyone is aware of other grant opportunities, please pass it on to any board member.

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