

# VHT Pathfinder

The Official Newsletter of Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

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## National Trails Day– June 6

This year’s celebration will take place in the Hamlet of Fishers.

The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Fishers Firehouse on Main Street Fishers with a continental breakfast. The regular fare of coffee, juice and pastries will be available.

At 8:45 a.m. there will be a formal dedication of the Auburn Trail and Connections project. This project began five years ago with a ground breaking at this same location on our National Trails Day, 2004 event. Now the finishing touches are being



Start of construction. June, 2004.

put in place with bollards at the road

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### Ride the train with VHT on June 7

Victor Hiking Trails will sponsor a and join a group on a two-hour ride day of train rides, bike rides and on the Ontario Pathways Trail to hikes to make National Trails Day a Stanley and back. weekend of fun and adventure.

It begins in the Village of Victor there will be a two-hour guided tour next to the Village Hall, 60 East of the back roads around Canadai-Main Street. There you will see the gua.

Finger Lakes Scenic Railway diesel engines, 3 passenger cars and a special “bike-friendly” flatbed car. If you prefer to walk, there will be guided hikes on the trail as well as casual strolls through downtown

Boarding will begin at 8:40 a.m. Canadaigua. At the south end of for a departure at 9:00 a.m. The Main Street is the city pier, Kershaw train will take us east on a leisurely Park and the beach, with many roll to Manchester then head south stores in between.

to Canadaigua, our destination. The return trip to Victor will board

From there you have choices. at 2:30 p.m., arriving in Victor at Grab your bike from the flatbed car

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## HIKES FOR 2009

### VHT 2009 Officers:

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Apr. 11– Keuka Outlet Trail. Bike from Dresden to Penn Yan and back.

May 9– Bentley Woods. Nature hike in Fishers. Meet at Fire House 1 in Fishers at 9:00 a.m.

Jun. 6– National Trails Day. Hike the Auburn Trail and the trails in Fishers Park. See page 1.

Jun. 7– Ride the Train, Ride your Bike, Hike the Trails. See page 5.

Jun. 13– Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park. Visit our booth at the Beach parking lot. See page 4.

Jul. 11– Grimes Glen and Tanner Gully in Naples, NY. Creek walk.

Aug. 8– Letchworth State Park. Gorge hike.

Sep. 5– Bare Hill Ring of Fire. Evening hike and supper picnic. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

Sep. 12– Hang Around Victor Day and Victor Fest. Visit our booth.

Oct. 10– VanDerStrict Trail at Canadice Lake. Hike the new ridge trail.

Nov. 14– Boughton Park. Hike all the trails. Meet at the Stirnie Road parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 12– Powder Mills Park. Meet at the fish hatchery at 9:00 a.m.

Note: Please check the message line at 585-234-8226 for details. All hikes meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot 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. If gas gets expensive again, expect to share the cost 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.



**Past Hikes**

Jan. 10– Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area. The conditions weren't great for skiing, but we managed to stay on the trails, both groomed and ungroomed, and enjoy the cool morning. After lunch in the parking lot some skied additional trails and one snow shoed the trails.



Chauncy and Larry attacking the slope.



Taking a rest break at the big lean-to.

Feb. 14– Mendon Ponds Park. The snow was gone for this season, so we hiked for over two hours on the trails around 100 Acre Pond. There were hundreds of Canadian geese in the open water of the pond. It was a sunny, crisp morning so everyone was glad to get back to the parking lot and warm up in their cars.

Mar. 14– Salmon Hills Outdoor Adventure Center. This is the place to go cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing when there is no snow in our area. The farther north you travel on I81, the more snow you see. Then you get off at Pulaski and head east. The farther east you travel, the higher the snow banks. Finally you get to the resort and you can't believe the amount of snow and the beautifully groomed wide trails. There are trails for all abilities cut through the woods. There are yurts that you can rent for the week or the weekend. And there is a restaurant/lodge to get you warmed up. Next year we need to come for the weekend.



The Lodge and restaurant.



The yurts that are rented for the week or weekend.

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4:00 p.m. For the ambitious road bicyclists, they can ride their bike back to Victor and save \$5.00.

Tickets can be purchased on the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway website, [www.FingerLakesScenicRailway.com](http://www.FingerLakesScenicRailway.com) or by calling (315) 374-1570.

Cost is \$15.00 per person for a one-way ride, us.

\$20.00 for the round trip. There is no cost for the guided bike rides or hikes.

There will be opportunities to grab lunch at a local restaurant or you can bring a bag lunch with you.

This is a great way to spend a Sunday in June in the Finger Lakes and support Victor Hiking Trails. We hope you will be able to join us.

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crossings and planting grass on the trail shoulders.

One of the amenities that has been recently added to the trail plazas is the unique bike racks. An inspiration from Brian Emelson, Victor Parks & Recreation Director, has been transformed into a work of art by Michael Houser, a Victor Blacksmith artist.



The plaza and bike rack sculpture on the Auburn Trail in Fishers. Photo by Chauncy Young.

This will also be the beginning of the Auburn Trail extension project, which will continue the Auburn Trail to Powder Mills Park.

After the dedication the hike will begin its journey over to Fishers Park for a tour of the trails and a sneak preview of what is being planned for improvements to the park. This will be about a 1.5 mile hike and take about an hour, returning to the firehouse for a snack.

The second leg of the hike will be on the Auburn Trail to Probst Road and back. Along the trail we will point out planned improvements, including the replacement of the collapsing stone culvert north of Fishers Road. This three-mile hike will get us back to the firehouse in time for a pizza lunch.

The last part of the hike will take us southeast on the Auburn Trail to Lehigh Crossing Park to view the new trails recently completed in the park as well as two new trails that connect to the Lehigh Trail. The trek will follow the Lehigh Trail back to the firehouse.

**2009 Trail Projects**

The VHT board of directors has identified a number of trail improvements to be scheduled for the 2009 season. They will require trail clearing, installing signs, building small foot-bridges and building some boardwalk.

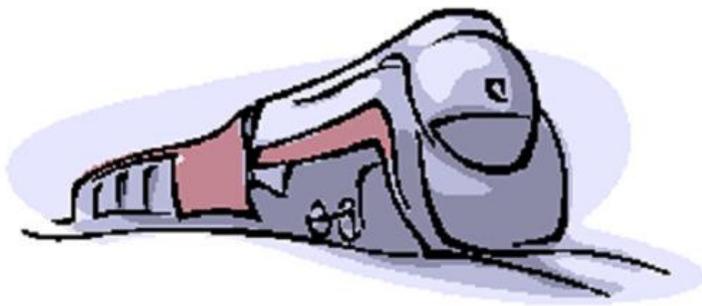
We need volunteers to help on one or several projects. If you have the skills we are looking for, call our message line and leave your name and phone number (585-234-8226) so we can discuss the details.

**ADK Outdoor Expo, June 13**

VHT will again have a booth at this great venue for exploring your interest in outdoor activities. If you ever wanted to try canoeing or kayaking, this is the place to come. If you want to learn about camping, mountain biking, road biking, geo caching or places to hike, this is where you will find the information.

Stop by our table, pick up some trail maps, and say hello. We will be there from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# Ride the Train, Ride Your Bike, Hike the Trails



**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

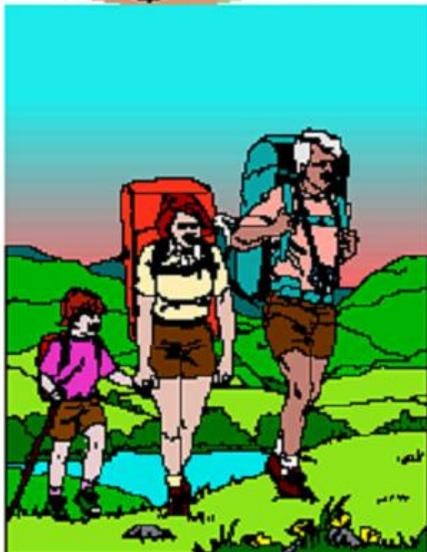
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Board the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway at 9:00 am in Victor and enjoy a leisurely ride to Canadaigua.

Then hike or ride your bike on the Ontario Pathways Trail with a group leader. Or take a guided, scenic tour of the



countryside on your road bike.

Board the train at 2:30 pm for the return trip-arriving in Victor at 4:00 pm.

**\$15.00 one way, \$20.00 round trip**

For tickets, go to [www.FingerLakesScenicRailway.com](http://www.FingerLakesScenicRailway.com) or call (315) 374-1570.

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## Trail Maintenance 2009

We need volunteers to help with trail maintenance! We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM and most Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, from May to September. Volunteers should come equipped with sturdy shoes and proper covering against poison ivy. If you have them, bring pruning shears and a small pruning saw or loppers, or we can supply you tools. The work usually lasts about one hour. Please feel free to work all or just part of a shift. **Sometimes we cancel due to rain and then shift the schedule. Please call if you are unsure where we will be meeting.**

**Call Larry Fisher at 924-5803 for additional information**

Date	Trail	Start Location	Destination
5/2 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley South
5/3 Su	Royal View and	Fishers Park	Short open section, West Side Park
5/6 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd	Into Ganondagan
5/9 Sa	<b>Hike</b>	<b>Bentley Woods</b>	Meet at firehouse, Main St. Fishers
5/10 Su	Seneca	Willow Brook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
5/13 We	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
5/16 Sat	Trolley	Lehigh Crossing Park	Trolley North and Trolley to Lehigh
5/17 Sun	Apple Farm	Boughton Hill Road	
5/20 We	Auburn	Fishers House 1	To Probst
5/21 Th	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>	
5/23 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley South
5/24 Su	Auburn	East Victor Road and School	To RG&E
5/27 We	Seneca	Fishers House 2	Willow Brook
5/30 Sat	Hundred Acre	And Blue Bird	
5/31 Sun	Royal View and	Fishers Park	Short open section, West Side Park
6/3 Wed	TBD	Call 924-5803, Last Minute	Preparation National Trails day
6/6 Sa	<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>National Trails day</b>	Fishers House 1
6/7 Su	Seneca	Willow brook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
6/10 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd.	Into Ganondagan
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6/28 Su	Seneca	Fishers House 2	Willow Brook
7/1 We	Hundred Acre	And Blue Bird	
7/4 Sa	Royal View and	Fishers Park	Short open section, West Side Park
7/5 Su	Seneca	Willow brook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
7/8 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd	Into Ganondagan
7/11 Sa	<b>Hike</b>	<b>Grimes Glen</b>	
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7/22 We	Auburn	East Victor Road and School	To RG&E

To be continued in the next issue.

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