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## StoryWalk® at Victor Municipal Park

Greta Selin-Love, community services librarian at Victor Farmington Library, was looking for a way to help the community cope with the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and decided to bring a StoryWalk® to the area.

The Victor-Farmington Library, Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club, the Town of Victor and VHT partnered to create this new feature at the Victor Municipal Park.

A StoryWalk® is a deconstructed children’s book that is placed along a trail on individual posts. Children and adults can enjoy reading a story while spending time outdoors.

The first featured book for Victor is “Hosea Plays On” by local author Kathleen Blasi. The brightly colored laminated pages are attached to 20 stands around the park, all cut to size by volunteer Larry Fisher and installed by VHT volunteers. Funding for the materials was provided by the Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club. The featured story will change monthly, so visit the park often with your kids and grandchildren.



Holder installation.



Greta attaching the pages.



Author Kathleen Blasi telling about the story

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**VHT MONTHLY HIKES FOR 2020**

Oct. 10, 9 a.m.– Whiting Road in Webster. Carpool from Town Hall.  
 Nov. 14, 9 a.m.– Apple Farm Seneca Trail North, meet at Apple Farm  
 Dec. 12, 9 a.m.– Valentown to Kreag Rd. Park, hike one direction, car  
 pool back

**2021 Hikes**

Jan. 9, 9 a.m.– Dryer Road Park  
 Feb. 13, 9 a.m.– Powder Mills Park. Meet at Fish hatchery.  
 Mar. 13, 9 a.m.– Webster Park Trails. Meet at Town Hall to carpool.

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](https://www.meetup.com/Victor-Hiking-Trails-Meetup), you will get notifications of hikes and  
 other events and reminders and last minute changes if you are  
 signed up for a hike.

All hikes meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot, 85 East Main  
 Street, 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.

We usually carpool 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 educa-  
 tional 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.**

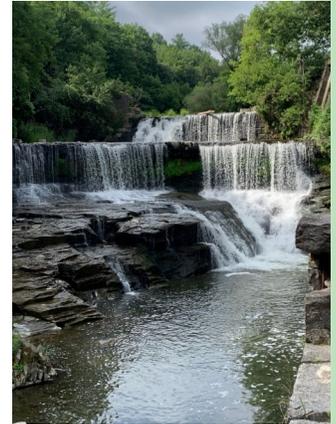
**NOTE:** There are several hiking Meetup groups in our area that  
 schedule hikes in Victor. If you like to hike, join those Meetup  
 groups as well.

## Past Hikes

**July 11– Auburn, Domine and Lehigh Trails.** Eight members hiked 5.5 miles on a warm, sunny morning. All of the trails were in great shape thanks to a dry summer.



**August 8– Keuka Outlet trail Bike Ride.** Eight members enjoyed a beautiful ride from Dresden to Penn Yan and back on what was once a canal towpath, then a railroad bed and now a wonderful bike path. A great lunch was enjoyed at Seneca Farms restaurant and then an easy ride back to the start.



**September 6– Education Hike at Conklin Gully.** This was originally scheduled for August 2, but was postponed so our featured hike leader, Dan Krisher, could recover from knee surgery. We had 26 people attend this hike up Conklin Gully in Naples, looking for fossils. Dan explained that this area, formed by the last glacier 12,000 years ago, is not noted for fossils. But everyone enjoyed the discussion and learned a lot about geology and fossils. Dan promised to take us next year to an area rich in fossils. More photos on page 6.



**September 12– Victor Village Hike.** Seven members walked from Town Hall to Victor Municipal Park in time for the unveiling of the StoryWalk® and a chance to meet the author. They then continued on the trails in the park as well as the Trolley Trail and the Auburn Trail before stopping at the Busy Bean Café for a morning snack.

### Safety Fence Installed

When you are on the new section of the Auburn Trail near Maple Avenue, there is a place where the Seneca Trail turns south toward Dryer Road. If you made the turn on your bike too fast, there is a risk you could go over a steep embankment, resulting in injuries.

A few members installed a fence to prevent any mishaps for the trail users. Looks good.



Carole Fisher cleaning out a post hole.



Carole and Chauncy Young checking the alignment of the new fence.

### Another Boardwalk

During a regular trail maintenance session, volunteers used some old boards from several old projects and created a boardwalk on the Seneca Trail just northeast of Boughton Park. This will help during the spring when this section gets muddy. Nice work guys.



### New Trail Wayfinding Signs

Lisa Roberts continues to improve our trails with rustic signs. In addition to the signs with the trail names, she has been placing wayfinding signs at strategic locations to help hikers and bikers understand where they are and which way to go. Thank you Lisa.



## Boughton Park Trail Improvements

As many of you know, the Town of Victor is a part owner of Boughton Park, located in East Bloomfield. Our Seneca Trail ends at the Boughton Road parking lot and we have two VHT board members serving on the Boughton Park Board of Commissioners.

VHT has also created a Friends of Boughton Park Meetup page to encourage volunteers to come out to improve the trails. This has been very successful this summer, making several improvements to the West Pond Trail.

Volunteers, including a number from TrailsRoc, have removed trail berms that were collecting water on the trail, rerouted some sections to avoid wet areas, and just recently installed a bridge/boardwalk over a muddy section. Thank you to all the volunteers.

### Another Bridge/Boardwalk

This one was built in August and is on the 100 Acres Trail that was rerouted earlier this summer.

The gentleman in the photo below with his left arm in a sling is our Trailboss, Chauncy Young. He never missed a day of trail maintenance and still managed to do a great job of supervising the construction of all the bridges and boardwalks this summer.

Because of the pandemic, we maintained a six-foot distance and when not possible wear masks.



### Exit Signs

You may notice when you come to the end of a trail or a road crossing a small, yellow *HIKE WITH US* sign. The intent is to remind trail users that VHT continues to maintain and improve the trails with all volunteers doing the work. We appreciate all the support of our members, and encourage trail users by joining VHT and donating to VHT.

The sign has our website address and a QR symbol that takes you directly to a *Welcome to Victor Hiking Trails* page. Check it out the next time you are on a trail.





Dan Kirsher explaining some of the geology here.



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### New Boardwalk on the Seneca Trail

A small group of volunteers met at the Cherry Street location of the Seneca Trail to install a small boardwalk through the wooded section that will get wet in the spring. Thanks to all who helped for making this an easy job.



### GLT Bridge Installed

Another group installed a footbridge on the new Genesee Land Trust Trail on Valentown Road, across from Monkey Run. Great work guys.



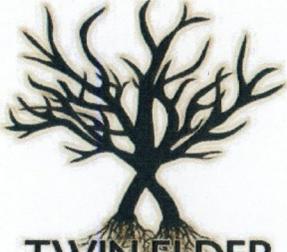
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