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The Tree

*Ye who pass by and would raise your hand against me
Hearken ere you harm me.*

*I am the heart of your hearth on cold winter nights,
The friendly shade screening you from the summer sun
And my fruits are refreshing draughts*

Quenching your thirst as you journey on.

I am the beam that holds your house,

The board of your table,

The bed on which you lie

And the timber that builds your boat.

I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead,

The wood of your cradle, the shell of your coffin.

I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty.

Ye who pass by, listen to my prayer, harm me not.

The Rideau Trail Newsletter is published quarterly in December, March, June and September by the Rideau Trail Association. The editor of this issue is Johanna Koeslag for the Kingston Rideau Trail Club.

Submissions for the next Newsletter are welcome and should be sent by November 1, 1986, to Elizabeth Mason, 283 Avondale Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1Z 7G7, 729-6596.

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Wanted: Membership Secretary. Elizabeth Palmer plans to retire as membership secretary this year, so someone will be needed from the Kingston area to take over her responsibilities. These include receiving new member and renewal fees, forwarding them to our treasurer in Ottawa and sending out items requested, such as map kits, trail notes, pins and badges. Anyone who feels they have the time and energy for this job, please contact the Kingston Club Chairman, Keith Bull, 546-9693.

Correction. The cover photo on the Summer 1986 newsletter, "Sailing into Summer" was taken by Boris Mather and not Jim Fish. Thank you, Boris for a lovely picture!

Cover Credits. The cover sketch was drawn by Moira Drummond and the poem was also submitted by Moira. She took the words of the poem from the wall of the MacLachlan Woodworking Museum, Grass Creek Park, Hwy 2 East, where she read them during a Wednesday outing of the Kingston Trail Club. Sandy McLachlan told her that, at the time these words were put up, the author was unknown. Since then, an author was indicated but still remains nameless! If anyone is able to supply information, Moira would be interested to hear of it. The plea contained in the words is timely.

Farming Trees

The section of the Rideau Trail that I maintain contains a section of pine trees planted in long, straight rows. This was one of my favourite walks. Even on the hottest day, a cool breeze seemed to blow through the trees. The fresh scent of pine was worth taking deep breaths to enjoy.

But this past winter the Ministry of Natural Resources took a swipe at my section-they started thinning my trees! I was horrified. Not only did they cut the trees but they left the trimmed branches behind ... right on the Rideau Trail! Jean and I quickly learned that a routine maintenance job was going to take more time than we had planned.

Why did the Ministry do it? I wondered. The answer to that question was provided, unexpectedly, in June, on our biking weekend. Near Middleville we chanced to stop at a lovely picnic area - the Baird property - a managed forest. A short self-guided hike provided the answer to my question.

Stands of pine were planted by the Ministry in the mid 1960's to produce high quality lumber and utility poles. The trees were sown just like crops, in rows 1.8 metres apart. When these farmed trees receive a first thinning, every third row is removed. My grove has now received a first thinning. Then, some of the trees are pruned to create valuable knot-free wood. These trees are marked with a blue ring. The unmarked trees will be cut in two future harvests for lumber and utility poles. Branches and tops are left on the site since they provide valuable nutrients for the remaining trees.

Now when I hike my section of the Trail, I'll be watching for the pruned trees and shall try to remember that the scarred forest is just a step in managed tree farming.

Elizabeth Mason

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Overnight Outing, June 7/8, 1986

The forecast was for rain on the weekend. Undaunted, a group of us set out for Murphy's Point Provincial Park. We set up camp, had lunch and went for a hike along the Pine Trail. Then it started, a downpour that reminded me of monsoon showers. It quit for a while so we were at least able to enjoy a pleasant dinner. Then it started again and continued off and on until next morning. It was quite a trial for those who decided to sleep in bibby sacs under the stars and those who chose to sleep under just a tent fly.

After a thunderstorm, we caught glimpses of the sun and five of us set off from Murphy's Point towards Perth through terrain consisting of gravel roads, cedar and maple forests, mica mines, and a ghost town, several streams and beaver dams. As if 30 km of brisk walking was not enough, we also had to wade through several wet sections. Towards the end, some of us were slowing down, but not the youngest member of our party, 10 year old Rebecca Tolley. She completed the hike with no complaints, cheerful as ever throughout.

Those out there who think you cannot do it. Try it. If Rebecca can, so can you!
"The Leader"

Hungry Hiker's Log

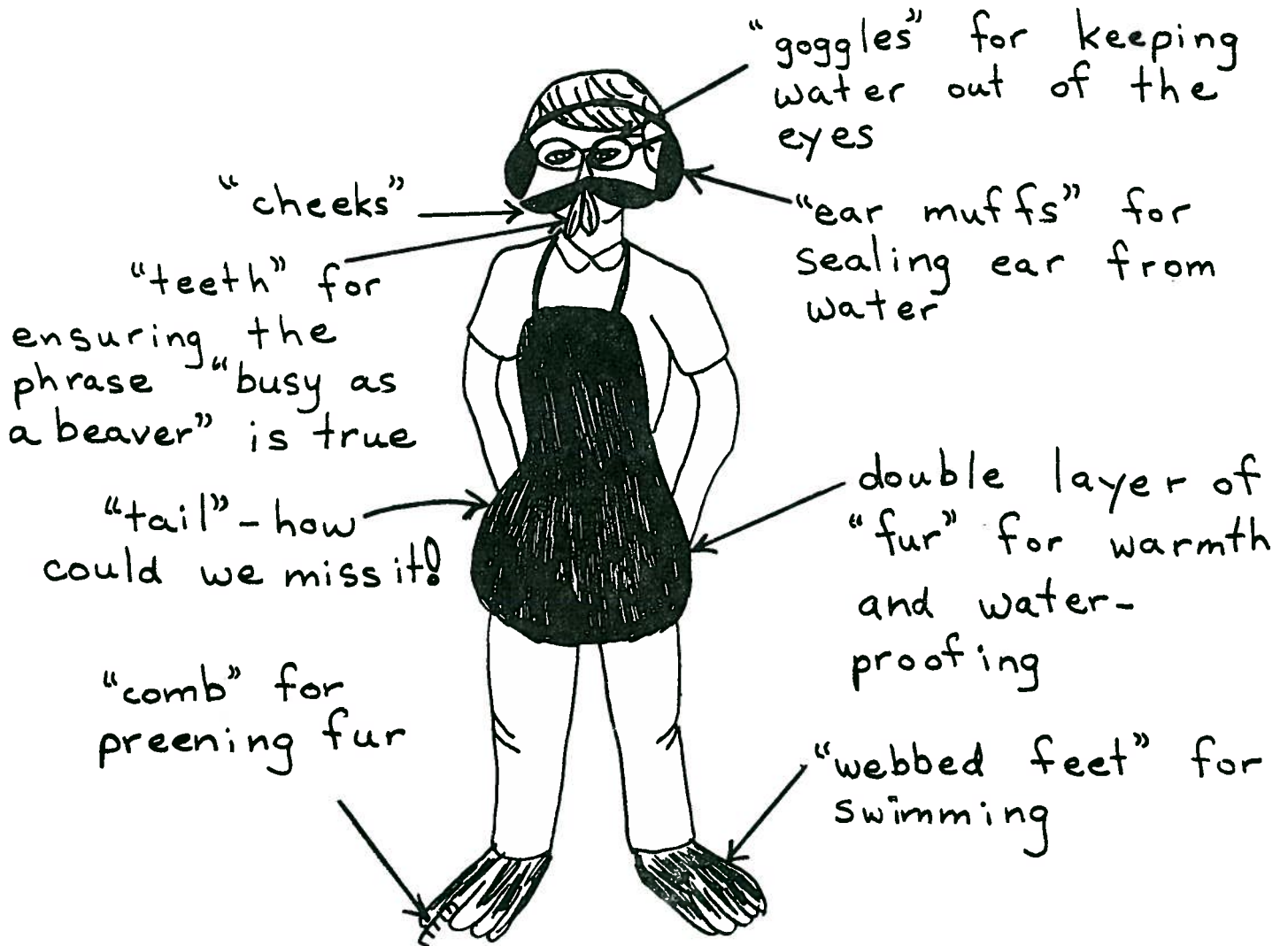
2 lbs lean ground beef
2/3 cup oatmeal
2 eggs
1-1/2 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
1 tsp onion powder

Mix well. Roll onto wax paper in an 8" wide rectangle shape. Firm and chill.

3/4 cup finely chopped celery
1-1/4 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
Slices of cheddar, Swiss or creamy Havarti cheese (about six slices)

Spread celery and mushrooms over chilled meat. Cover with cheese slices. Roll into log shape. Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour. Or, chill the rolled log and cut it into rounds. Freeze the rounds then fry the frozen rounds like hamburgers, and serve over a bed of rice.

Ottawa Club Annual General Meeting
by Elizabeth Mason



The Ottawa Club Mascot

Those who attended the Ottawa Club annual general meeting enjoyed an interpretive hike by the N.C.C. Our newly appointed president volunteered to demonstrate his similarity to a beaver. He will be happy to discover that the above sketch bares no resemblance to Ron Hunt!

New Ottawa Club Executive for 1986/87

Chairman	Ron Hunt	830-1592	Outings	Barri Scully	233-3770
Secretary	Ella Kelly	829-5714	Publicity	Brenda Quinn	233-5017
Treasurer	Aileen Wade	733-8952	Newsletter	Liz Mason	729-6596
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	Dave Stinson	692-4034		Bill Grant	820-0697

THE RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION'S FALL '86 OUTINGS PROGRAM

Kingston Club Outings

Those wishing to walk only part of the distance during the day hikes can check with the leader about this possibility. Suggestions for future hikes and outings may be made to Su Nag, 544-6505.

Sunday, September 7. Rideau Campground

Hike from Rideau Lake campground to Murphy's Point Provincial Park past several beaver dams (Map 8). Bring swimsuits and a lunch, and meet at Sears north door at 9 a.m. Leader: Larry Dyke, 389-6692

Sunday, September 14. Otter Lake Sanctuary

Enjoy a leisurely hike over rugged terrain. Meet at Sears north door at 12:30 p.m. Leader: Larry McCurdy, 389-6427

Wednesday, September 17. Bell's Island

Enjoy a leisurely walk followed by tea at Emma's. Meet at Sears north door at 1:30 p.m. Leader: Emma Martin, 542-1594

Saturday, September 20. RTA AGM

The annual general meeting of the Rideau Trail Association will be held in Westport this year. See the notice on page 8 for more details. Those needing a ride meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 27. Rock Dunder

Hike to the summit of Rock Dunder near Morton for spectacular views of the surrounding area and fall colours. Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sam Heusel, 542-2201

Sunday, October 5. Hike Ontario Day

Introduce your friends to the joys of hiking! The hikes planned are:

Hike #1 - Cataraqui Cemetery

A historic walk along the Rideau Trail past stately trees and the grave site of Sir John A. MacDonald. Meet at Sears north door at 1:00 p.m. Leader: Cathy Cutts, 542-5414

Hike #2 - Bedford Mills

Hike to the beaver dam and back. Meet at Sears north door at 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Joan Hughes, 549-6265

Hike #3 - East Side of Gould Lake

Follow the Wagon Trail to the East side of Gould Lake. Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Jim Gartenburg, 542-8942

Wednesday, October 8. Jackson Mills Area

Hike from the Bullen Road to Elginburg and back. Meet at Sears north door at 1:30 p.m.

Leader: Pauline McMichael, 544-1648

Sunday, October 12. Narrows Lock/Dinner

Hiking in the Narrows Lock area followed by dinner at Sirling Lodge. Final date for dinner reservations is 8th September. Meet at Sears north door at 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Don Cutts, 542-5414

Saturday, October 18. Blue Mountain

Mr. K. Robinson of Environment Canada (Parks) will lead us through provincial crown land to the summit of Blue Mountain for spectacular views of Charleston Lake and the surrounding area. Strong footwear recommended! Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:30 a.m. Contact: Su Nag, 544-6505

Sunday, October 26. Charleston Lake Park

Hike along the scenic Peninsula and White Hills trails with their lookouts onto Duck Bay, Running's Bay and Tallow Rock Bay. Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Johanna Koeslag, 549-7502

November 1 and 2. Big Salmon Lake Loop

Backpack the perimeter of Big Salmon Lake in Frontenac Park, with an overnight stop at campsite #5. Register with the leader by October 29th. Camping charge is \$2.50 per person. Meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Arne Henriksen, 544-5851

Those not wishing to stay overnight who would like to hike a section of the Big Salmon Loop on Saturday, please meet at the same time and place. Day charge is \$2.50 per vehicle.

Leader: George Muirhead, 542-5851

Saturday, November 8. Trail Maintenance

Help maintain a section of the trail. Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:30 a.m.

Leaders: Don Green, 389-5458

Tom Kaddits, 546-0806

Kingston Club Outings Continued

Wednesday, November 12. Corduke's Falls

Hike along Corduke's Road and view the waterfalls. Meet at Sears north door at 1:30 p.m. Leader: Emma Martin, 542-1594

Sunday, November 16. Beveridge's Lock

Join with members from the Central area to hike along the trail from Beveridge's Lock to Smith Falls. Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Leaders: Marg McLeod, 267-1641, Perth

Su Nag, 544-6505, Kingston

Saturday, November 22. Cataraqui Creek

Enjoy an afternoon walk in this conservation area followed by coffee and cookies while viewing a film on x-country skiing. Meet at Sears north door at 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Mike Amodeo, 389-9186

Sunday, November 30. Opinicon Loop

Hike from the lookout with its spectacular view of Upper Rock Lake to Lindsay Lake (Map 10). Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Ray Forrester, 542-4385

Saturday, December 6. Opinicon Loop

Hike from Lindsay Lake to the boundary of Leeds and Frontenac counties (Map 9). Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Erwin Wendholt, 542-5789

Sunday, December 14. Opinicon Loop

This hike is from the boundary of Leeds and Frontenac counties to the Massassauga Road (Map 9). Bring a lunch and meet at Sears north door at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Keith Bull, 546-9693

Wednesday, December 17. Waterfront Walk

Walk along Kingston's waterfront followed by tea at Cathy's. Meet at Sears north door at 1:30 p.m.

Leader: Cathy Cutts, 542-5414

Calling all Members!

Trail maintainers are the "guardian angels" who keep our paths safe to tread; who place the signs that point us on our way; and earn only their satisfaction and our thanks. On November 8, trail maintenance day, let's come out and give them all a big hand. See you on the trail!

Ottawa Club Outings

Hikes leave from the corner of Booth and Albert Streets in any you. If you do not have a car, please call the hike leader to arrange a ride from the meeting place. If the leader cannot be reached, call 829-3062 for information on the outings.

Leaders are asked to obtain the names and phone numbers of those who joined their hike and pass this information on to the Human Resources Co-ordinator, Linda Hayes at 234-1045.

Sunday, September 7. Frontenac Park

Be prepared for a l-o-n-g hike and swim (weather permitting). Bring a lunch, sturdy footwear, wet weather gear and a bathing suit. Meet at Booth and Albert at 7:30 a.m.

Leader: Peter Brebner, 729-8178

Saturday, September 20. RTA AGM

The annual general meeting of the Rideau Trail Association will be held in Westport this year. See page 8 for more details. Those needing a ride, meet at Booth and Albert at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 28. Gatineau Park

Hike in the western part of the park between Luskville and Eardley, about 4 to 4 1/2 hours along the escarpment. Wear sturdy footwear and bring a lunch. Meet at Booth and Albert at 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Derek Hasler, 829-3179

Saturday, October 4. Marlborough Forest

Hike 10 km from the Ducks Unlimited dam near Dwyer Hill Road, to the Roger Stevens Road. There may be mushrooms. Bring a lunch. Meet at Booth and Albert at 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Bill Grant, 820-0697

Sunday, October 19. Gatineau Park

Join the Ottawa Field Naturalists for a general interest walk in Gatineau Park along the Larriault Trail and other woodland trails in the vicinity of Kingsmere and Black Lakes. Enjoy a day of rustling through the leaves. Bring a lunch and binoculars. FOR THIS HIKE ONLY, meet at the Museum of Natural Sciences, front entrance, Metcalf and McLeod at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Colin Gaskell, 728-7217

Saturday, October 25. Calabogie Peaks

Hike the Calabogie Peaks area with beautiful views and good trails on the top. Bring a lunch. Meet at Booth and Albert at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to stay for dinner at the Calabogie Lodge, call Mary by Tuesday, October 21, so she can make reservations.

Leader: Mary Breig, 236-0042

November 1 and 2. Chaffey's Locks

The Kingston and Central club members are invited to join the Ottawa club members for a weekend of hiking in the Chaffey's Locks area with an overnight stay at the Opinicon Hotel. Accommodation has been reserved for 10 people (5 double rooms) and the cost will be \$36.50 per person American Plan. To confirm the reservations, those who are interested should call Barri by Thursday, October 9 and send a deposit of \$25.00 per person. The following hikes are planned:

Saturday, November 1. Westport to Chaffey's Locks. About 15 km, Maps 9 & 10.

Sunday, November 2. The Opinicon Loop
Chaffey's Locks to Upper Rock Lake, about 15 km. Anyone wishing to come out for just a day hike should be at the Opinicon at 9:30 a.m. However, please check with the leader beforehand for last minute information. The group will leave from Booth and Albert at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Leader: Barri Scully, 233-3770

Saturday, November 8. Trail Maintenance

As there has been no organised maintenance on the Trail since the spring, all members are urged to come and help out. Meet at Booth and Albert at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Tom Bach, 748-6266

Saturday, November 15. Slide Lake Loop

This is a challenging 15 km hike (Map 10) on one of the most scenic sections of the trail. Bring a lunch and wear sturdy boots.

Meet at Booth and Albert at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: John Beech, 733-7403

Sunday, November 30. Otty Lake to Perth

A 10 to 15 km hike on the Trail (Map 7). Bring a lunch and sturdy footwear. Meet at Booth and Albert at 9:45 a.m.

Leader: Elizabeth Mason, 729-6596

Sunday, December 7. Brunch in Gatineau

Join us for the second annual Brunch and Hike (if there is snow, let's ski!). Location not yet decided. Call Margaret by Thurs-

day, December 4 for details and reservations. Leader: Margaret Lafrance, 692-4650

Wednesday Walkers. This group meets every Wednesday at Booth and Albert at 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Dorothy Belter, 523-4420

Central Committee Outing

Sunday September 14, Beveridge Locks

Hike to Beveridge Locks from Perth, an easy 10-12 km walk along the Tay River tow path and then back through mixed bush and pasture, around a large cattail marsh to end at the locks where the Tay River meets Rideau Lake. Meet in the IGA parking lot in Perth, at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lunch.

Leader: Jean Riddell, 267-1451

Prince Edward County Outing

In late July, ten Kingston Club members participated in a 4-day trip to explore the conservation areas in Prince Edward County. They were Bird, Cathy, Dorothy, Ed, Joan, Joyce, Pat, Ruth, Val and Vera.

Prince Edward County, Quinte's Isle
Varied scenery, mile after mile.

Sandy beaches, pebbly shore,
Woodland trails for us to explore.

Lake on the Mountain, Little Bluff,
Bird House City for the birding buff.

Fruit stands, tea rooms, restaurants to
please, Camping, resorts and B and B's.

Museums a plenty, craft places too,
Antiques and artwork, old and new.

Friendly people, smiling faces,
Welcomed us to many places.

Mists and rain, some each day,
Didn't dampen spirits in any way.

So much to see, so much we recall,
It's a wonder we had time to hike at all!

Cathy Cutts

Kingston Club Annual General Meeting

Kingston's AGM was held this year on May 10th in the barn at Gould Lake Conservation Area. The meeting was opened at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Keith Bull, who then gave the chairman's report. Dave Roeder gave the construction report and Larry McCurdy gave the treasurer's report. Don Green presented the maintenance report and Johanna Koeslag read Emma Martin's publicity report.

Regarding the newsletter, Johanna noted that she will be staying on as editor until the AGM in October when Julie Webb will take over. Su Nag reported on the hike program and Nancy Young reported on special events, such as the party held for maintainers, the outing at Myles Acres, the potluck supper and the joint weekend with Ottawa to be held in August. The business meeting ended with the acceptance of the proposed slate of new executive listed below.

After lunch, Orla Myrfield gave an interesting talk about the practical aspects of backpacking. Then Norm McLeod let us in on some of the secrets of his photographic skills. Afterwards, the hikers hiked the east side of Gould Lake (leader, Gaetan Lessard), and the canoers canoed on Gould Lake (leader, Tom Kaddits). Both groups stopped to view the new catwalk being built over the beaver dam there.

New Kingston Club Executive for 1986/87

Chairman	Keith Bull	546-9693
Vice-Chairman	Peter Skelton	544-0151
Past Chairman	Joan Hughes	549-6265
Secretary	Margaret Page	389-7840
Treasurer	Betty McIver	549-8028
Routes & Negotiations	Bernard Downey	389-0480
Construction	Harry Gardner	389-9639
Maintenance	Don Green	389-5458
Publicity	Emma Martin	542-1594
Outings Program	Su Nag	544-6505
Special Events	Nancy Young	549-8356
Kingston Rep	Norm McLeod	546-9440
Hike Ontario Rep	Douglas Montgomery	542-7236
Newsletter Editor	Julie Webb	549-0593

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN?

Saturday, September 20, 1986

WHERE?

Westport Legion Hall

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.	Drinks & Goodies
10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
12:00 noon	Brown Bag Lunch
1:00 p.m.	"Hiking In Peru" Talk and Slides by Robert Gravel
2:30 p.m.	Hikes
5:00 p.m.	Dinner

Remember to reserve for dinner at least a week in advance by phoning:

Ottawa:	Patricia Narraway	596-1677
Perth:	Jean Riddell	267-1451
Kingston:	Nancy Young	549-8856

Trail User's Code

- * Hike only along marked routes, especially on farmland - do not take short cuts.
- * Do not climb fences - use the stiles.
- * Respect the privacy of people living along the trail.
- * Leave the trail cleaner than you found it - carry out all litter.
- * Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- * Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.
- * Keep dogs on a leash, especially on or near farmland.
- * Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- * Light cooking fires at official camp sites only and drench fires after use. (Better still, carry a lightweight R stove.)
- * Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.

The Second Hike Ontario Conference by Moira Drummond

The conference took place at Guelph University, May 16-19, 1986. The theme, **Broadening Horizons**, did just that, as participants found there were more places to hike than most of us realized.

We shared ideas and experiences. We talked about existing trails and made plans for new trails. We took part in early morning bird-watching and jogging, and in a full program of hiking on the area trails. We made use of the Nature Centre and Arboretum of the University, and took in the displays set up by the trail clubs and commercial enterprises.

Entertainment was varied and had something for everyone - slide shows, music, square dancing. The highlight for us all was Janet and John Fosters' slide presentation "North to the Top of the World".

We ate very well. The Friday evening early arrivals enjoyed a wine and cheese party, on Saturday there was an outdoor barbecue lunch, on Sunday a pancake breakfast outdoors - the weather being reasonably co-operative! The banquet was held on Sunday night, at which time the Merit Awards were given out. It was good to see our nominees, Helen and Arne Henrickson, receive theirs.

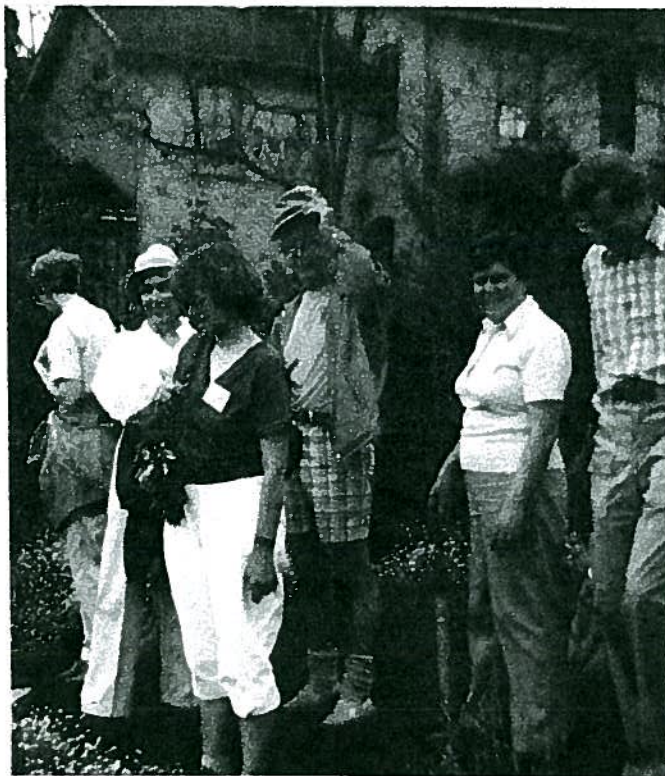
The Ministry of Natural Resources' representative, Norman Richards, gave us some insight into the evolving role of the Government in Ontario hiking trails. The focus was on management plans and the possibility of resurrecting a committee of landowners, trail associations and Government.

The opening panel discussed opportunities for Ontario hiking and the proposed National Trail. Trail managers were asked to look ahead and plan to achieve their goals. Workshops covered most pertinent areas. Ron Hunt participated in "The Elements of Trail Management", and I took part in "Designing An Exciting Program For Your Club". We had a good response to our efforts. I also found myself a panel member at the Town Hall Meeting on Sunday morning where twenty-five resolutions came under discussion. Two of those approved pertained to leadership training

for hike leaders, and a skills program for trail maintainers, that these be taught to volunteers as part of on-going programs. Also approved was a resolution that work on trail expansions be developed by interested Clubs to link and form a trail network in Ontario, to become part of the National Trail. It was also resolved that the principal follow-up activity of the Conference should be a Ten Year Management Plan for Hike Ontario with specific goals and objectives and input from the executives of member trail clubs.

As I was involved in several meetings, including a Board meeting on Monday, I only managed one hike, a "Walkabout" in Old Guelph, a great way to learn of the history and people who settled in the area.

There were 230 registrants, somewhat fewer than expected. However, the Conference did not lose money. Compliments should go to the hosts, the Guelph Trail Club, for a well organized meeting. If the interest aroused and the enthusiasm carries on, Hike Ontario should have a lively and productive future.



Helen Henrickson, Don & Cathy Cutts
on Guelph "Walkabout" hike

Hike Ontario!

OUTLOOK



Box 651, Station K, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 2H1

Look ahead, plan ahead, work together

From the opening remarks of Gord Thompson, Hike Ontario! president, welcoming hikers to the Broadening Horizons conference in Guelph.

Even as hikers continually face forward, move forward, ever watchful for the next blaze or turn in the trail so, too, the hiking movement in Ontario must continually be mindful of the need to look ahead, to plan and develop with the future in mind.

The challenges of the future are many: to realize the tremendous

recreational potential of our provincial trails; to Broaden the Horizons of our existing hiking trails, linking them into a continuous footpath

Partnership is the basis on which we must build the opportunities for tomorrow's hiker. From our past success and our present endeavours, I am very optimistic about the challenges to come.

Working together, we can apply our imaginations and experiences to meet these challenges.

There is a bright future for trails development and for hikers in Ontario. Together we can accomplish a great deal.

From opening remarks by Norm Richards, Director of Parks and Recreational Areas Branch, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

stretching from Quebec to Manitoba; to face the increasingly complex realities of trail building; to address and resolve issues such as trail right-of-way designations, trail management, land-owner relations and negotiations, and educating the public in trail etiquette and enjoyment.

You have constructed and maintained nearly 2000 km of trails and rendered a service of inestimable value to your fellow citizens. And yet, despite a now thirty-year old tradition of hiking in Ontario, this recreation still remains virtually unknown to the public at large.

And so another challenge and opportunity for the future: to establish recognition and links, operating partnerships and on-going cooperation with government agencies. In addition, we must appreciate the value of communication with other like-minded community organizations.

Invite to Grand Oktoberfest

Grand Valley Trail Association is inviting all readers of Outlook to join them on October 18 for an Oktoberfest party and hike. There's a 8-10 mile hike of the Grand Valley Trail for starters, to be followed by a private party in the Hikers' Lounge of the Chicopee Ski Club's Berg Jolderhaus Chalet. From 4 pm to midnight there'll be a band and entertainment plus all the dancing you can handle. Already, members of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club are planning to attend.

Cost is \$20 person, drinks and a German food buffet extra. If in the Toronto calling area contact the Toronto Bruce Trail Club's president, Mike Webb, at 221-1538; otherwise, either Grand Valley's Betty Schneider at 519-886-5022 or Anne Weber at 519-743-1057. Alternatively, write Grand Valley Trail Association, Box 1233, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4G8.

Keep in touch, spread the word. Please send news of your association's activities to:

Norman Day
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Toronto
Ontario M5R 1X5
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More liaison, more co-operation

Some 30 resolutions were tabled at the Sunday morning Town Meeting, chaired by Henry Graupner. Henry was the first president and guiding light of what was FOHTA and is now Hike Ontario!

Although not all resolutions were discussed, all but two were approved for in general every resolution tabled reflected a consensus that there should be greater liaison between the clubs and the various arms of government. The strongest to reflect this latter view was that of Doug Robertson, executive director of the Bruce Trail Association. Doug urged that Hike Ontario! "recommend to the Ontario government the immediate establishment of a permanent Provincial Trails Advisory Council."

Doug's Trail Council would "provide advice", "foster cooperative development" and eventually bring about "the construction of new and expanded trail corridors for public use."

Defeated was a motion that "Hike

Ontario! should make its priority activity the encouraging of development of the National Trail in Ontario." From the discussion, though, it was clear that the defeat was because of the single-mindedness of the resolution rather than its intent. All present were caught up in the conference's enthusiasm for Doug Campbell's dream of a hiking path to rival the Trans-Canada highway, but the majority also felt that Hike Ontario! and Ontario's trail associations have many other urgent problems that need to be tackled.

Defeated, too, was a motion by Jim Pierce of the Guelph Trail Club. Jim proposed that Hike Ontario! and the Bruce Trail Association amalgamate. His reasoning was that both play much the same role in Ontario hiking and that in very many cases there is a duplication of effort, particularly when it comes to dealing with government. Attractive was that many of the BTA services could be expanded to aid other clubs.

Did You Know?

Woodrow Vacation Farm. Ann And John Miller offer bed and breakfast accommodation at their red brick 1884 farmhouse located on 96 acres. A wonderful place to stay when seeing the sights of the Perth or Ottawa areas, or enjoy a farm vacation meeting the horses and cows while walking through the sugar bush. R.R. #1, Balderston, Ontario, K0G 1A0. 613-267-1493.

Comfortable Hiking Holidays. Ron Baylis has organised some hiking holidays with accommodation and transportation all taken care of. Coming up this fall is a hike and winery tour on the Bruce and Niagara Heritage Trails, hiking on the Bruce Peninsula with a stay at Tobermory Lodge, and a tour of scenic Beaver Valley while staying at Talisman Lodge. For more information, call Ron at 416-445-2628.

Subscribe to Bruce Trail News!

One outcome of the Hike Ontario Conference, Broadening Horizons, held last spring, is that Rideau Trail Association members can now receive Bruce Trail News without also being a member of the Bruce Trail Association.

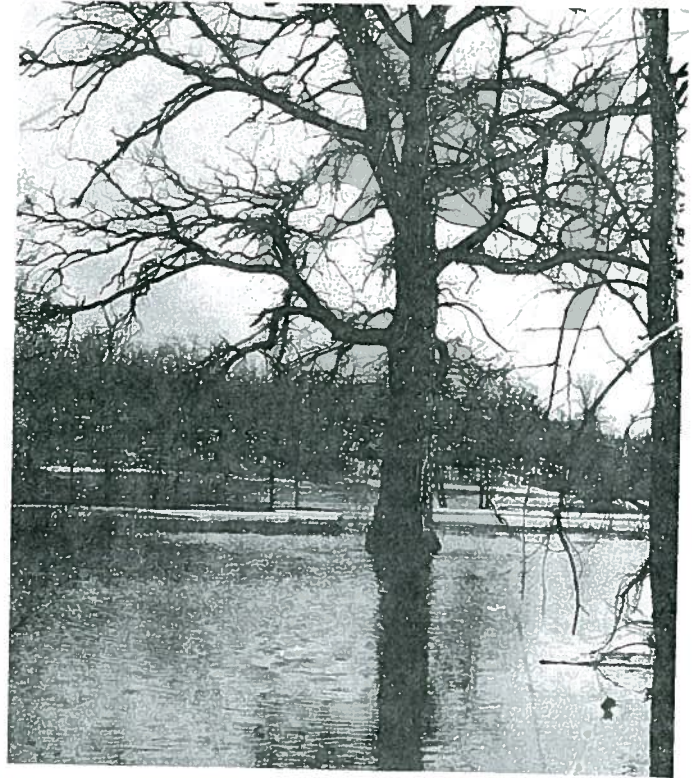
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