

FOGVG

Major Events

Greenway Clean-Up

Days

April 26 & May 3

Guided Hikes & Rides

April 19

June 7 & 14

August 9 & 10

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JOIN the SOUTHERN TIER GREENWAY HIKERS

A small group has started to hike different Southern Tier sections of the Greenway each Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.

New members to the group are always welcome.

Interested hikers should contact marileepatterer@yahoo.com

Snowmobilers Maintain The Trail All Year

by David Wells

You may have seen the Adopt-A-Trail signs recognizing the Henrietta Hill and Gully Riders Snowmobile Club. But you may not know that the club helps maintain the trail on a year-round basis, and that it works beyond its officially adopted 7.2-mile section from Route 251 in Wheatland south to Route 20 in Caledonia.

Hill and Gully members have been active in the FOGVG almost since the organization's inception and, with some assistance from other area snowmobile clubs, did much of the initial land-owner liaison and heavy trail clearing in Chili, Wheatland, and Caledonia.

Last spring the snow club invested \$1,500 in a new Swisher rough-cut mower specifically for use on the Greenway trail. A 14.5-horsepower single-cylinder engine cuts a 44-inch swath including brush up to an inch in diameter, but must be towed behind another vehicle. Club President Gary Rouleau says "Mowing is important because the DEC only gets out once or twice per year. It also keeps us on the trail more to detect problems and remove blow-downs more frequently."

Club member Dave DePascale volunteers his time to mow using his own personal all terrain vehicles. The Chili resident mows from Black Creek south to Route 20 including the pocket park at Lock 2 and the parking lot at Route 20. He also donates use of his York rake to smooth the trail surface several times a year. And he is always prepared to handle fallen tree branches on the spot. "I get lots of thumbs-ups from trail users as they go by," DePascale says. "I just wish they'd stop and lend a hand once in a while."

During the winter, the Hill and Gully Riders

operate a groomer to smooth the trail surface for more pleasurable riding, skiing, and snow walking. Club member Jim Peck, a certified snow trail groomer operator, is in charge of the club's Ski-doo Skandic utility snowmobile and custom-built drag. The 52-inch wide drag works by cutting off the tops of moguls, then rolling and compacting the snow to fill the holes before smoothing the surface out with a weight pan at the rear of the drag. An electric actuator drops a set of tires to allow the drag to traverse pavement. Like mowing, grooming is also a time-consuming operation because it must be done at around 7 miles-per-hour to achieve the best results. Several companies (most of them local) including Action Towing, Elite Motorsports, Roetin Industries, Spectro Lubricants, and Caliber Trailer Products support the grooming effort.

Chili resident Jim Peck volunteers his time to



Dave DePascale handles the Hill and Gully mowing operation.



Jim Peck operates (and maintains Hill and Gully's snow trail groomer.

groom the trail from Ballantyne Road all the way to Route 20. If you see a flashing yellow light in the distance on the trail this winter, it's probably Jim on the groomer. Give him plenty of room because the rig isn't very maneuverable.

The Caledonia Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club grooms a

portion of the trail south of Route 20. It is one of several area clubs that have played or now play a part in developing and operating the Greenway trail.

David Wells is a professional writer/photographer doing predominantly powersports articles for various national and state publications. He is a long-time member and former board member of FOGVG and was active politically and physically in the process of creating the trail.

President's Letter



HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT THE GREENWAY!

Let us place YOUR copy of future newsletters in public places so we can reach a larger audience.

Since the newsletter is now available on our website, you can opt to receive your copy electronically, which will enable us to pass your printed copy along to someone new *at no additional cost to the organization!*

Please e-mail us at fogvg@frontiernet.net if you would be willing to receive your newsletter via the Internet.

Thank you.

This is apt to be a tough time of year for those of us who enjoy the outdoors. To help you transition to days forthcoming, we've included the final segment of the three-day Greenway bicycle trip I took with Jim Hutton. For those who can't wait until spring, winter hiking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing provide real joy.

We've made some improvements to the FOGVG website [www.fogvg.org] and I invite you to take a look! We've got a new home page and navigation. A slide show describing the past, present and future of the Greenway is also posted there. Other enhancements are planned, so keep checking the site and do let us know what you think of these changes.

Board members met recently with officials of Houghton College and other community leaders to discuss mutual benefits of connecting the trail system at the College with the Greenway. Creative thinkers and committed volunteers are needed to help these initiatives take flight. Please contact us for more information on trail development projects in the Houghton-Caneadea-Oramel-Belfast-Rockville areas.

Special thanks to the Hill and Gully Riders Snowmobile Club, whose accomplishments as Trail Adopters are appreciated and enjoyed by so many.

Hope to see you on the trail.

Ned Holmes

See a PROBLEM on the Greenway? Let Enforcement Officers Know!

Greenway law enforcement is provided by State Park Police and State DEC Environmental Conservation Officers and Forest Rangers, working together and with state and local police forces. These officers are eager to address any issues or concerns, but cannot do so without the public's help. According to DEC Environmental Conservation Officer Lieutenant Peter Barton, "If you have specific problems, let us know. Then we'll detail patrols to address them."

The more information that can be supplied to the officers, the better they can address an issue. According to Major David Page of the New York State Park Police, "For the most effective response to Greenway problems, please gather and record information about a violation and relay the complaint directly and as soon as possible to a law enforcement agency. If it's an emergency, call 911."

Monroe County & Letchworth State Park
NYS Park Police
585-658-4692

Livingston County
NYS Environmental Conservation Officers
M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m — 585-226-6706
After hours — 877-457-5680

Wyoming and Allegany Counties
NYS DEC Forest Rangers
585-372-0645

NYS Environmental Conservation Officers
585-851-7000

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Finger Lakes Trail Conference
6111 Visitor Center Rd.
Mt. Morris, NY 14510
585-658-9320

The unlawful use of motor vehicles, especially ATV's, is prohibited on the Greenway. Help spread the word to those who may not be aware. *If it has a motor and isn't a snowmobile, it CANNOT BE RIDDEN on the Genesee Valley Greenway.*

Thanks to our Donors AND our Volunteers!

Sincere thanks to Elam Sand & Gravel Corp. of Mt. Morris for donating obsolete rubber conveyor belts to the FOGVG. Tim Day of the Hill and Gully Riders Snowmobile Club made arrangements with Elam to reclaim and repurpose this material as a protective covering for the bridge just south of Rt. 251 in the Town of Wheatland in Monroe County.

Occasionally, bridge surfaces become snow-free even though the trail is still covered. When snowmobiles pass over, the carbide runners on their skis and carbide picks on their tracks tend to dig into the wood. These rubber mats have been installed by Hill & Gully volunteers to prevent that damage.

Elam also provided used belting for Greenway bridge surfaces in Livingston County, which will be installed by crews from OPRHP. There may be enough left after that project for Hill and Gully to complete a similar project on the George Bridge in Scottsville.

Todd Krenzer of Elam said, "As a snowmobiler, I am happy to donate the materials needed to preserve the bridges we cross."



Obsolete conveyor belts were affixed with screws and washers on the Greenway bridge south of Route 251 in Wheatland, NY.

FOGVG wishes to thank Gary Rouleau, Tim Day, and Andy Wise of Hill and Gully, and all their co-volunteers who do so very much to help maintain and improve the trail.

Highlander Cycle Tour Supports the Friends

Attention Cyclists!

Did you know that for the past eight years, hundreds of riders (732 in 2007 from all over the US and Canada) have gathered in the Bristol Highlands, above the western shore of picturesque Canandaigua Lake, to take part in the challenging Highlander Cycle Tour?

The ride showcases the beauty, the tastes, and especially the challenge of the region and does so in varying degrees of difficulty. There are five ride options with distances from 30 to 100 miles, total vertical climbs of from 1000 to 11,000 feet, up to 20 hill climbs, and grades up to 23%. Does this get your attention? If you want more, there is a five mile mountain time trial. Spectacular views, rider giveaways and winery products are also included.

Mark your calendar for September 12-13, 2008 to take part in the next Highlander Cycle Tour.

Now for the good news. Each year the Highlander proceeds go to support not for profit organizations. In 2007, over

\$21,000 was raised for various charities including: Mercy Flight, Lance Armstrong Foundation, South Bristol Historical Society, Rochester X-Country Ski Foundation, Naples Youth Corporation, Otetiana Council Girl Scouts, Crescent Trail Association, Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway, and Perinton Park Pride Fund.

The Friends were honored and most pleased to receive a donation of \$3,000 from this event in 2005 and another \$1,000 in 2007. Ride Director, David Bischoff of Fairport, included the following in his letter to the Friends.

"Keep up the great work! Our community is a better place to live in and enjoy because of people willing to go the extra mile, like you and charitable events like ours."



www.highlandercycletour.com

DAY THREE

by Jim Hutton

In mid-July Ned Holmes and I biked the Greenway end-to-end from Hinsdale to Rochester. We had ridden end-to-end before in sections over the course of a summer, but this time we completed one continuous ride over three days, traveling a total distance of 103 miles. We chronicle the trip for you here. For stories about our first two days, refer to the August and November editions of *The Greenway News*. JH

After spending the night in Mt. Morris, we had an early breakfast at the Country Inn and Suites and were on our bikes again at 7:30 a.m.

We had to take a short detour on Route 36 across the Genesee River and then turn right onto River Road before getting back on the Greenway again.

It was a dark, misty morning and every rabbit in Livingston County seemed to be on the Greenway. However, it is a very pleasant ride here as you are on the trail now going through woods and past fields for the remainder of the way.

We stopped briefly at York

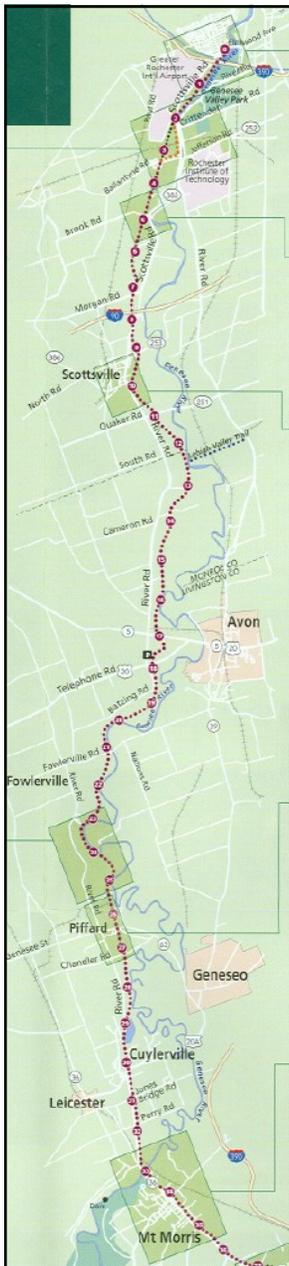
Landing to look at the new Greenway information kiosk. By the time we reached Scottsville the sun was out, and it was a beautiful day again.

We

took a short detour onto Rochester

Street to find a convenience store where we could get some lunch and refill our water bottles. From there it was a short ways back onto the Greenway at Route 383 and the final part of our ride to Genesee Valley Park in Rochester.

The trail is very nice from Scottsville to Ballantyne Road in Chili, but the path along Scottsville Road is full of ruts and not a good



End-to-Enders...



Jim Hutton and FOGVG President Ned Holmes, setting out.

place to hike or bike.

We arrived at Genesee Valley Park about 1:30 p.m. after traveling 34 miles from Mt. Morris. The urban park setting was quite a contrast to the rural terminus in Hinsdale where we had started two days earlier.

My wife, Ann, with the assistance of my friend, Will McCoy, had stationed our car at the park that morning. Ned and I loaded our bikes on the car and headed for home. I had never done a long bike ride like this before, and was amazed that I wasn't more tired or sore.

It certainly will be some time before the Greenway is completed, but each summer that

Ned and I ride it there is more trail open than the summer before. Even with the current detours it is a wonderful ride and I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys biking and trails. JH



Ned inspecting the York Landing kiosk



Jim at Genesee Valley Park

Are you a GVG End-to-Enders?

We'd love to hear from you with stories and photos of your experience. Drop us a line at fogvg@frontiernet.net.

What's Happening on the Trail

NYSDEC Region 8 & OPRHP Genesee Region

Work began in September to stabilize the rapidly deteriorating historic stone arch culvert under the Greenway at Fowlerville Creek in the Town of York. This project stabilizes the trail surface and maintains access to private property along the rail bed. All that remains to be done now is topsoil, seeding, and mulching, which will happen in spring.

A survey of the proposed Route 20 parking area near Mile 18 at Avon is complete. A meeting will be scheduled between DEC, Parks, and the Friends to determine how this area will be developed.

NYSDEC Region 9 In early December, contractors installed a large concrete box culvert in a stream just south of Houghton near Molyneaux Road. Once several areas of trail surface repair are completed, another 8/10^{ths} of a mile of previously closed trail will be opened (from north of the Genesee River washout to RG&E substation #180).



Contractors place modular culvert sections with a crane



Looking downstream. Backfilling almost completed.



Looking upstream. Placing large rocks in the stream slows water and prevents erosion under culvert outlet and along banks.

CHECK THE LABEL!

If you have yet to join or renew your membership (check your mail label for expiration date), please use the enclosed membership envelope and become a Friend of the Genesee Valley Greenway.

Friends Attend Saratoga Meeting: Urge Support of Governor's 2008 Budget

On January 19, Saratoga Spa State Park was the site of a statewide meeting of Friends Groups and Affiliate Organizations of state parks and historic sites hosted by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Commissioner Carol Ash.

The meeting attracted more than 200 participants, including representatives from over sixty not-for-profit partners and OPRHP staff. FOGVG President Ned Holmes and Treasurer Joan Schumaker were in attendance as Commissioner Ash, her staff, and others from various Friends Groups/Affiliates and supporting organizations such as Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) presented a day full of stimulating programs.

The emphasis was on reinvigorating the relationship between State Parks and the partner organizations, strengthening these partnerships, encouraging dialogue among the partners, and seeking the collective support and leadership of these partners as OPRHP works to restore and revitalize 213 state parks and historic sites.

Commissioner Ash announced that Governor Spitzer has committed to increased capital funding of \$100 million in order to begin addressing the \$650 million cost of 750 backlogged capital projects that are needed over the next several years. The Governor's proposed budget also adds 32 new park staff positions so that the parks agency can begin opening some of the many new facilities acquired over the last decade.

PTNY reports that "there is an urgent need for increased capital and operational funding for New York's state parks. Over the past 15 years, 29 new parks were added to the system, yet the park agency's capital budget today, adjusted for inflation, is half what it was in 1992." See www.ptny.org for details.

Commissioner Ash and many of her staff visited the Genesee Valley Greenway in September 2007. She is most supportive of our efforts to develop and maintain the Greenway and we are confident that she will find ways to be of assistance. FOGVG urges our readers to contact their legislators in support of Governor Spitzer's funding for parks to ensure that it is included in the final state budget.

Thank You For Taking Action.

Membership News

The FOGVG membership year is from September 1 through August 31 of each year. **2007-2008 members to date were either listed in the November 2007 newsletter or are included below.** New members have joined us, members have returned after a few years away, and continuing members have submitted their most important renewals in support of the Friends. We have also received special donations, some as memorials, and gift memberships. **WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.** Please tell your friends about us.

New Members: Sarah Booher, Dansville; Nate & Susan Cook, Rochester; Donald & Carol Donovan, Cuba; Lonnie & Bonnie Kratts, Dalton; James & Jeanette Maxim, Cuba; Joe & Marilee Patterer, Black Creek; Rich & Val Perkins, Caneadea; Wendy Stevenson, Springwater; Mary Weber, Scottsville; L. Chandler Whitford, Wellsville

Returning Members - Welcome Back: Judith A. Barrett, Gary & Shirley Cox, Ronald De Groff, Ralph G. Garnish, Cynthia Howk, Michael Kennedy, J. Robert Muller, Josephine Nielsen, Jennifer Ries-Taggart & Michael Taggart, Ronald & Linda Sallade, W. William & Sally Wisniewski

Renewing Members: The Ron & Mary Abraham Family, John & Barbara Adams, Joan Armbruster, Ted Bartlett, Harold Bauer, Eugene Bavis, Neil & Lynn Bellenger, Bob Berch, Howard Beye, Todd Blide, Vicki & Glenn Bodman, Carl & Gail Brozek, Tom & Barb Byrnes, Jack Carter, Gary & Linda Cicoria, Ronald & Judith Cicoria, Robert & Mary Daniel Cooper, David Crowley, Susan Czapranski, William & Lois Davis, Brewster DePuy, Richard DeSarra, Darryl & Mary Dickinson, Barbara Dimmick & Henry Williams, Jamie & Missy Dynarski, Robert & Patricia Edwards, Reed English, Steve & Cheryl Evans, Paul & Gay Frame, Robert Frazer, Paul & Vicky Gaeta, Coleridge Gill, Peter & Luane Haggerty, The Hennessey-Macula Family, Henrietta Hill & Gully Riders, Ned Holmes (Life Member), Peter & Sally Humphrey, James Hutton, Lawrence Jones & Vera Versteeg, Marilyn & Bob Kaiser, Jon Kapecki, Larry Kilbury, Mary & Dave L. Kipp, Jo Kirk & Chuck

Strickland, James & Susan Knauer, Little Beard Club, The Quentin & Libby Llop Family, Paul & Roberta Mac Lean, John & Mary Mahlendorf, Patricia Martin, Kathleen Mc Gowan, James Mc Master, David Mc Nitt, Bob & Glenda Melville, Al & Susan Myers, Elizabeth O'Mara, Don & Barb Phillips, Robert & Nancy Pierson, Andy & Ginger Potter, Joseph Readl, Margaret & Ken Reek, Ruth Reid, Thomas Rodwell, Peggy Rosenthal, Larry & Elizabeth Russell, Fred & Gerry Sauter, Maurice Seager, Stephanie Spittal, John & Geri Stanton, Greta Stephany, Irene Szabo, R.W.W. & Jo Taylor, Liz Thorndike, Pat & Jim Tindale, Mary & Lawrence M. Tyndall Family, George VanArsdale & Elizabeth Osta, Georgeanne Vyverberg, David Wahl, James & Diane Waldruff, Philip & Irene Warner, Tania Werbizky & Brad Edmondson, Robert Wheeler, Judy White, The Wildrick-Cole Family, Carol L. George-Williams & Bill Williams, Robert A. Wood, Kevin Yost, X-Country Trailriders Snowmobile Club

Donations: Highlander Cycle Tour; Ned & Louise Holmes; Joan Schumaker; Pat & Jim Tindale, Carol L. George-Williams & Bill Williams

Memorial Donations: *In Memory of Albert Popnik of Scottsville - Joyce & Elias Agosto, Brockport, NY; Mrs. Jeanne Arthur, Scottsville; Donald & Ruth Cross, Oro Valley, AZ; James & Joyce Harrington, Rochester, NY; Daniel & Joanne Nicolas, New York, NY; Mrs. Imogene Popnik, Scottsville.*

For 2008, we've added a new level of membership.

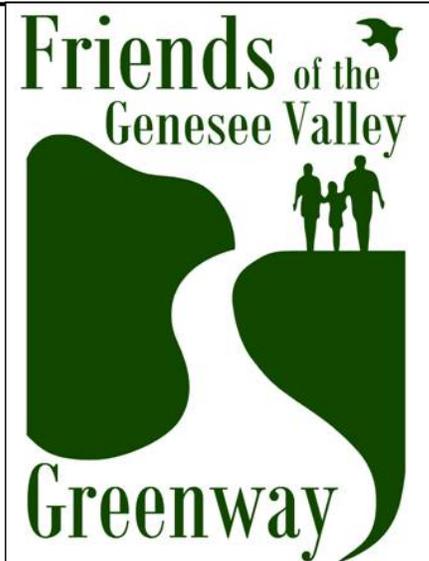
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1. A one-time feature article about your business in the *Greenway News*, which will be posted on our website for the membership year
2. A display ad (business card size) that will appear in every issue of the membership year, posted on our website and hot linked to yours

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4. Public distribution in libraries, public spaces, and FOGVG booths at area sporting/recreation events
5. Unlimited exposure on FOGVG website, which averages 3000 unique visits per month

Note: Members who have already renewed may upgrade their membership to the Business Sponsor level.



Earth Share

Please note that NYS employees may donate to the Friends through Earth Share as part of the NYS Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) workplace giving program. FOGVG is a part of SEFA campaigns in all NY counties. You'll also find us listed under Earth Share in participating corporate campaigns. **Please look for us.**

2008 GREENWAY & RELATED EVENTS

Saturday, April 19, Guided Hike:

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center (South of Mt. Morris Village, 2 miles off of Rt. 408). Leader: Joan Schumaker. Minimum 4 miles out and back from dam through oak forest to Greenway. Option to add more, looping through Livingston County Park. Medium pace. Bring water, lunch, clothing, all-weather gear, appropriate footwear. Info: 585-658-2569 or email: fogvg@frontiernet.net

April 25-27, Finger Lakes Trail Conference Annual Meeting/Spring Outing

At the Montour Falls Fire Academy, Hosted by the Cayuga Trails Club. www.fingerlakestrail.org or call 585-658-9320

Saturday, April 26, Greenway Clean-Up Day:

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Brook Road (off of Scottsville Rd.) Parking Lot to clear debris. Bring gloves and tools for clearing brush. Info: 585-658-2569 or email: fogvg@frontiernet.net

May 30 - June 1, 50th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage:

An outdoor learning experience at Allegany State Park organized by four local Audubon Societies. Info: www.allegany-nature-pilgrimage.org

Saturday, May 3, Greenway Clean-Up Day/Picnic:

9:00 a.m., Meet at Oakland Road Locks, bring gloves and tools for clearing brush around locks and on trail. Park's crew will also be available with equipment/trucks. Following clean-up, plan to stay for picnic at Parade Grounds - Bring dish to pass and table service. 585-658-2569 or fogvg@frontiernet.net

Saturday, May 3, Mt. Morris Dam Open House

Visitor Center: Several programs planned (details TBA) and various organizations (including FOGVG) represented. Info: (585) 658-4790 or check www.fogvg.org

Saturday, June 7, National Trail Day - Guided History Walk:

Meet 10:30 a.m. at Oakland Road Locks for two mile walk along locks. Learn about Oakland, as well as the history of the canal and railroad in this area. Leader: Joan Schumaker Info: 585-658-2569 or email: fogvg@frontiernet.net

Saturday, June 14, Greenway Bike Ride

Meet at 10:00 am at the trailhead in Canawaugus Park on River Road (Route 251) in Scottsville for a two-hour, 14 mile ride south to Rt. 5 in Avon and back. Bring water. Lunch in Scottsville after the ride is optional. Ride Leader: Richard DeSarra. 585-461-5363 or rdsbike@rochester.rr.com

Saturday, June 14, 11th Annual ADK Outdoor Expo

9 am - 4 pm Mendon Ponds Park Beach Area: Workshops and demo taking place all day. Environmental organizations (including FOGVG) represented. www.gvc-adk.org.

Aug. 7-11, North Country Trail Ass'n Annual Meeting

At Cazenovia College, Hosted by the FLTC, ADK-ON & CNY Chapter of NCTA. Registration info : www.fingerlakestrail.org or call 585-658-9320

Saturday, Aug. 9, Greenway Bike Ride

Meet at 10:00 am at the trailhead in Canawaugus Park on River Road (Route 251) in Scottsville for a two-hour, 14 mile ride south to Rt. 5 in Avon and back. Bring water. Lunch in Scottsville after the ride is optional. Ride Leader: Richard DeSarra. 585-461-5363 or rdsbike@rochester.rr.com

Sunday, Aug. 10 - 10th Annual Greenway Horseback Ride

Meet at Chandler Rd. Trail Head off Rt. 63, York, 10:00 a.m. Two-hour ride. Free parking in field next to trail head. Optional brunch at Yard of Ale Canal House Inn, Piffard at noon. Info: 585-658-2569 or email: fogvg@frontiernet.net

August 16 - 17 - Canadea Summer Festival

Canadea United Methodist Church, Rt. 19 at Rt. 243
Info: Dorothy Lendell canadeatown@hotmail.com

September 12 -13 - Highlander Cycle Tour & Expo

Bristol Mountain Winter Resort, Canandaigua, NY, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Five cycle tours (30 - 100 miles) of various levels of difficulty in the scenic Bristol Hills. FOGVG to be at Expo on the 13th. Info: www.highlandercycletour.com

September 27 -28 - DEC Hunting & Fishing Days

NYSDEC Region 8 Headquarters, Avon, NY, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Numerous vendors, displays, and activities related to conservation/wildlife take place during these two days. FOGVG to be represented here. [www.dec.ny.gov / region8@gw.dec.state.ny.us](http://www.dec.ny.gov/region8@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

Sunday, September 28 - 27th Annual "Journey for Sight" 5K Walk-a-Thon

Belfast, NY (meet at the park next to Rt. 19), 12:00 – 1:00 Registration; Walkers depart at 1:00, runners at 1:30. Sponsored by the Allegany County Lions Clubs, the route includes one mile of the Greenway (between Hughes St. and Gleason Hill Rd). Info: Wendell Bennett (607) 478-8111

Sunday, October 19 - 16th Annual Ridgewalk & Run -

Wellsville, NY- This event, attracting 900 participants in 2007, features spectacular trail walks and competitive runs (14 miles, 10K, & 5K) showcasing the stunning fall beauty in the northern Plateau Region of the Allegheny Mtns. www.ridgewalk.com

Sunday, November 9 - FOGVG Annual Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Location TBA

Send your events information to: fogvg@frontiernet.net

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Do you have an interesting story about how your group or organization is using the Greenway? Please send it our way!

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Houghton Area Trails Under Discussion

Representatives of the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway (FOGVG) met in early January with Dr. Paul Young, Professor of Psychology at Houghton College in Houghton, NY and Chair of the Houghton Forest Task Force. The purpose of the meeting was to explore possibilities for collaboration between the college, the Friends, and the Houghton community at large.

According to Dr. Young, Houghton College owns over 600 acres of forested land in this rural Allegany County town. Most of Houghton Forest is just above the campus, but some is also near the Genesee River and a trail system traverses much of it. Approximately half of these trail-covered acres are intended for equestrian use, with the remainder either in use, or under development, as nature, fitness, meditation, and poetry trails. Much of the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail in Houghton is adjacent to college-owned trails.

Discussions ranged from ways to connect and expand trails and trail amenities to preservation of historic buildings dating from the Genesee Valley Canal era, and developing interpretive materials depicting canal, railroad, and Seneca Indian history. The group is also explor-



ing options for construction of a trail bridge over Houghton Creek southeast of State Rt 19.

Dr. Young has agreed to work with the Friends in offering service learning opportunities to students who can take part in developing, administering, tabulating, and analyzing the results of surveys on awareness and use of the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Dr. Young at paul.young@houghton.edu, Karen Ash of FOGVG at kash@frontiernet.net, or call the Friends office at 585-658-2569.