

# New nature trail at Jackfish

# Yuk Yuk's Comedy

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A new nature trail will soon be completed at Jackfish Lake.

Several weeks ago, seven students began marking and clearing the path. The students then began their work on the north side of the lake.

The trail will begin near the beach on the south side of the lake. From the highway, the trail is not easily seen, yet once it is completed, signs will be posted on the highway to direct tourists

as well as local people to the trail.

The trail-breakers were careful to stay as far away as they could from the houses along the lake. Once the trail reaches the lake though, the water is almost always within view.

Although the trail will bring hikers close to the highway occasionally, most of the trail is out of sight. The focus is on nature, so the trail will let people experience it without having to walk too far to get there. The trail itself will be more than two kilometres in

length, and approximately six feet wide.

The students were hired by the Ministry of Natural Resources through the Environmental Youth Core program. The provincial government provides grants to several ministries, including the MNR to sponsor EYC.

Residents and motel owners around Jackfish Lake have applied to have the nature trail cleared for several years. Finally, this year, the MNR responded and sent out students to complete

the job.

"I'm thrilled that it's going to be done," said Shirley Richards, owner of the Jackfish Lake Cottages. "We'd be happy with anything."

Mrs. Richards said that she and her husband have been trying for years to have the nature trail cleared. They would also like the Jackfish public beach fixed up for tourists as well as local people.

"People head straight to the water," said Mrs. Richards. She explained that many tourists who stop often don't realize that there is a lake so near-by because the brush is too thick along the highway.

Jon Ferguson, who lives on near-by Canoe Lake helped organize the students and supply them with tools. Ferguson hopes that he, along with other residents in the Jackfish area will all help maintain the trail once it has been completed.

"A lot of tourists stopping in the evening have nothing to do so we thought they could walk this trail and enjoy some of our scenery," said Ferguson, who has always been supportive of the project.

Once the trail is finished signs will be erected along it pointing out different trees and flowers.

The students are planning to complete the trail sometime in August. It will eventually hook-up with the C.P.R. Memorial Trail, which was made a few years ago.

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Comedians left dozens laughing in Schreiber last Thursday night.

Garry's held a comedy night which had three comedians performing from Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club.

Comedians Bruce Clark and Mike Gotti from Winnipeg and Boyd Coons from Toronto performed to an appreciative local crowd for over two hours.

When asked what they thought of the show, members of the audience all had more or less the same reply- They loved it.

"It was excellent," one man from Rossport said, "I think it was pretty good considering this is a small town. Everyone was into it."

A few people travelled from Thunder Bay and Marathon to catch the show.

Greg Cannon, a Thunder Bay resident who works in Terrace Bay said, "I saw them in O'Toole's in Thunder Bay last week and decided to come down to watch the show in Schreiber."

The owners of Garry's were pleased with the response and hope to have Yuk Yuk's comedians back again.

Part-owner Louie Costa said, "We want to do it every month or six weeks if we get enough response."



Carrie Paukstys, Ken Ferguson, Trevor Stark, Joanne Lalonde, Kathy Whitton, and Kyle Robinson are cutting the nature trail at Jackfish Lake. (missing is Mark Mannisto)  
Photo by Monica Wenzlaff

# Man cycling across Canada

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A man is cycling 6,700 km across Canada to raise funds and awareness to protect the Canadian wilderness.

Martin Kastner, a 44 year-old man from Ottawa, started his cross-country cycling for "Endangered Spaces" on July 1st in Vancouver, B.C. He hopes to make it to Sydney, Nova Scotia by August 24.

Kastner arrived in Schreiber at about 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July

19. He stayed overnight before heading out for another 12-hour day on the highway.

The Endangered Spaces campaign seeks to ensure that each of Canada's 350 natural regions is represented by a park or other protected area by the year 2,000. To date, federal, provincial, and territorial governments have completed less than half of the job. Human activity is quickly chipping away at the remaining wild places that once made up so much of the Canadian landscape.

Kastner is totally self-supportive on the road. He checks in with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) every morning at 8:00 a.m. to receive messages and to find where he can stop along the way to spread the word to help protect the nation's wilderness from being destroyed.

"We have to protect spaces before we protect the species," said Kastner who is very concerned with the amount of logging that goes on in Canada, "Canada is only 1- 2% protected. We want it to be 15%."

Kastner was amazed how different the country seemed from the seat of a bicycle.

"I like this country, it's beautiful. I've seen a lot," Kastner said, "It's different than sitting behind the seat of a car, you see so much more."

"I prefer the hilly stuff," Kastner said of the cycling terrain, "The prairies were so straight and long and the wind comes from all over. You never know what direction it's coming from."

Kastner was born in West Berlin, Germany. He moved to South Africa in 1969, then to Canada in 1985.

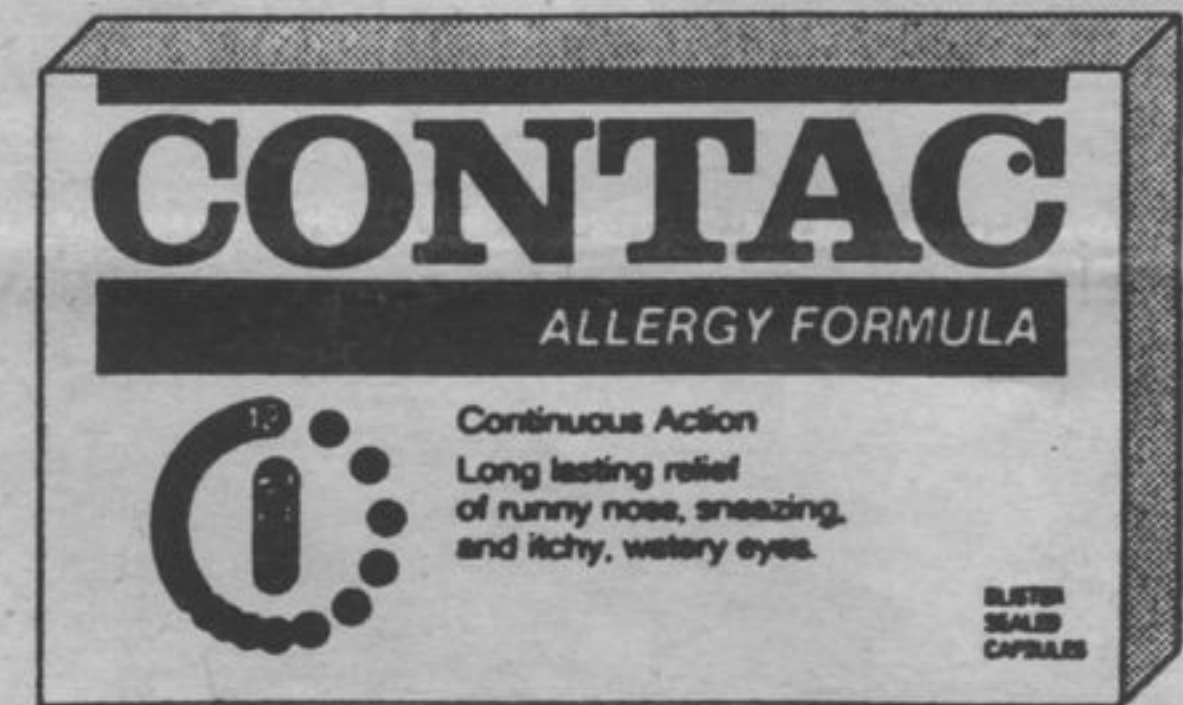
His wife and two daughters are very supportive of his 6,700 km crusade. Kastner mentioned they were a little amazed at first, but now they support him in every way.

Kastner is looking for 1,000,000 signatures to help his crusade across Canada to save our wilderness.

"We should do something about it pretty soon," said Kastner. "This is the time now."



Martin Kastner is cycling 6,700 km from Vancouver, B.C. to Sydney, Nova Scotia to raise money for Endangered Spaces.  
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