

Bi-National Trails Day – June 4, 2006



Left (from L to R):

Phil Haberstro, Wellness Institute

David Granville, City of Buffalo

Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie

**Hal Morse, Greater Buffalo Niagara
Regional Transportation Council**

**Walter Sendzik, Binational Tourism
Alliance**

What started as a gloomy and chilly Sunday morning on June 4, broke into sunshine mid-way through the opening ceremonies at Mather Arch in Fort Erie marking the 2nd Annual Binational Trails Day which was attended by a hearty group of paddlers, bikers, hikers, and even a few strollers. This event, which was conceived to promote health and well-being as much as the green and blue trails which traverse the cross-border region, is organized by the Binational Tourism Alliance in coordination with the Town of Fort Erie and the City of Buffalo along with the Wellness Institute, the Greater Niagara Circle Route and the Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Authority. Timed to coincide with International Trails Day, this event reflects yet another form of collaboration between the two communities at either end of the Peace Bridge along with the increasing tourism attention and investment being directed at the natural heritage of the Niagara region from both sides of the border. Peace Bridge construction has prevented the ceremonial crossing of the bridge during the first two annual events -- but, along with the sun, has been forecast to appear in Year 3.

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**Meet Me
at the Border**



**Right: Participants prepare to
enjoy the day on the areas trails**

