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Lafayette Visitors to Bar Harbor National Park have the unique opportunity to visit the only National Park east of the Mississippi. All other public lands are in the far West. Lafayette National Park was the gift of the people to the United States. It required years of labor and personal sacrifice to acquire it. Here is a recreational area of 10,000 acres—27 square miles—unequalled the country over and visited by travelers from many states and countries. Lafayette contains the well-balanced essentials of the perfect national park, consisting of twenty mountain summits, lined side by side, lying east and west across Mount Desert Island, for more than twelve miles. North, west and south of these lie broad, forested levels, rolling hills, lakes and marshes. The park contains all the beautiful lakes enclosed in this mountain area, and certain lowlands and outlying properties, including one area of rock-bound shore. These are the only mountains fronting the Atlantic coast in the United States, and Cadillac Mountain, the giant of the park group, is the highest point. A motor highway to its very crest, to cost several hundred thousand dollars, is now under construction. This highway will be one of the most celebrated in America.
No one who has ever looked out from the highest hills on Mount Desert Island on the wonderful sea and landscape of promontory, creek and bay, with its winding channels and rock-bound isles, can ever forget its enchanting variety.— DR. HOLMES.

If there is any place in the world where the natural and cultivated have been so effectively combined to produce one beautiful whole as on Mount Desert Island, it is yet to be described to me. There is not a square rod on this wonderful island that is not beautiful, that is not endowed with the best that Nature has to bestow.—WALTER EMERSON.

BAR HARBOR — ON MOUNT DESERT ISLAND!

Nowhere in the world, is there such a wonderland of Sea, Cliff, Mountain, Lake and Forest as Nature has lavished on MAINE'S GREATEST COAST RESORT.

To visit Maine and not see Bar Harbor is to go to Niagara and ignore the Falls.

All that the Bay of Naples is to Europe, Bar Harbor and her Frenchman's Bay is to America—and more.

Why attempt a description of this island of enchantment which weaves a spell over you the moment you step foot upon its shores?

“Blue Islands in soft seas,

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Idle yachts on glassy bays—
Who shall paint you in a phrase,
Mount Desert?”

Sunshiny days; entrancing nights; cool sea breezes; bracing salty air; heaving ocean; rugged mountains; sparkling lakes; needle-carpeted forests; winding trails; beckoning roads; English gardens; flower-painted meadows; beautiful, spacious estates; rushing trout brooks; echoing gorges; boisterous waterfalls; foam-flecked pools; green-clad islands; secluded coves; glistening beaches; surf-battered promontories—all combine to charm and mystify the visitor to Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Island.
Left—Appalachian Club members on Beech Hill overlooking Echo Lake
Center—Young Eagles in Nest Lafayette National Park
Below—Precipice Trail

Above—On the Precipice Trail, Lafayette National Park
Right—Cadillac and Flying Squadron Mountains from Otter Creek
Social Life—Love—Laughter—Romance—Adventure! All are interwoven with the gay, happy, colorful existence led by those who visit Bar Harbor. All that human ingenuity can devise for the pleasure and enjoyment of the tourist is provided willingly by the town of Bar Harbor, whose citizens take a personal interest in seeing that one is made to feel at home.

Summer life at Bar Harbor is not wholly a succession of teas, dinners, dances, musicals, yachting parties and elaborate balls, as one may have gathered from the newspapers—although they are all part of the setting—there are many other delightful phases of social enjoyment—such as intimate exchange of hospitalities between cottagers, hotel guests, and tourists; informal hops; motor rides; tennis and golf matches; picnics and sailing parties; and mountain hikes—all of which add to the pleasure and enjoyment of golden, summer days at Bar Harbor.

Golf Kebo Valley Golf Club! Where in America is there a person, knowing a driver from a mashie-iron, who does not feel a quickening throb at those magic words? Where is there a golfer who has not heard of that seventeenth hole? Bar Harbor has links
Some Sound
capable of testing the skill of the most
experienced devotee, and yet not too
difficult for the fellow who has never
made his ninety-nine. The golfer who
has played this magnificent course needs
no coaxing—he prays for another op­
portunity—and the chap who has never
trod Kebo’s fairways, will sense the pre­s­
ence of rare sport the moment he tees up
on Number One.

Motoring
A Purring Motor, miles and
miles of ocean, smooth road,
a rush up a gradual ascent, around a
graceful curve, a gliding into the valley,
and then, with mood changed, lazily id-
ling along while eyes feast on the beauty
of a meadow vista, a bold-faced precip­
pice or a crescent, wave-washed beach!
Bar Harbor needs make no apology for
the opportunities it offers to the visitor
who enjoys the open road.

Mount Desert Island is a veritable net­
work of entrancing drives. Days may be
spent in motor exploration, and yet on
each trip the guest finds new scenes of
beauty and fresh points of interest. If he
wishes a longer tour he may turn east
and, skirting the coast of Maine for half
a day, find himself on Canadian soil.
Mount Katahdin, the highest point in
Maine, is less than a hundred and fifty
miles to the north, while Moosehead
Lake, the largest body of fresh water en­
tirely within the boundaries of the United
States, is an easy day’s trip to the north-
west. And from Bar Harbor, for still longer trips, Quebec City and the White Mountains are easily reached.

Boating Have you ever seen the fleet of the New York or Eastern Yacht Clubs gliding up the bay? If not, you have yet to look upon one of the most fascinating scenes the Atlantic has to offer. These craft, as well as units of the American and foreign navies, are frequent visitors to Bar Harbor. Yacht races, martial music, white clad sailors, flickering lights and multi-colored flags are but a hasty sketch of the ever-changing panorama of Frenchman's Bay. Motor, sail, rowboats and canoes may be chartered for any length of time, by hour, day, week or season.

Horseback To Canter through sequestered woods-paths and trails, heavy-laden with health-giving balsam is a joy supreme. Nothing quite takes the place of the saddle-horse, and no greater pleasure can be experienced than that of exploring on horseback the miles of trails which thread the forests and wind over hills and dales.

Above—Bar Harbor from Burnt Porcupine Island
Lower Left—Star Point
Lower Right—Cathedral Rock and Ovens
Nature  Do You Find your pleasure in the study of Nature? Then use Bar Harbor as a base, and learn that Mount Desert Island is truly a richly endowed laboratory in which to indulge your hobby. Here the Northern and Temperate zone flora meet. The Island lies on the coast migration route of innumerable birds, and exhibits at its fullest the Arcadian forest, shows the northernmost extension of the Appalachian forest, and is rich in the mingled hardwoods and conifers of the Temperate zone. A marine biological laboratory has been established and here work is being done and lectures given on the marine life of the region and its biological relations. The opportunity for the study of geology can best be imagined by a glance at the accompanying illustrations.
Climate No Other Place in the North and Water Temperate zone surpasses Bar Harbor for evenness of climate. Fanned by the Atlantic’s invigorating breezes—spiced with the odors of balsam, spruce and pine—to give new life and courage to tired minds and bodies, Bar Harbor offers a retreat from sweltering dust-laden cities of mid-summer. Thousands return annually to enjoy health and happiness here.

Next to its climate, Bar Harbor’s richest possession is its inexhaustible spring-fed water supply from Eagle Lake. The tonic effects of the climate, combined with its purest of pure water, make the Island practically immune to disease and allure thousands every summer to this Queen of Resorts, rich in historical association and sublime in natural beauty.
Fishing  Let's go a-fishing! Fresh or salt water—which shall it be? Good catches of trout and salmon, perch and bass, are made from the fresh-water lakes and ponds; while cod, haddock and numerous other species abound in the sea. Mountain brooks, too, yield their quota of speckled beauties to delight the eye of the angler and satisfy his trout hunger. It's a never-ending source of delight to take a day off to fish at Jordan Pond, a favorite picnic place, and, like Bubble Pond, a beautiful bit of woodland scenery. Eagle Lake, Long Pond and Echo Lake, are well stocked with salmon and trout from the Government Hatcherries.

Swimming  There are those who, scorning the white tile of an indoor pool, enjoy the red-blooded thrill of an outdoor plunge in clean sea water. Some desire to sport where the ocean swell rides high with an invigorating nip in the breeze and water; others prefer the calm of a sheltered cove and the sun-warmed tide. Perhaps the expert wants to try his skill and strength where the ocean's floor is far below; while the less daring will choose the more shallow water of the sandy beach. Bar Harbor is able to satisfy the swimmer, whatever may be his hobby. The Swimming Pool is widely known, for here are held hotly contested tournaments. This club has its well-appointed club-house, with restaurant and ballroom.
Upper oval—Jordan Pond
Center Left—Compass Harbor Pond, Bar Harbor, Maine
Lower—Eagle Lake, source of Bar Harbor water supply, surrounded by Lafayette National Park lands

Upper Right—Jordan Pond and Mountains in Lafayette National Park
Center Right—The Bowl on Champlain Mountain
Mountains Off for the Day! With and Hiking a knapsack and a snack to eat. To follow one of the three hundred miles of trails up into the mountains or through shaded woods, where the sunlight filters through the arched branches of giant trees, is a joy reborn to the experienced hiker, and a fresh delight to the beginner. The more strenuous seek the bolder heights through steep canyon or rocky gorge, with thrills a-plenty and a view at the top of awe-inspiring grandeur.

The Appalachian Mountain Club years ago discovered the rugged beauty of Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the Atlantic coast, and members come year after year to climb this and Saint Sauveur, Norumbega, Flying Squadron, Huguenot Head, Champlain and others.

Camping To the Person Who Seeks life in the open, nothing quite equals a secluded site, a cold spring-brook, starry night, a crackling wood fire—and a tent. It seems impossible that in these modern days one may find a place where all the joys of genuine "big-woods camping" may be experienced, without its inconveniences; but Bar Harbor offers just that. And if one wishes to roam afar, his motor will carry him to shady nook or wave-washed shore that delights his heart. Clean-kept campgrounds, bordering the ocean, surrounded by spruce and pine forest, and having the purest of pure spring water, are provided by Bar Harbor, ever thoughtful of the visitor within her gates.

Tennis No Pleasure Resort is complete without opportunity for tennis play. Bar Harbor, at her Athletic Field, Swimming Club, and Kebo Valley Golf Club, has fast, well-kept courts. The twang of the racquet and the rushing swish of the ball are music to the ear of the
tennis lover, and here he may play to his heart's content. The courts on the Athletic Field are available to all. The Maine State Championship Tournament, followed by the Maritime Championship Matches will be held at the Swimming Club courts, beginning the first week in August. What a treat for the person who enjoys the game.

**Baseball**  
The Baseball Association at Bar Harbor has not overlooked the fact that the average American cannot enjoy summer unless he hears the crack of a bat, sees a soaring ball, and watches the sudden action of clean-limbed athletes, fighting for supremacy on velvety green baseball fields. The semi-professional club is one of the fastest teams in the Maine League, and is composed of some of the best-known college players. There is always good baseball sport to be had at Bar Harbor on the finest athletic field in Maine.

**Music**  
Some of the world's most famous singers and musicians are found in Bar Harbor's summer colony. The Building of Arts, an ideal home for music and a background for the performance of these artists, was carefully planned by a committee of summer residents and is a perfect example of Greek architecture.

**Churches**  
There are churches of the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, Unitarian; and there is a Christian Science reading room where services are held.

**Welcome!** Bar Harbor, through its Publicity Committee, extends a welcoming hand. There are no frills here—no ceremonies—the town is friendly, cordial, sympathetic. Its people never tire of showing the visitor the manifold beauties which Nature has bestowed on this choicest spot on Maine's fascinating coast.
How to Reach  To reach Bar Harbor by rail or boat or motor, the traveler will find the accommodations of the best. The Eastern Steamship Corporation steamers ply between Boston and Bar Harbor, making daily trips during the summer months. Through Pullman express trains leave Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington daily, arriving at Bar Harbor the day following. One of the great attractions of the trip is the sail on the steamers of the Maine Central Railroad at the end of the train journey at Mount Desert Ferry. This is a thirty-minute sail, and one passes the homes of some of America's famous citizens; and near the Porcupine Islands which play their part in making Frenchman's Bay the "Naples of America."

By Motor to  The shore road from Portland is the most popular route during the summer and autumn months. Roadsigns have been placed along the highways by the Bar Harbor Publicity Bureau to aid the motorists through this beautiful pine-scented state. Approaching Mount Desert Island, the mountains of Lafayette National Park can be seen in the distance. Leaving the mainland, one crosses the recently constructed concrete and steel bridge, and from this point it is but a few miles to Bar Harbor.

Information concerning Bar Harbor will be cheerfully supplied upon writing or inquiring at the Publicity Office, Main Street and Park Road.
Bar Harbor to Seal Harbor, 8 miles; Bar Harbor to Northeast Harbor, 12 miles; Bar Harbor to Southwest Harbor 16 miles; Bar Harbor to Ellsworth, 19 miles.