Bar Harbor, Maine: What Can Be Seen There

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The largest island on the coast of New England, was discovered in 1604, by Champlain who named it "L' Isle des Monts Desert," or the isle of the desert mountains. In its comparatively small area of about one hundred square miles are fifteen mountain peaks varying in height from 700 to 1500 feet above sea level, fifteen ponds and lakes, from a few acres to several square miles in area, deep gorges and picturesque glens, bold promontories and broad stretches of forest, sparkling streams, bays, harbors, coves and indentations of every variety and form. Its mountains can be seen sixty miles at sea, the highest of them, Green Mountain, forming a stately background to Bar Harbor, the Queen of American Summer Resorts, which nestles on a wooded plateau at its foot, where the waters of Frenchman's Bay mingle with the broad Atlantic.

Bar Harbor, in the Town of Eden, takes its name from the sand bar which connects the main island with Bar Island, and forms an inner and outer harbor, in one or the other of which vessels can find shelter from any gale that blows. There are nine hotels in the village, and a large number of elegant and costly summer residences. Among the owners and summer occupants of these beautiful homes are many of the most distinguished people of the country.

Bar Harbor owes its popularity as a summer resort to the natural advantages and attractions it possesses, including magnificent mountain and ocean scenery, beautiful lakes and streams, enchanting woodland vistas, delightful drives amid ever varying surroundings, charming walks, fishing, boating and fresh, bracing air. Among its public conveniences and improvements are a pure and adequate water supply, a perfect system of drainage, electric lighting, excellent postal, telephone and telegraph service, good roads and a comprehensive system of bridle paths. The Kebo golf links are second to none in New England. Of the many good roads which traverse the length and breadth of the island it is difficult to decide which opens up the most beautiful scenery.

The Atlantic or Ocean Drive skirts the base of Newport Mountain and follows the shore southward, past Schooner Head and the Spouting Horn, Anemone Cave, Thunder Cave, Newport Beach and Great Head to Otter Cliffs. The road in many places is cut out of the solid ledge, and winds along the edge of precipices or by the brink of the restless sea. Turning inland again by the placid waters of Otter Creek the road makes homeward through the grand and rugged scenery of the Gorge, between the wooded battlements of Newport and the steep, bare cliffs of Dry Mountain.

The Cornice or Bay Drive is a continuation of Eden street, beginning at the dell which shelters the outlet of picturesque Duck Brook and climbing along the beetling face of the cliffs, high above the blue waters of the bay, to the historic little hamlet of Hulls Cove, in whose rustic graveyard repose the ashes of the De Gregoires, the heirs of...
Sieur de la Motte Cadillac, and grantees under the Common
wealth of Massachusetts of the whole island of Mount Desert. From this point the Breakneck and Norway Drives strike inland, opening up an endless variety of lake and woodland scenery.

The Twenty-two Mile Drive takes the visitor by the Ocean Drive to Otter Creek, thence by the attractive Sea View Drive along the shore to Seal Harbor; through that pretty little village and along the Sea Wall to Northeast Harbor, on by the deep blue waters of Somes Sound, an inland sea that would shelter the navies of the world, to the quiet little hamlet of Somesville. After one of the chicken dinners for which the place is famous, the drive is again resumed through the woods and by Eagle Lake homeward.

The bridle paths, laid out and kept in good condition through the tireless energy of the V. I. A. Committee, open up a variety of scenery which cannot be reached otherwise. In the extent of territory covered by the view the Green Mountain paths lead, the most popular one to reach the summit being the Gorge Path. The return is made over the long spur of the mountain in a zigzag path, opening up new stretches of hill, lake and ocean scenery at every turn. At one's feet are the silvery waters of Eagle Lake, while the hoary head of Katahdin marks the limit of the view. Well defined paths also lead to all of the other mountain peaks. The Shore Path, a promenade skirting the shore from the wharves to Cromwells Harbor, is a feature in itself. By moonlight it is a most romantic and beautiful promenade, while in daylight it is an unending source of pleasure and joy to the children. Convenient, open at all hours, and always cool and refreshing, it is a charming place of resort within a few minutes' walk of the hotels.

The harbor is an ideal sheet of water for boating, and all kinds of craft from the birch bark canoe to the sloop or motor launch can be found at the boat wharves. Fishing gear and bait are supplied if desired, and a competent sailor and fisherman to take charge. Well fitted steamers ply on the bay and call at neighboring resorts, and one fond of the water can spend all the time thereon that he chooses.

New and valuable additions to Bar Harbor's many attractions include the handsome granite postoffice, the splendid Y. W. C. A. building and the magnificent Jesup Memorial Library. The swimming pool on the West street shore, connected with which are a fine clubhouse and casino and several good tennis courts, and the Arts Building, situated on the Cromwell Harbor road, near the Kebo Valley Club golf links offers splendid attractions.

To those who would hold communication with Nature in her wildest and grandest moods, Bar Harbor offers such facilities as are presented nowhere else; and the lover who would woo her in her gentle guise will find here also richest opportunity. To the wearied man of business and to the tired votary of fashion, Nature extends alike a welcoming hand, promising to each genuine recreation and enjoyment.
THE DE GREGOIRE APARTMENT HOUSE, EDEN STREET

THE MALVERN HOTEL, KEBO STREET
PULPIT ROCK ON THE SHORE PATH
SURF VIEW ON THE SHORE PATH
SPORT AT THE SWIMMING POOL

PANORAMIC VIEW OF BAR HARBOR
“KENARDEN LODGE,” ON THE SHORE PATH
A TYPICAL VIEW ON THE COAST OF MOUNT DESERT ISLAND
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THE GORGE DRIVE BETWEEN NEWPORT AND DRY MOUNTAINS
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BATTLESHIPS IN THE UPPER HARBOR, SHOWING FLAGSHIPS OF TWO WARS
Hartford
Olympia
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BIRCH POINT ON THE SHORE PATH

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AN ITALIAN GARDEN AT "BLAIR EYRIE"
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ON THE ROAD TO EAGLE LAKE
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MOUNT DESERT STREET, LOOKING WEST FROM MAIN STREET
WINTER SPORT AT EAGLE LAKE

EXTENSION OF LEDGELAWN AVENUE, DRY MOUNTAIN IN DISTANCE
THE SHORE PATH IN WINTER
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VIEW ON THE OCEAN DRIVE

Eagle Lake
"CHATWOLD," SUMMER HOME OF MRS. JOSEPH PULITZER
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WAITING FOR PRESIDENT TAFT TO COME ASHORE FROM THE MAYFLOWER

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THE NEWPORT HOUSE AND COTTAGES

THE RODICK HOUSE AND GROUNDS AS THEY APPEARED IN 1885
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