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A Scenic Wonderland of Ocean, Lakes and Mountains
Summer Yachts Bar Harbor:—A magic name which conjures up a host of memories of vacation delights! Golfing over the velvet greens of the beautiful Kebo Valley Club which nestles at the foot of Kebo Mountain! Swimming in the sparkling, limpid waters of the pool at the magnificent new Bar Harbor Club! Colorful throngs of tennis enthusiasts gathered for the annual International Maritime Tournament! Sailing over the quiet reaches of the Atlantic in a powerful runabout or scudding over the seas in a sailing craft! Summer hikes along secluded trails, where the checkered shadows play hide and seek along the way! Mountain climbing on incomparable Flying Squadron or Cadillac Mountains and the others. Equestrian sports on well-kept bridle paths from which motors are excluded! Famous New England Clam Bakes on the beach beneath a golden moon whose reflection gleams from a thousand sparkling waves! Canoeing on one of the many tree-girt lakes, or along the shores of Frenchmans Bay! Shore dinners at one of the many inns and hotels whose cuisines are unexcelled! Angling for the elusive trout or gamy land-locked salmon! Motoring over perfect roads through the unexcelled scenery of Acadia National Park to other island resorts—Seal Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Northeast Harbor, Manset or Tremont. A constant round of social gaiety, dancing, teas and musicales at the beautiful Building of Arts! Brilliant social functions for those who plan to take their exercise as devotees of Terpsichore!
BAR HARBOR — The Playground of a Nation!

Nowhere in the world can be found such a veritable fairyland of mountain and lake, combined with the sea-shore and summer resort facilities. Thousands of tourists from far-flung corners of the world who visit the Playground of a Nation consider their trip incomplete if they fail to visit Bar Harbor, the wonder spot of the State, and the most distinguished summer resort of all the Americas. The scenic charm of this Mecca of tourist travel has won an enviable reputation among those who have travelled the world over in search of the beauty spots of Nature.

Magnificent estates and hundreds of attractive cottages are found along the wooded shores and scattered through the beautiful hills which make up Mt. Desert Island. Each turn in the winding roads bring a new vista of rare delight, a fresh vision of Nature’s boundless, incomparable beauty which has been lavished on Bar Harbor in such generous prodigality as can be found nowhere else on the civilized globe. The Mt. Desert area contains about one hundred square miles well distributed as to land and water areas.

Acadia National Park, the only one on the Atlantic seaboard, comprises about fifteen thousand acres, with several thousand acres held in trust for future expansion of the great scenic playground, but thrown open to the public, although motors are excluded from many of the bridle paths, which enables them to retain that pristine virginity of secluded quiet which makes them beloved of the Nature lover and naturalist. Many lakes are included within the Park boundaries. Across the bay about fifteen hundred acres, on Schoodic Point, are included in the Park limits, and an area of rock-bound shore, typical of Maine Coastal scenery.
A Happy Throng at Kebo Valley Club House
Probably the most wonderful scenic roadway in the world is that constructed on Cadillac Mountain by the National Park Service, and which will be open to the public during the early summer of 1930. This roadway is constructed in long graceful curves, spiraling around the mountain, so that cars can go to the top in high gear all the way. There are occasional observation points which provide parking space where one may watch the panorama of islands, lakes and villages as it unfolds before his gaze. Upon reaching the summit, the observer will find himself on the highest mountain to be found on the Atlantic seacoast from Labrador to South America.

The Flower The Garden Club of Mt. Desert has an annual flower show which attracts flower enthusiasts from all over the country. Many rare blooms are exhibited and competition is keen for the blue ribbons offered in the various classes.

Beautiful formal gardens, ferneries, and greenhouses contain rare and costly species of plants from every clime. Native flowers and herbs make the island a paradise for the naturalist seeking recreation along his favorite theme.

Churches Churches are maintained in the village by the Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, and Unitarian denominations. There is a Christian Science Reading Room where services are held for those of that faith.
Motor Trips  Miles of smooth, broad roadways lure the motor enthusiast to explore the many entrancing drives centering around beautiful Bar Harbor. A climb up a gradual ascent, a rush around a graceful curve, a glide into a winding valley with a vista of blue-grey mountains in the distance, or a leisurely idling along secluded byways in search of unusual beauty spots which the hand of man has left unchanged—what more can one ask of a vacation tour?

Mount Desert itself is a veritable network of beautiful rides where with infinite variety a meadow vista with a deer feeding quietly in the background gives place abruptly to a bold, rocky precipice, or a crescent-shaped sound where the famous Captain Kidd may have keel-hauled some mutinous seaman, or buried his pieces-of-eight.

Days may be spent in motor exploration, weeks might be used to explore the many mountain trails open to the hiker, and yet the guest would still find something new to bring to each adventure the zest of the explorer seeking after new marvels, the same broadening horizon that beckoned to Champlain when he explored the island in 1604, and gave it the name of “L’Isle des Monts Deserts.”
Mountains  Off for the day! What a
Hiking  thrill we experience as we
take up our knapsack and follow a trail
which perhaps Champlain blazed more
than three centuries ago! We can share
with him the views from “Les Monts
Deserts” as we follow the well marked
trails to the summit. Perhaps we feel
that the blazed trails are too civilized, so
we struggle upward through the under­
brush, circling to avoid a bare precipice
here, now skirting a maelstrom of jagged
rock slide, until we feel
the real achievements
of blazing our own
trail to the sum­mit! How
good that
lunch from
the knapsack
tastes, as we
feast our eyes
on the pano­rama which
extends be­fore us to a

far horizon! How we sleep that night
with the sighing of the wind through the
pines, or the never-ceasing friendly mur­
mur of the sea crooning a lullaby!

The Appalachian Club has realized for
many years the rugged beauty of Cadillac
and the other mountains of the island
and members form a pilgrimage each year
to climb Saint Sauveur, Norumbega,
Flying Squadron,
Huguenot Head,
and Champlain.
Not a day passes
but parties
climb these
mountains
for the mag­nificent views
which may
be obtained
from the top.
**Biological** The Mount Desert Biological Laboratory, located in Bar Harbor, has ample opportunity for studying rare biological specimens, as well as providing a chance for exhaustive studies of the more common species.

**Social** For generations Bar Harbor has been known as the favorite summer playground of the wealthy and fashionable world of America. People with the whole world from which to choose have selected Bar Harbor as the most perfect summer resort, and hundreds of world travellers have chosen to return year after year to their elaborate summer homes or hotel suites in the modern, up-to-date hostleries whose every effort is expended to make their guests happy and contented.

The modern, beautiful building of the Young Women’s Christian Association has accommodations for professional women and their friends. Numerous homes of the permanent residents provide excellent accommodations for a host of summer friends which have been attracted to Bar Harbor by the even climate so necessary to the proper enjoyment of vacation life.

**Tennis** The Athletic Field offers opportunity for a variety of out-of-door sports. The new Bar Harbor Club, the Kebo Valley Golf Club, and the Y. M. C. A. all have fast, well-kept courts. The highlight of the tennis season is the annual International Maritime Championships which are played here each year, beginning the first Monday in August.
Camping  A public camp ground is maintained in the borders of Acadia National Park, about two miles from Bar Harbor Post-office. The camp-ground is equipped with electric lights and running water from Eagle Lake, the source of the municipal water supply of Bar Harbor.

Fishing  Fresh or Salt Water fishing, which shall it be? Good catches of trout and salmon, perch, pickerel and bass may be taken from the fresh water lakes, ponds and streams, while cod, haddock, and numerous other deep-sea species may be taken at will from the ocean.

Jordan Pond, Bubble Pond, Eagle Lake, Long Pond, and Echo Lake are well stocked with salmon and trout from various government fish hatcheries. Mt. Desert and the near-by mainland form a paradise for the disciples of Izaak Walton. Black-flies, those pests of the fisherman, are unknown on the island.

The Horse  The Bar Harbor Horse Show was revived recently and has attracted wide interest. Lovers of horses have an unequalled opportunity to use horses here for riding and driving. Several good riding schools are well established and well patronized each year.
Abbe Memorial  Adjoining the Sieur de Monts entrance to the Acadia National Park stands the Robert Abbe Museum, dedicated to public use and containing relics of the Stone Age period, Indian relics showing the degree of culture attained by the aborigines in this section of the country. During the summer season an archeologist is in charge to explain and interpret the articles on exhibition.

Sieur de Monts Spring housed beneath a beautiful canopy, stands sentinel at one of the entrances to the Acadia National Park. From here the climb of Flying Squadron is made, and a drink of its refreshing waters which bubble through white sands from subterranean sources is refreshing before and after the climb.

Jackson Memorial  An institute for the study of cancer has been established in Bar Harbor as a memorial to the late Roscoe B. Jackson of Detroit. Dr. Clarence C. Little, former president of the University of Maine, is in charge of the research, which is an organized effort to approach the eradication of this disease through experimental biology.

The Building  A regular series of fine musical concerts is held each year at the Building of Arts. Special recitals are given by world famous musicians during the summer season, when the beautiful building becomes the musical center of Maine.
Views from Cadillac Mountain Road
Golf The Kebo Valley Club is one of the oldest and most widely known golf clubs in America. Its eighteen hole course has been constructed over some of the most naturally ideal golf terrain in this country. Placed in a scenic setting unsurpassable, the Kebo course holds a perennial pleasure for the professional who can go around the eighteen holes in par, or for the man who has never broken a hundred.

Climate and Water Supply No other location in the North temperate zone surpasses Bar Harbor for evenness of climate. The climate of the island is usually mild, with an average July temperature of sixty-five degrees, a January average of twenty-four degrees, and an average annual temperature of forty-three degrees. The annual precipitation is forty-three inches, evenly distributed throughout the several seasons.

Eagle Lake provides an inexhaustible supply of pure water. The tonic effects of this spring-fed water supply, combined with the health-building climate annually lure thousands of summer visitors to Bar Harbor, the Queen of New England Summer Resorts.

Swimming The magnificent new Bar Harbor Club, reconstructed in 1930 at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, offers an unexcelled opportunity for water sports. A large swimming pool for expert swimmers, a wading pool for those of more tender years, and numerous tennis courts, make this one of the busiest spots in town, a place where the youth and beauty of the summer colony gather daily.
Upper Left—A Striking Formal Garden  
Upper Right—Bowl on Champlain Mt.  
Center—Not Bad for One Trip (Courtesy William B. Campbell)  
Lower—Bar Harbor and Islands, View from Flying Squadron Mt.
How to Reach  The train service to Bar Har-
Bar Harbor  bor is of the best. Through
express Pullman trains leave Boston, Phila-
delphia, New York and Washington daily
during the summer season, arriving at Bar
Harbor after an overnight run. The Eastern
Steamship Lines make daily trips between Bar
Harbor and Boston. Many summer residents
make the trip from Boston by boat, sending
their motors over the road, so that they may
have the pleasure of the overnight boat ride
from Boston, with the beautiful sail from Rock-
land in the early morning hours. Many choose
to take the E. S. S. boats to Bangor, completing
the trip to Bar Harbor by motor.

The Maine Central terminus is at Mt.
Desert Ferry. Passengers over this line always
express themselves as having the keenest plea-
sure in the beautiful thirty-minute ride across
Frenchmans Bay in the splendid steamers main-
tained in the ferry service.

Motorists' Route  The shore road from Port-
to Bar Harbor land seems to be the most
popular route for the tourist traffic to Bar Har-
bor, especially during the summer and autumn
months. Road signs have been placed along
this route, by the Bar Harbor Publicity Bureau
to aid the visiting motorist in determining the
shortest and best road. This route is marked
U. S. Route No. 1. Leaving the mainland the
motorist crosses the concrete and steel bridge,
a memorial to the men of Hancock County
who have given their lives in the World War.

By Airplane  Last summer the Curtiss Fly-
to Bar Harbor ing Service established a pas-
senger airline from Boston and New York to
Bar Harbor. Visitors to Bar Harbor may fly
from Boston or New York in large, comfortable
amphibian planes, the New York flight taking
four hours, and the Boston trip being completed
in two hours. A new airport for sea-planes
and amphibians has been planned at Hadley's
Point. Already the landing runway is in place
and a fine turnpike from the highway to the
airport will be constructed in the early summer
of 1930.

Information  Any information regarding Bar
Harbor, hotels, summer attractions, etc., will
be supplied promptly upon application to the
Publicity Office, 339 Main Street, Bar Harbor,
Maine.
Bar Harbor to Seal Harbor, 8 miles; Bar Harbor to Northeast Harbor, 12 miles; Bar Harbor to Southwest Harbor, 16 miles; Bar Harbor to Elsworth, 19 miles

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