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The Belgrade, Belgrade Lakes, Maine

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HE BELGRADE is a large, well-proportioned structure of the Colonial type. With its towers and gables and encircling wide veranda, it offers an ideal picture of a quiet, cool, roomy and comfortable summer-resort home.

The Belgrade is thoroughly modern in its appointments and service. It is equipped with all that is essential to a modern hotel, such as electric lights, steam heat, private baths, well-furnished large rooms, room telephones, long-distance telephones, and Western Union Telegraph and Cable to all parts of the world.

Situated, as it is, on a knoll overlooking the picturesque golf course and Long Lake—a body of water seven miles long and two miles wide—the view from “The Belgrade” with its wide veranda is truly beautiful. The green hills and rocky mountains just across the blue waters of the lake provide a setting that is unsurpassed.

Just a five-minute stroll and you arrive at the wooded shores of Great Lake, which is over nine miles long and surrounded by mountains and scenery of wonderful beauty.

“The Belgrade” is in the heart of a country abounding in Streams, Lakes and Mountains.

To make the guests of “The Belgrade” feel at home from the moment of their arrival has been the ambition of the management. That they have succeeded in this aim is best shown by the ever-increasing number of guests who return year after year. With many, in fact, “The Belgrade” has established itself as their summer home.

Courteous care, pleasant surroundings and a table bounteously provided with the finest the markets
The Pride of Belgrade. A catch of trout, the largest weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs.
afford, all have combined to produce a growth both in size and popularity for which the management desires to express a sincere appreciation.

An excellent orchestra provides for evening dancing in the ballroom.

**OUTDOOR LIFE**

**Fishing**

The boat-houses on Long Lake are but eight hundred feet from the hotel. A trifle over a quarter of a mile, and you arrive at Great Lake with its fifty miles of shore-line.

Long Lake and Great Lake with Lakes Messalonskee, North, East, McGraw and Ellis, constitute the Belgrade system—a part of the Kennebec watershed and the most famous fishing ground in Maine.

Special legislative laws for Belgrade, prohibiting fishing in all the more than thirty tributaries of this system, have perpetuated the gamiest fishing in the State. A fish-hatchery, hatching trout and salmon at the rate of a million a year, has done much to perpetuate the sport.

The law limits the numbers of bass that may be taken to six a day for each person and each fish must be at least twelve inches in length. Of course, any number may be caught if they are returned to the water.

These conditions at Belgrade have produced the finest fishing in the State. Black Bass, Salmon, Trout and White Perch are the varieties caught. The fisherman will never be disappointed here.

For example, one enthusiastic New York angler with a single fly caught 3100 bass in thirty-six consecutive days, Sundays excepted; and in December, 1913, "Field and Stream" presented the Rev. Edwin A. White of Bloomfield, N. J., with a large silver loving-cup for having caught the largest landlocked salmon in the United States during the year. This salmon was caught with a five and one-half ounce bamboo rod, No. 6 silk line, single gut leader and single gut hook. This fish measured 31¾ inches in length, 19 inches girth, weighed 14 pounds and 4 ounces. A twenty-five minute battle was necessary to land it. Mr. White also captured the third prize, taking a 10-pound salmon, 29½ inches in length and 17½ inches girth.
Front of the Belgrade
The Log Bungalows are delightfully situated and very inviting
The largest Trout and Bass in Maine are yearly caught in these waters. The management will gladly arrange for guides, canoes, boats or motor-boats if desired. Fly-fishing begins the latter part of May, and is at its height during June, continuing until the middle of September.

Thus, it must be evident that to angler, canoeist or the joyous group off for a day’s picnic, The Belgrade Lakes are a Mecca.

**BLACK FLIES ARE ABSOLUTELY UNKNOWN**

**Bathing**

The water of these lakes is clear and refreshing. Bathing facilities are provided for those who enjoy swimming.

**Golf and Tennis Receive Their Share of Attention at The Belgrade**

There is an excellent nine-hole course beginning and ending within a hundred feet of the hotel. Neither expense nor attention has been spared to maintain the links in most perfect condition. A special club and locker-room is provided for golfers.

Tennis-players will find two superb courts of regulation size. They are always kept in fine condition.

**Good Roads, Automobiling and Garage Service**

From New York to Belgrade, no better roads are found in New England. On leaving Portland, motorists will take the Federal Road through to Augusta, thence through to Belgrade Lakes, which is 16 miles from Augusta.

The garage arrangement at The Belgrade has created much commendation. There are accommodations for seventy cars—each in a stall 10 x 18 feet enclosed by heavy wire netting. Thus one may leave a car in perfect security. To the constantly increasing number of automobilists touring through this beautiful
There is diversion unlimited for young and old—at Belgrade
The Foyer
Landscape gardening has added much to the beauty of the grounds about the Hotel.
These paths are as interesting to the botanist as they are delightful to the pedestrian.
lake and hill country, whose accoutrement is always extensive and troublesome, this safeguard is particularly desirable.

There are many delightful paths and walks about Belgrade, and the entire country is rich in flora to interest the botanist.

"The White Cottage"

Situated within one hundred yards of the hotel, overlooking the golf course and affording an unparalleled view of lake and mountain scenery. Contains four spacious sleeping-rooms, two baths and a large living-room with open fireplace. Electric lights, telephone service and other refinements add to its attractions.

Log Bungalows

Two log bungalows are built on the edge of the forest for those who prefer more seclusion than the hotel proper affords. These are beautiful, novel homes, ideally laid out and furnished. Electric light, telephone, open fireplaces, hot and cold water, make them very desirable.

"The Maples" is the larger of the two. It has eight sleeping-rooms, two baths and a large living-room.
"The Oaks" has six sleeping-rooms, one bath and one large living-room.

"The Birches"

"The Birches," a beautiful bungalow situated one hundred feet from the hotel, contains six large bedrooms with four windows in each room, two baths and a large living-room with open fireplace. Electric lights, telephone and hot and cold water add to its comforts.

"The Elms"

Contains 3 large sleeping-rooms, bath room, living room, open fireplace, telephone and electric lights, hot and cold water.
A critical moment
From the Hotel veranda. This view is an ever-changing riot of color.
Every effort has been made to preserve the natural wildness of the lake-shore.
View of Long Lake from the Birches
Fly fishing is a wonderful sport at Belgrade.
The Golf Links are always popular—Francis Ouimet Driving
It would be difficult to find anywhere Golf Links more beautifully surrounded
Corner of the living-room—the Birches
The Elms contains 3 large sleeping rooms—bathroom, living-room, open fire-place, telephone and electric lights. Hot and cold water.
The White Cottage
TRANSPORTATION
Railroad and Steamship

Belgrade Station is 68 miles from Portland, Maine, on the Maine Central Railroad. It is but five hours from Boston and thirteen hours from New York, with through Pullman service from both cities. Routes for the journey, both by sea and land, are given on the last page.

"The Belgrade" is six miles from the station. Automobiles and carriages driven by reliable men meet every train.

On the following page are routes, schedules and rates which have obtained in recent years.

The need of publishing this booklet so long in advance of the official issuance of schedules compels us to caution the reader to confirm this information by communicating either with us or the nearest railroad ticket office.

Previous to the summer schedule, people desiring to reach Belgrade for the early spring fishing will find several excellent through trains from New York.

Train from New York for Portland via Worcester leaves New York at 9.25 p.m. and connects at Portland with train arriving at Belgrade at 1.00 p.m. in ample time for the afternoon fishing.

Trains leaving New York at 11.15 p.m., 12.00 m. and 12.30 a.m. arrive in Boston in time to connect with the 8.00 a.m. express train which arrives at Belgrade at 1.00 p.m.

From all points south of New York, guests will save time and annoyance of transfer across Boston by taking the through night train from New York.

Before the inauguration of the summer schedules, in June, the trains and boat service are less frequent, but all requests for information concerning these details, engagements, reservations, etc., will receive prompt attention by addressing CHARLES A. HILL & SON, Proprietors and Managers

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