

## A RURAL BEAUTY SPOT.

### The Charming Picturesqueness Around White Lake, in Sullivan County.

To the Editor of the *New-York Times* :

There is a locality in Sullivan County, New-York State, that in many respects surpasses in natural loveliness any place to be found even in these celebrated beauty spots of the world that have been made historic by their diversified scenery and impressive general picturesqueness. It is away up in the hilly land, 2,000 feet above the level of the Hudson, and possesses charms of attraction which cannot fail to act as a life-long magnet to him who is so fortunate as to find his way to this enchanting Eden spot, away up among the verdure-clad hills of Sullivan County.

It is known as White Lake, a beautiful body of crystal-clear water about three miles in length and from one to two miles in breadth. Its Indian name is Lake Keonawango—meaning the lake with two wings, the significance of which is made clear when the fact is presented to the tourist's mind that connected with this main body by a natural open conduit is Amber Lake, a lesser but quite as beautiful sheet of water as its more extensive neighbor. It nestles delightfully in an environment of abrupt and thickly-foliaged forest of tamarack and other woods indigenous to the section. Its beauty is enhanced by the presence of a profusion of pond lilies, and its waters are alive with pickerel, perch, and other choice representatives of the finny tribe.

White Lake, the larger body, unlike most of the lakes in this region, is of great depth, and its water is so pure, so clear that one's eyesight can easily penetrate to the bottom, many, many fathoms below. A beach of white sand, velvety and delicate to the footstep, surrounds its borders, and extending down to this silvery-white setting, the goddess Flora has most generously bestowed her favors in a profusion of rhododendrons and a brilliant variety of pink, white, and scarlet flowers, and others of many neutral tints. It is really an extensive garden of floral vegetation which, for many of its features, cannot be surpassed. The clearness of the lake's water is owing to the fact that the transparent aqueousness is fed by boiling springs from the bottom. Except in the little coves and bays, no patches of grass are found, and these afford great sport to anglers in July and August and the early part of September, because of the choice small fish that hibernate among these patches of under-water vegetation. Black bass are also found in White Lake, as many an expert Izaak Walton from the city who has tried his luck in its waters can testify.

The scene on the lake of an evening is like one of enchantment, with its boats flashing hither and thither in their halos of vari-colored lights, and bearing merry parties whose voices fill the woodland with laughter and with the melody of song.

The nearness of White Lake to other popular resorts is an advantage that is probably not enjoyed by any other similar Summer resort anywhere in the country. Within a day's outing, and easily reached by excellent, well-kept roads, are the Mongaup River Falls, the Katrina Falls, near the Neversink; the White Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Valley, Shohola Glen, and other noted resorts. The air is pure and has never yet suffered from a malarial visitation, while the warning music of the mosquito never breaks upon one's ear. To sum up, White Lake is really as charming a spot to which one can go for real comfort, and every enjoyment that can be sought in the easily accessible mountainous land of the Empire State.

Now, how to get to White Lake—that's an important question to be considered. Well, you can take the Erie route to Port Jervis, thence by the Port Jervis and Monticello Railroad to Monticello, and thence by conveyance to the lake. Another as well as a most expeditious and comfortable route is by way of the Ontario and Western Railroad from the foot of Franklin Street and the Forty-second Street ferries to Weehawken. Owing to the thorough system pursued by the management, this line has come to be very popular with visitors to the mountains, as well as to the public at large, who know how to appreciate the elegant and comfortable coaches and drawing-room cars that are run on all the trains. Through trains can be taken from Weehawken to Liberty—a run of 119 miles—where conveyance can be taken to White Lake, a distance of ten miles along a fine turnpike which runs through a most charming section of the country. W. G.

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