

Lansing's Resorts

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Pine Lake and Leadley's Lead of Course - L.S. Hudson will Plat a New Purchase on the Northeast Shore of Pine Lake - The Past Season a Very Successful One



Pine Lake is to receive another boom. L.S. Hudson yesterday closed a deal with Frank Fogg for a tract of land on the northeast shore and will at once plat it and place it on the market. This property is on the bluff and gives a splendid view of the lake. Several cottages will be built there next season.

Nearly every city of any size or pretensions has its places of recreation in the vicinity of the city, where inhabitants may rush away from the everyday grind of city life and in a few minutes, or at most an hour, enjoy the quiet and freshness of the country. In this regard Lansing is peculiarly fortunate and has a wealth of pleasant resorts around her. It is true that citizens of Lansing cannot complain much of city turmoil, roar and din, yet there is enough of it to make one appreciate the change and quietude afforded by a cottage or tent on the shore of a wooded lake or on the bank of a flowing river.

The season is drawing to an end and a cursory review of Lansing resorts and their summer's work is not out of place. Grand ledge is perhaps the oldest acquaintance of Lansing pleasure seekers. For variety of scenery and grandeur there is probably not a prettier spot on the Grand river than at the Seven Islands. This resort has kept up its popularity and been weekly visited by Lansing parties for years.

Pine lake is becoming more and more a Lansing resort and greater strides have been made this year in its development than in any previous season. The new Whitehead cottages on Hickory island have attracted several families who have previously gone to the northern resorts. Many people are influenced by the strange notion that to take a vacation one must needs go away for at least 100 miles, while just as beautiful spots can be reached in twenty minutes. Hickory island has been a great success and will be more extensively operated next season. The Isser club house and the Markey toboggan slide were new features of this season, and greatly assisted, both in the enjoyment and appearance of the place. The Macgiveron house has had its share of the patronage as has the North End house.

Pine lake is designed to be a thoroughly Lansing resort, and there is but one drawback to its more speedy development. The conveniences for reaching Pine lake are not good. Many more businessmen would gladly take a two week vacation at the pretty lake could they return on an early train to the city in the morning. There was some talk of extending the street railway from the college to the lake, but this is still in the dim future. If the Grand Trunk road could be prevailed upon to stop the early morning train and sell commutation tickets the connivances would then be superb.

Leadley's park is perhaps most truly a Lansing resort, and the business this year, despite hard times, has been rushing. The pretty hotel on one of the prettiest slopes of the banks of Grand river has been filled all the season, and among the guests have been Chicago and Philadelphia parties. Proprietor Fogg has been a busy man. One beauty of Leadley's is its nearness to the city and its easy access. Jump aboard a Logan street car after business, catch the steam launch, enjoy the beautiful ride up the river, take supper at a well furnished table, sleep soundly all night and return to business in the morning well refreshed. On Sunday's and holidays Leadley's park is a favorite resort and the rest of the week it is delightfully quiet for the regular boarders.

Park lake, least visited by Lansing resorters, is a favorite place for camping and fishing parties. Quite a number of Lansing people keep tents pitched during the entire summer and go and come as fancy takes them.

If you want to get still farther away from the city, one can drive to Dimondale, launch a boat and float down the river until just the spot that is desired is found, and there are plenty of them. The river banks are well shaded, the scenery is very pretty and there is good fishing and hunting. A no more delightful day's trip can be imagined than a river trip from Dimondale down the river to Leadley's park or the dam.

Thus it will be seen that the city is well supplied with resorts and that the resorts are well supplied with resorters. It may be that the close times have been favorable to these resorts, compelling people to save gig car fares, at any rate they have been well patronized and the season has not been unsuccessful.

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