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The Wonders Of A Farm

by Esther J. Perne



There is magic on a farm: plants grow, animals frolic, children thrive, life is good. There is a sense of space and freeness and security.

A farm during last season and this season is an antidote to the sudden halt to other areas of life, to a nationwide shutdown, to pandemic statistics of tragedy too somber to process, to homebound work and play and studying and cabin fever. But a farm? There awaits fresh air, broad horizons, a comforting pace of life and a focus on health and safety.

A farm soldiers on: weeds don't stop growing among the veggies, hens don't stop laying eggs, the milking schedule continues and the expansive fields of fodder and long rows of garden produce need no less attention. There are new daily projects and hard but rewarding work to be done, a business to run and income to maintain.

There are many reasons to visit a Maine farm this weekend - this Sunday, July 25, on Open Farm Day when dozens of farms across the state welcome guests and visitors to their property and their lifestyles, when the ultimate family-friendly outing of the summer is available right down the road, and where there are opening and closing hours only and no sense of

urgency in between.

Besides the minor choices of destination, such as alpaca farm versus emu farm, every open farm offers a breath of fresh air, literally, a scenic setting and enough areas of interest to safely predict that this outing is truly ageless.

Youngsters will marvel at the sights and sounds of the adventure, oldsters can relive memories of family farms past and youth and teens maybe, just maybe, could be awakened to the possibility of a future lifestyle and livelihood (or a summer internship) they never would have imagined.

And parents? What better way to give a gift of education and distraction and family togetherness than to all spend the day on a farm - and it's all free.

Each farm will have its own unique specialty, program for the day and sale items and memories to take away and there will be a range of farms to choose from all listed at getrealmaine.com

Can't make the big Open Farm date? No problem. Many farms in Maine are open all season by appointment and some by walk-in.

But why wait? On Sunday, July 25 the next best thing to owning a farm is to let one own you for Open Farm Day.



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• LoveGrown LLC, 578 Industry Road, hemp farm and research company, info@lovegrownhemp.com, 778-1181

Gardiner

• Butting Heads Farm, 281 Costello Road, preserves, goat soap, buttingheadsfarm@yahoo.com, 462-1637

Litchfield

• Applewald Farm, 525 Huntington Hill Road, small crops and apples, bakery, applewaldfair@gmail.com, 268-4042

Monmouth

• Chick's Apple and Berry Farm, 571 Maine Street, pick-your-own and pre-picked blueberries, raspberries and apples, pumpkinpaul1@aol.com, 441-6250

• Friends' Folly Farm, Angora goats, fiber arts, 10 am-4 pm, bring your kids to meet our kids, bunny petting, yurt and farm store, friendsfolly@roadrumer.com, 632-3115

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Open Farm Day at Winterberry Farm promises a range of general activities and adventures, planned and unplanned, from the popular farm tour of fields and gardens to the spacious historic barn where hens and horses, ducks and oxen will meet and greet visitors to the open-all-day farm store packed with delicious baked goods, fresh produce, wool products and the most enticing smells ever coming from the kitchen.

It promises some very specific activities, too: cut your own flowers, attend a talk on beekeep-

ing, feed treats to the animals and meet the summer interns.

Winterberry Farm has an impressive history of hiring summer interns from all over the world as well as students from major United States colleges who want to gain some experience of farming before continuing onward in other career paths.

This summer there are three interns: Johnny, veggie manager; Hannah, flower overseer and animal caretaker, and Zoe who fills in with all the farm work and specializes in setting up at the weekly farmers' markets.

Winterberry Farm, like many on the Open Farm Day list also welcomes visitors most days by reservation at info@winterberryfarmstand.com or 649-3331.



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The Luckiest Boy

by Rod Johnson

The Bravest Mouse



For those of us who are fortunate enough to have a seasonal camp, there's one thing we are apt to have in common. When opening up in the Spring, there are often winter visitors hiding here and there. Perhaps in the kitchen silverware draw we find a family of mice. Signs of them are spread around elsewhere, and in some cases, it appears there has been a large party that went on during the course of the winter! One never knows what will appear and where it might show up.

Most recently in the old Woodland Lodge, we came home to find a very deceased mother red squirrel lying on the dining room floor. In addition, we noticed a fairly pungent odor coming from the tool room. After a quick investigation while holding our noses, a nail box appeared to have bunches of pink insulation overflowing its sides. Unfortunately, the newborn reds had no mother to tend them, and they too had met their Waterloo.

I'm sure that many of you have your own stories about critters that have invaded over the years. Everything from bats, squirrels-red and gray, chipmunks and even an occasional porcupine (hedgehog) will find a hole in the woodshed large enough to get in and sleep for the winter. Usually the damage is minimal, just a mess to clean up. My neighbors are currently battling with some reds that are reluctant to move out of the walls. Much effort is going into plugging of possible holes with steel wool and screening. Their dog is going nuts nightly as the little critters race around and make noise that only he can hear.

Very recently, after the microburst did so much damage in the Belgrade Lakes region, I decided to resurrect our old wood splitter that Billy P. and I built back during the oil embargo of '72 and '73. There is so much hemlock around now just lying in the woods, we might as well work up a cord or two for fireplace wood. After trying the usual gasoline engine stuff, like fresh gas, new spark plug, etc., it was clear that something else was definitely wrong with the 10 horsepower Briggs and Stratton. As my neighbor Bill Bates and I picked the motor apart, there were plentiful signs of the dreaded mice living in the motor. Before long we both jumped, as a small mouse came out from under the flywheel! We laughed a bit and suddenly a second one appeared then ran off. After four mice came out, we realized that the flywheel had to be removed to see what damage had been done to the ignition parts that lie in underneath. After several major hits onto the crankshaft with a 3 pound hammer, with levers prying at the same time, the flywheel popped loose. Low and behold, after lifting off the 10-pound iron flywheel, our eyes focused on a lonely tiny mouse looking totally stunned by the ordeal he had lived through. A small drop of blood was evident on his leg, but he eyed us with defiance, as though he knew we would do him in. Bill tickled him lightly with a screwdriver and he wobbled off the engine and retreated to his next home. Our wives both pointed to the other one's camp, as though directing the mouse away from their own.

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Calendar

Somewhere to go, something to do....

Check out the outings listed below....

Through Friday 7/23 - Book & Bake Sale, old and newer books, children's book, breads, cookies, more, 10 am-6 pm, Oakland Public library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 7/21 through Saturday 7/24 - "Bullshot Grummond," 474-7176, Lakewood Summer Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 7/23 and every Friday - Farmington Farmers' Market, 10 am-1 pm, parking lot near Better Living Center, Front Street, Farmington.

Friday 7/23 - Waterville Rocks with Spencer Albee, free, family friendly outdoor concert, all ages, 5:30 pm, music starts 6 pm, Head of Falls, downtown Waterville.

Friday 7/23 and every Friday in July and August - Historic Johnson Hall's Free Waterfront Concerts, 7/23 Blistered Fingers, 6-7:30 pm, on the Kennebec River, Gardiner.

Friday 7/23 through Sunday 7/25 - 4-H Eastern States Tryouts Horse Show, covered arena, concessions, free to public, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Saturday 7/24 and every Saturday - Skowhegan Farmers' Market, 9 am-1 pm, Somerset Gristmill, corner of Court and High Streets, Skowhegan.

Saturday 7/24 - Old Time Toys, roll a hoop, play Graces, make a top game, try toys from 100 years ago, 10 am, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Sunday 7/25 - Open Farm Days, farms throughout the state open to visitors, 287-7620, www.openfarmdays.org, getrealmaine.com

Sunday 7/25 and every Sunday - Belgrade Lakes Farmers Market, 9 am-2 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/25 - Free Concert, Judy Pancoast, 8 pm, Coburn Park, Skowhegan.

Monday 7/26 - Nature Journaling With Abbie, create a Nature Journal while exploring the nature trails and pond habitats, 1-2:30 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Tuesday 7/27 and every Tuesday - Early morning paddle on Great Pond, 7 am, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards available, no fee, The Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 7/27 - Tinkergarten - Outdoor Playtime, 495-3508, 10 am, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

Wednesday 7/28 - Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, live animal presentation, 495-3508, 3 pm, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade Depot.

Wednesday 7/28 and every Wednesday - Skowhegan Farmers' Market, 3-6 pm, Somerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown Skowhegan.

Wednesday 7/28 and every Wednesday - Weekly Cruise-In, 377-5550, 5-8 pm, live music, 50/50 raffle, food and ice cream specials, Fast Eddie's, Route 202, Winthrop.

Wednesday 7/28 and every Wednesday - Weekly Cruise-In, 645-2145, 5:30-7:30 pm, Dutch Treat, Route 2, Wilton.

Wednesday 7/28 and every Wednesday in July - Music at the Gazebo, concerts by area youth, 7 pm, Meetinghouse Park, downtown Farmington.

Through Wednesday 7/28 - Pittston Fair!!

Thursday 7/29 - Pond Study, explore the wildlife living in the pond, learn about frogs, turtles, snails and wetland plants, 10 am, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/29 and every Thursday - Outdoor Storytime 495-3508, 11 am, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

Thursday 7/29 and every Thursday - Gardiner Classic

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— Take It Outside —

A Yesterday Kind of Day!

by Pete Kallin

Every serious fisherman who travels to various places to catch fish has shown up and been told, "You should have been here yesterday!" I went out fishing on Long Pond the morning after Tropical Storm Elsa blew through the area, bringing high winds and almost 2 inches of rain.. The first thing I noticed was that the surface temperature of the lake had dropped over 5 degrees Fahrenheit overnight, from about 73F to 68F, a temperature that portended possible trout feeding near the surface. I then spotted birds "working" the surface. There were small flocks of seagulls diving down to the surface near groups of loons, including a "raft" of about 10 birds. While many people think the gulls are harassing the loons, what they are actually doing is trying to scavenge baitfish and parts of baitfish the loons are dropping while trying to swallow their catch, I knew the loons were feeding on a large school of landlocked alewives and catching so many they were having trouble swallowing them all. It also meant that there were probably Smallmouth bass, Rainbow trout, or Brown trout chasing the same school of alewives. I headed towards the action and got a couple of leadcore line trolling rods ready. The low profile leadcore line I use has a different color every 10 yards and for each color you let out, it drops your lure about 5-feet deeper in the water column. If you let out 5 colors (50 yards behind the boat), your lure is down about 25 feet, depending on your speed, water temperature, and a few other variables.

As I approached the area where the birds were working, my fish finder began chirping fish alarms and I saw that there was a large school of baitfish from 30-ft to 50-ft deep in the colder, lower-oxygen water below the thermocline and a school of larger fish (most likely smallies) between 20- to 25-ft down at the base of the thermocline where the dissolved oxygen levels are a bit higher and more comfortable for the larger fish. Every now and then one of the larger fish would dive down into the low oxygen water, grab a few alewives, and come back up to digest them a bit. I decided to rig one of my trolling rods with a silver, pink, and blue Mooselook wobbler that resembles an alewife and let out five colors to get it down to about 25-feet. I put the rod in one of my rod holders and pulled on the line a bit to make sure the drag was set properly, and my "clicker" was set, which alerts me when a fish is pulling the line out. As the drag started clicking, it sud-



Large school of baitfish (alewives) 30- to 50-ft down, with larger fish about 5-ft above.

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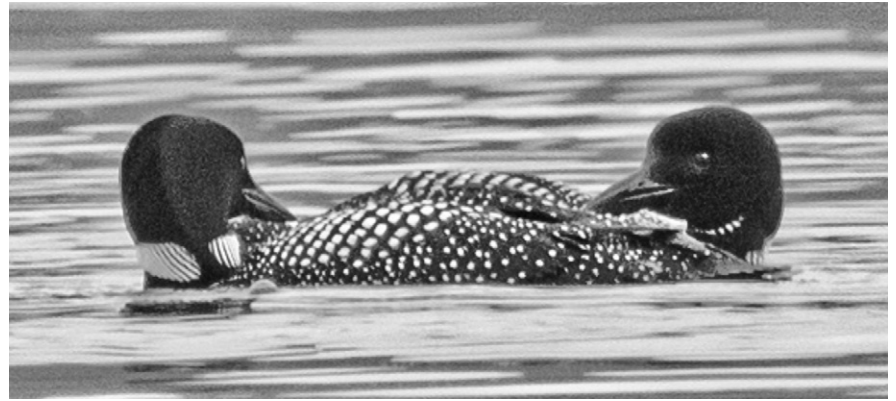
We had our bi-weekly Loon Survey on Great Pond with Loon Expert and Consultant, Lee Attix just two days ago and the news is GOOD for a change! Great Pond presently has seven chicks with, as far as we know, one nest still to produce. Last year's eighty-five hundred acre Great Pond hatched only one chick that fortunately fledged and flew off to warmer parts for the winter. A very dismal and concerning year for our loon population. Yesterday, we conducted our Long Pond survey with just two chicks accounted for (we did lose one already to unknown causes) with a potential for another three. Despite an early ice-out by three weeks, our nesting season is for the most part three weeks late which doesn't make any sense. Our loons should be nesting earlier, not later! This concern is also shared by our neighbors throughout the northeast.

On Lee's off week, both Great and Long Ponds are surveyed by our dedicated Volunteer force so we are able to develop a very pro-active and comprehensive assessment of the health and productivity of our loon population. Our Loon Volunteers will also be participating in Audubon of Maine's Annual Loon Count which is different in that Audubon counts loons during a thirty-minute period, which is informative but still, a relatively limited study.

It was a very rewarding week for obviously our loons, but also for numerous bald eagles and osprey with their offspring, a pair of beautifully dappled fawns and a mink quietly sunning himself off of Oak Island. Our Belgrade Lakes are indeed, a very special place!

We are fortunate to, once again, have our very own Lee Attix presenting the latest data on Belgrade's Loon population at this year's Belgrade Lakes Association Annual Meeting on August 8th from 1-4pm at the Belgrade Golf Course. You can register via the below email.

If you have a particular question regarding our Belgrade loon population, please email your



Great Pond First Double-headed Loon!
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A Great Pond chick receiving a bite sized crawfish.



Hey Dad, have you got anything slightly SMALLER?



This greedy parent ended up eating this sunfish himself!

inquiry to: info@blmaine.org and we will try to answer your question either in this column or via email

Dick Greenan, Chairman,
BLA Loon Preservation Project



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denly sped up and started pulling out as a fish hit while I still had my fingers on the line. I grabbed the rod and reeled in a nice 18-inch (about 4 pounds) smallie. As I netted the fish, I noticed 3 or 4 other big bass chasing the one on the end of my line, trying to figure out what that one was chasing, and scarfing up the alewives that the fish I was playing was regurgitating as it exerted itself. I snapped a quick picture of the fish, released it, and dropped my lure back in the water and started to let out 5 colors again. At about color 4, I had another fish on. As I landed the fish, I could still see big bass following the one on the line.

I then decided to use my 9-weight flyrod with a sinking tip line, rigged with a green Todd's wiggle minnow fly. It was a little trickier with the flyrod because I had to anticipate where the

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18" smallie on Mooselook. Another on the Todd's wiggle minnow.



Camp Rental Responsibility

by Jodie Mosher-Towle

Let's face it, everyone loves to make extra money especially when it can be done with what seems like little to no effort. Could be you're not able to travel to camp every weekend or circumstances beyond your control are keeping you away from the lake for weeks at a time. Whatever the reason, you may believe renting your camp out to make some "effortless" money is the way to go since you aren't able to be there anyway. Environmentally speaking, the cost of renting out your camp can come with a steep price; the depletion of your lake's water quality.

More and more camp owners jumping on the rental bandwagon without giving much thought about the wear and tear on their shore frontage is cause for concern in the Belgrade Watershed. With almost all of the lakes in the Belgrade Watershed working on 10 year Watershed Based Management Plans, the water quality of your lake, the lake your guests are paying to enjoy, the one you purchased for your family and friends to make memories, matters.

This article was prompted after seeing photos online for a rental lake property on a website posted 2-3 years ago then updated photos of the same rental property seen on a different website spring of 2021. The owners lived out of state and relied on others to keep their eye on things. It was shocking to see that the entire 4-5 feet tall hemlocks in a 5-6 foot wide buffer 75 feet across the shoreline, completely gone. The lush buffer taken care of by just leaving it alone was gone in one summer, perhaps damaged by just one renter. To make matters worse, the property has a steep slope with rain and everything else in its direct path running straight into the lake with no LakeSmart "tools" to redirect it or slow it down. The hope is that this is an extreme example of careless renters and this will never happen to your property because you are going to take precautions and prepare your renters with your expectations.

Now that you are aware of your responsibility as a waterfront property owner turned rental manager, be sure to educate and inform your renters the importance of respecting the use of your shoreline as much as they are respecting their ability to use your camp. Update your House Rules and once you have established possible trouble spots on your property, perhaps you can't make improvements at this time, create and include an Outside Property Rules checklist or a DOs and DON'Ts list about responsible lake life as a renter as well. Another effective tool is to include specific expectations in your online camp and property description. Keep in mind, most renters don't know what they don't know, so ask yourself what you would want to know if you were the renter of someone else's camp. Placing your lake's current newsletter and Summertime in the Belgrades newspaper near House and Outside Property Rules is a wonderful way to introduce people to your watershed and to share that you are part of a lake community mindful of the importance of water quality.

There are many easy ways to help yourself become more knowledgeable. To start, take a quick inventory of your shoreline or shorefrontage by using this handy online checklist from NHLakes <https://s.surveyanyplace.com/lakesmartstart> or by printing off a LakeSmart self assessment found on the North Pond Association's website: www.northpondmaine.org/

Maine.gov offers many excellent resources on a few sites: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/slz/ip-szveg.html> and another site shares information about buffers and the importance of them to your property and the water quality of your lake: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/watershed/bufa.html> The Maine Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is also found at Maine.gov.

Maine Lakes at www.lakes.me and 7 Lakes Alliance at <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/> each offer a plethora of information about LakeSmart for you as well. Here in the Belgrade Watershed, contact Art Grindle, LakeSmart coordinator via 7 Lakes Alliance 207-495-6039 to set up an appointment, get more information or find out who your LakeSmart contact is on your lake. Afterall, beautifying your waterfront with a buffer full of deeply rooted plants not only enhances your rental property but it also serves the purpose of keeping runoff water out of the lake and renters less likely to feel like they can cut or pull plants. Be sure to provide plenty of campfire wood and marshmallow roasting sticks so renters are not tempted to cut small trees, branches, shrubs directly from your shoreline buffer area to use.

No matter if you use the popular online agencies like VRBO, Airbnb or any other property rental management company, it is up to you, the property owner, to make sure your waterfront, not just your camp, is being used respectfully and responsibly. Now get busy!

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school was moving, let the line sink down and retrieve the fly through the fish. It was also more challenging and more fun, but I continued to land fish, all between 16 and 19" long (3 to 4 pounds). I ended up with 10 before 10 AM, when the water skiers began circling the lake and the birds and the fish suddenly disappeared. I think the sudden change in water temperature probably triggered "Winter is coming" instincts in both the loons and the bass and triggered their fall feeding frenzy a month or two early. I also realized that tomorrow, whenever I told anyone about the fishing, I was going to start with the preface, "You should have been here yesterday!"

As I cruised back towards my dock, I noticed a pontoon boat in the middle of the lake with a bunch of kids on foam rafts. It was a couple of families from PA and NY who were renting a camp on Long Pond for the week while visiting with the Knight family of Readfield. Everyone was having a great time. The next day, I hiked The Mountain and ran into a 3-generation group of the Terry Family from

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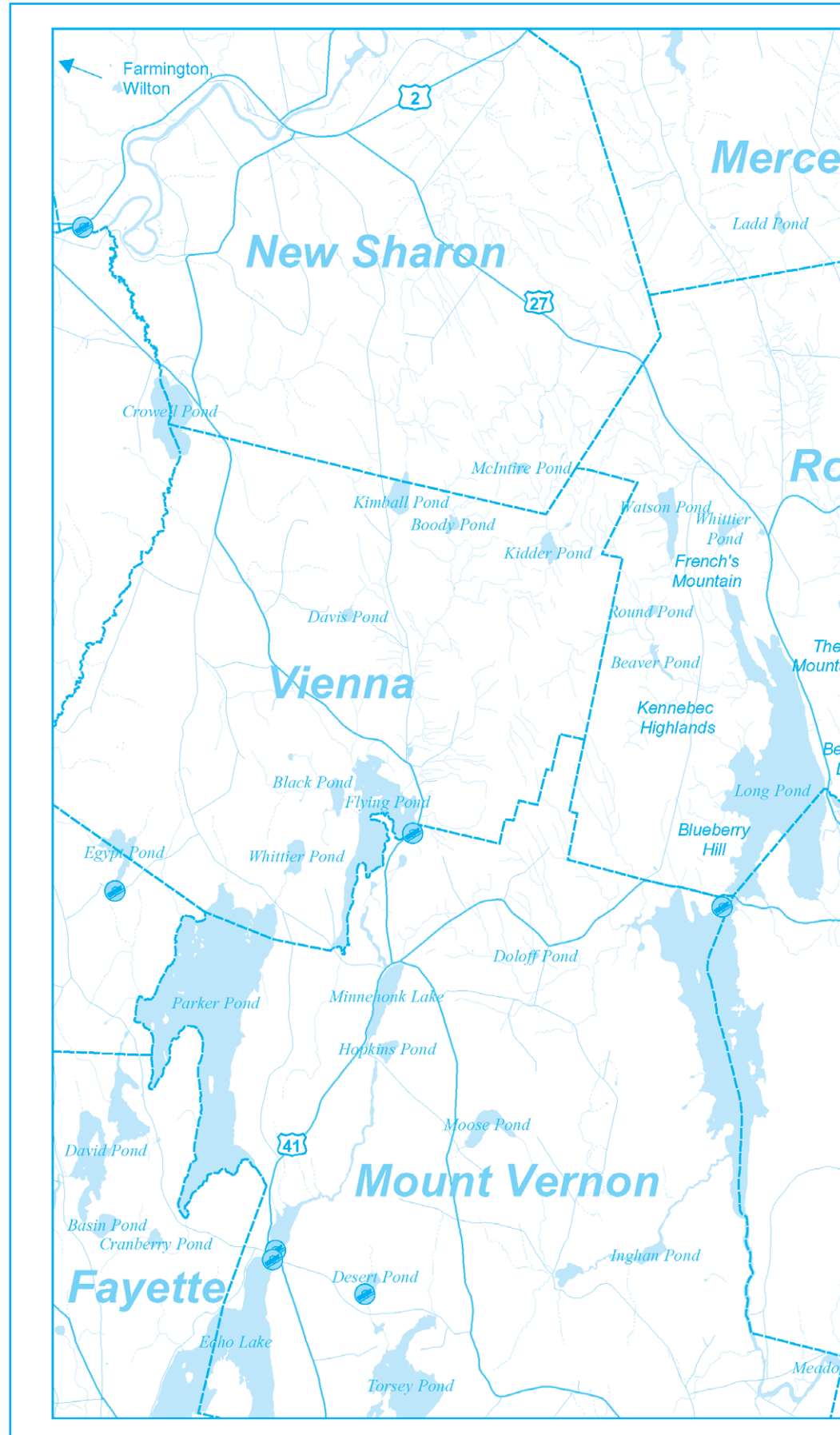
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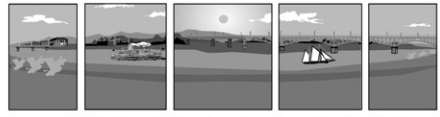
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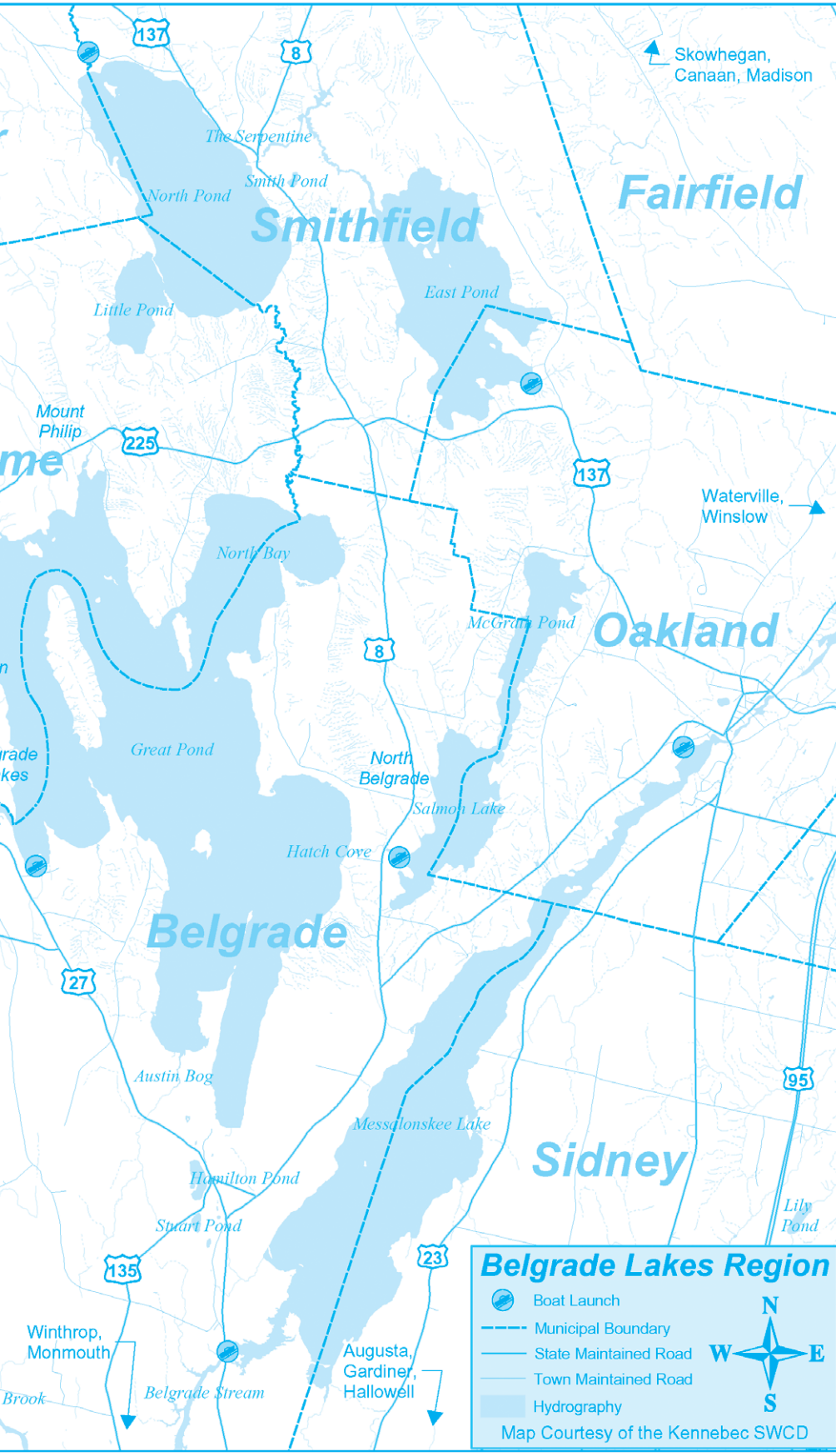
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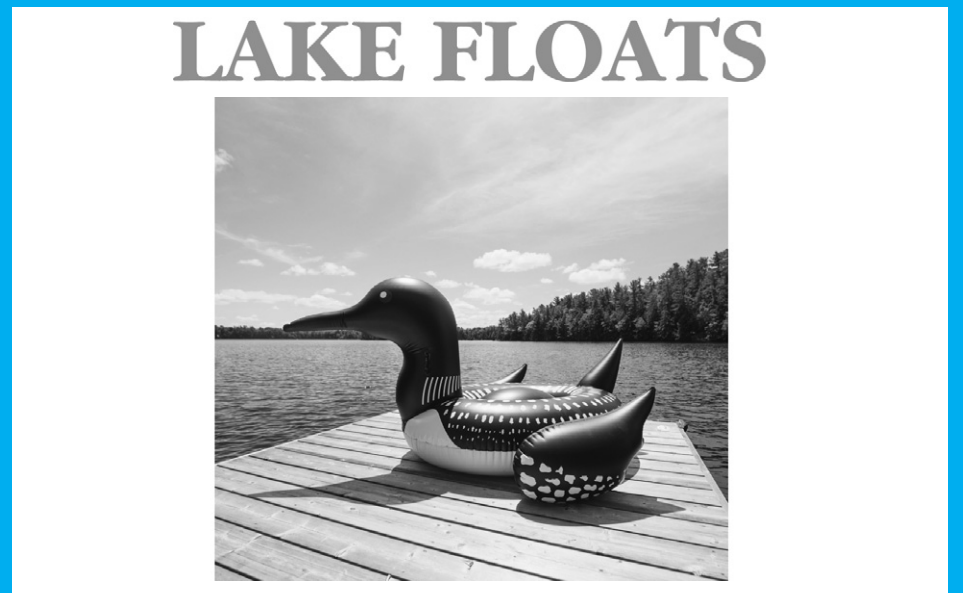


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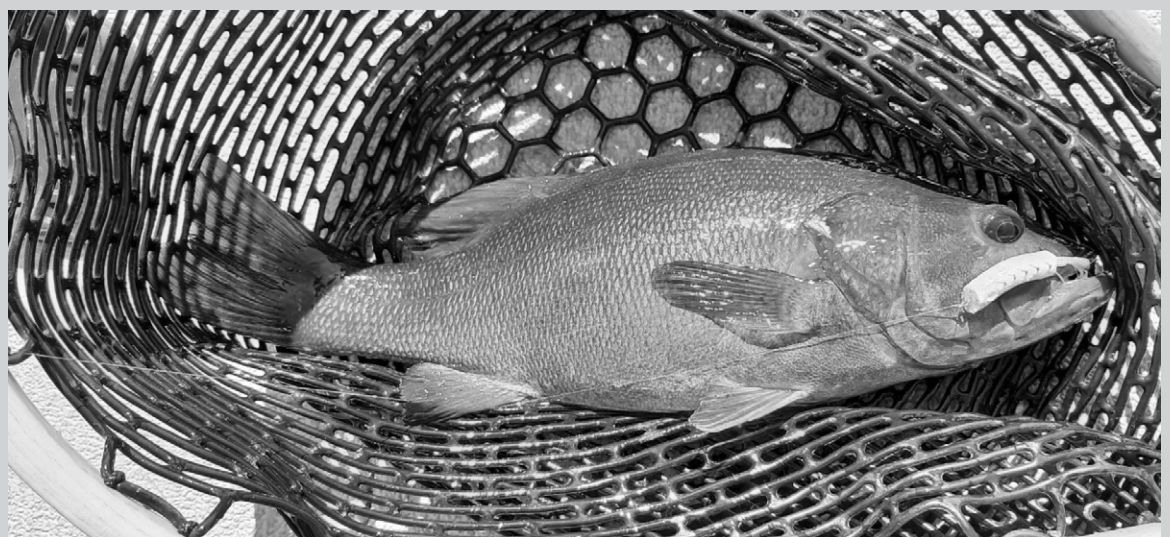
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- North Pond Association: Tuesday, August 10, 7-8 pm, virtual, www.NorthPondMaine.org
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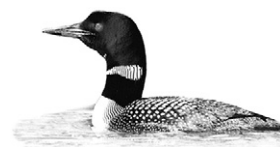
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The Dams Keeper Report

Last week I wrote that "with all of this rain our ponds should be up to two to three inches ABOVE full pond". Well, of course we got the rain but our ponds came up a paltry inch or so. Pond levels have not been coming up proportionately.

Long Pond is presently right at full pond with Great Pond actually 1.86" above full. With two inches of rain in the past ten days, Long Pond should be up three to four inches above full but it isn't and the dam at Wings Mill is no longer leaking, the cooler air temperature are not resulting in that much evaporation, so what is going on? We've talked about Induced Recharge in the past but basically it is the reverse flow of our lake springs and aquifers back into the low water table in a drought environment. Although we are in better shape than we were at this time last year, we are still in our sixth year of a drought and the water tables are still way down.

As I write this week's column, they are now forecasting 1.86" of precipitation for the next ten days which if it happens will be a relief for our farmers and gardeners but I think at best, we

will be just slowing down the level of water loss and not appreciably filling up our ponds. Gentle showers are good because they do not result in flooding and phosphorous wash into our lakes and they're even better when they happen only in the evening hours! If these showers are to be the status quo for the rest of the summer, our pond levels should remain good.

Salmon/McGrath is still right at 1" below full pond with their one gate opened just enough for the mandated 1cfs. Our neighbors on Messalonskee have come up a bit and are now just 4.56" below full pond with their gates intermittently opened for electricity generation.

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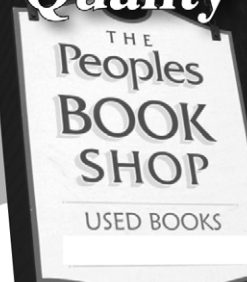
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Maine Memories by Elizabeth Coatsworth

by Martha F. Barkley

I love finding library books that are third or fourth publications from years gone by: one good test for a good read. Maine Memories is a 1944 book that was republished in 1947 and my library copy in 1968. Most of those years I remember well, do you?

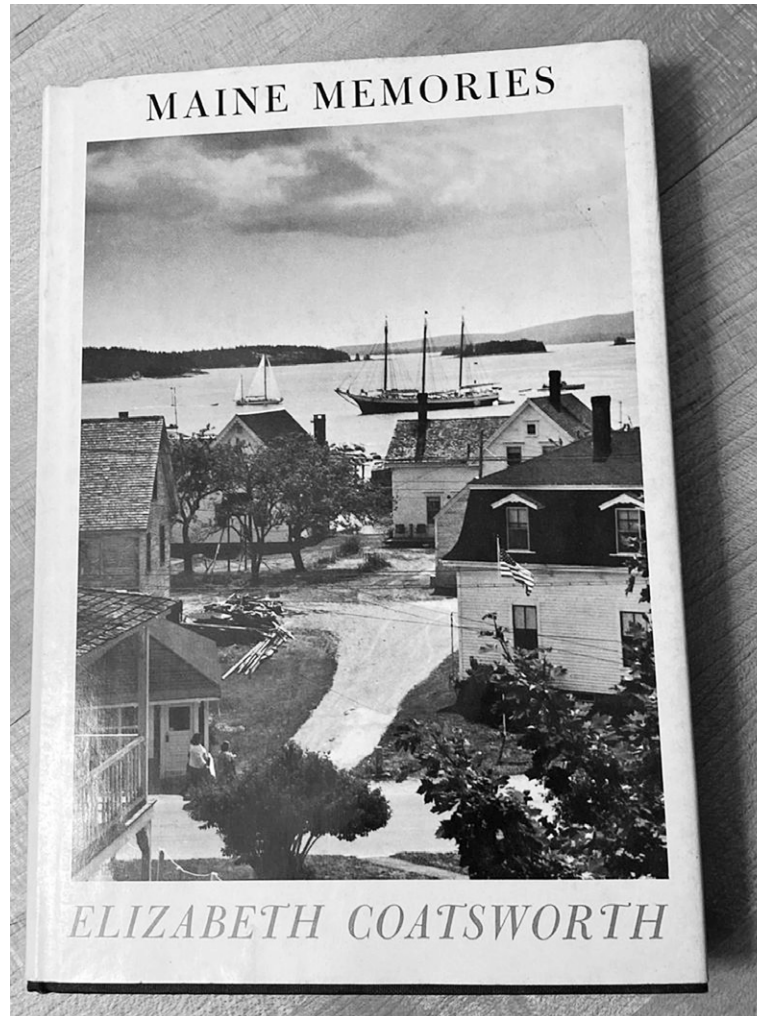
"Our garden was plowed each year by oxen," was not familiar to me at all. Maybe a few of you remember this? "Now the house has central heating and electricity". Maybe your home is year round, but our camp is only three season and that is stretching the electric heaters...

A wonderfully rendered clear map is at the beginning of the first chapter "Day at Chimney Farm". An easy day trip from Belgrade to go to the coastal Damariscotta Lake area.

Once we left our rental at Cobbossee Lake to visit friends on an island in that lake. We borrowed a farmer's rowboat to cross the narrow lake to their island summer home. No cell phones then or even a land line phone on their primitive island. The map in this book shows Chimney Farm much further north than we ventured.

"Our pond is prettily diversified by islands, coves, clean shores of stone and pine, and beguiling stretches of sheltered waters where the water lilies float..." Sounds like Belgrades Lakes, even after our 2021 microburst storm, the water lilies are blooming.

Glimpses of bird sightings and migrations are related by Coatsworth in



her agile way. Passenger pigeons that filled the sky before their extinction, morning doves, crows so dense the fields looked black, duck and Canada geese, snow geese migrations viewed in awe. "That glimpse was as near as we ever come to seeing North America which Audubon knew, and it was near enough for its memory to remain with us for the rest of our lives."

A young girl scalped survives to live until old age. Yes, read about that history. November sitings of fox and porcupine and disappearing pears picked for humans but swiped by what animal? "So I have gathered together these stories which were all told to me by neighbors". Thank you Elizabeth and your neighbors for Maine Memories.

John Gould, NYTimes and CSMonitor, wrote "Elizabeth Coatsworth...has deep feeling for Maine and her people". So does John Gould. Maine Lingo by Gould is on my SC bookshelf. Many titles reflect his humor: look for them at our Belgrade Public Library. Jared or Director Megan will help you find both Gould and Coatsworth and others. Many "wicked good" books to check out and leisurely enjoy by the lake.



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AUGUSTA-Spacious Cape Cod style home in the popular Mayfair neighborhood. This home has been updated and well maintained. Plenty of natural light, a newer kitchen & BA, 3 BR & plenty of living space on 3 levels. Enjoy the FR w/cathedral ceiling & French doors to the nice backyard to enjoy. Large front to back LR, DR & full BA on 1st floor. 2 car attached garage w/storage above. Located in a neighborhood where you can walk or ride a bike, yet close to shopping and the Interstate highway for convenience. Newer roof & flooring. **MLS #1499301 \$225,000**



HALLOWELL-Updated in town Hallowell home w/extensive renovations. Elevated roofline and transom windows fill the upstairs w/natural light. Wooden floors. Highly efficient natural gas furnace, updated kitchen w/butcher block counter top. Close to downtown Hallowell, restaurants and shopping, Vaughn Woods, the rail trail. Great deck to enjoy the sunshine. New garage in the back. Well-kept and efficient home.

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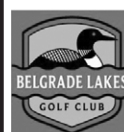
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— Real Estate Update —

Choosing One-, Three- or Four-Season Property

One: the season is summer. Simply unlock the door, take off the dust covers, enjoy the summer. Put on the dust covers, lock the door, take away wonderful memories of summer. Traditional one-season property in the lakes and woods and open fields of central Maine is rustic, basic, lockable/leavable, but once the weather turns brisk not totally livable....although there is often potential for adding heat, insulation, cold weather plumbing.

Three: spring, summer, fall. Unlock the door, edge up the heat, wear woolies, enjoy the spring/fall bonus seasons - and summer. Hang up the woolies, edge down the heat, lock the door, take away memories of three-season adventures. Three-season property - a little bit rustic and a lot of fun - allows owners to visit vacation property most of the year....and may hold possibilities for finishing off for winter visits, too.

Four: year round. Unlock the door, live the good life, let it snow, storm, blow. Walk-in, walk-out. Four-season, all year, always on the ready property is as turn-key or as totally livable as it gets....a vacation home that's all set for a move-in or retirement.


One, three or four seasons: pick property for appeal, for price, for present-day needs....and maybe for future upgrades. 

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Two generations of the Terry Family from Camp Merryweather.

PA, MA, and Camp Merryweather on Great Pond. One of the moms said she was, "taking advantage of the pandemic by working remotely," which happened to get her and her kids an extra three weeks on the lake this summer.

Take advantage of the rest of the summer and get out on the lakes or hike or bike in the hills. And take a kid along. You will be creating memories that will last. Check out the events at the 7-LA web site (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>) and the sign in front of the MLRC. On the 22nd, there will be a full-moon hike at French Mountain. More info at the 7-LA website. Pick up a map of the local trails from the 7 Lakes Alliance at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). Individual trail maps can be downloaded from 7-Lakes Alliance web site at: <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/trailsystem>. 

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