

FIRST WEEKEND TRIP - FEB 10 to 12, 1923

The members of the Tramp and Trail Club had a very pleasant and successful outing over the weekend at Otter Lake. There were nine men and 15 women in the party and as they left the train they put on their snowshoes and skis and marched to the Cahalan cottage about a mile distant. The party was divided into two squads, the men occupying one cottage and the women another, but all sat about the same table at meal times and appetites were good. After an early supper the party paid a visit to the "town" and found the snowshoeing excellent. The snow was two or three feet deep in the middle of the state road and appearances indicated that no autos had passed over it for months. There are stoves in each camp and firewood was plenty. No one felt the cold and all slept well. After a hearty breakfast the next morning the party prepared for a long hike. The route lay over the entire length of Otter Lake and then into the woods along the trail to Long Lake. In the woods the snow was four feet deep and locomotion without snowshoes or skis would have been difficult.

At the Narrows in an open boat house the party rested and had lunch. Then a hill was climbed and tracks were made for the head of White Lake. The descent to the lake was rather steep, but all made it by slipping and sliding. There were no accidents and all seemed to enjoy it. White Lake was crossed near the club house where several other Uticans were found. Thence via the state road the party went back to camp arriving about 5 o'clock after a delightful session of seven hours in the open. The walk of 10 or 12 miles had sharpened appetites and full justice was done to the bountiful hot supper.

Yesterday morning was spent in skiing, there being a good hill nearby from which sliding down to and across the lake was enjoyed. On the home trip the party learned that the day before the thermometer at Forestport marked 15 below, but no one believed it.

All returned to the city well pleased with the trip and loud in their praise of the hospitality of the Misses Nora, Agnes, and Margaret Cahalan, whose guests they had been.

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