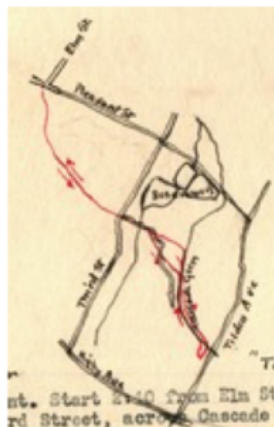


The following article describes the very first hike of the Tramp and Trail Club. It was written by Abigail Dimon, who also led the hike and was the club's first secretary. The map was hand-drawn by Miss Dimon. The hike has been repeated by the Tramps many times. Most notable was the club's 500th hike. It was led by the same leader, Abigail Dimon, but this time the group was on skis. Two other Tramps from the original first hike, Frank and Georgia Harrington, were also among the participants.

TRAMP AND TRAIL CLUB APRIL 30, 1921
(written by Abigail Dimon)



6 men, 11 women "To say nothing of the Dog"

(Notes that were handwritten under the map.)

"17 present. Start 2:10 from Elm Street Entrance of Roscoe Conkling Park. Over the hill to Third Street, across Cascade Ravine and up the east side to the top, keeping up a slow but steady gait. The day was cool and partly cloudy with a shower just at the end of the trip. We encountered on the way up a couple of fisherman and a party of four diminutive boy scouts out for an all day hike.

At the top of the ravine enthusiasm was still keen and urged on by enthusiastic accounts from Mr. Harrington it was decided to return by the side of the stream. A side trip of a few hundred feet was first made to a ruined house and barn where an old Dutch oven was discovered. The barn was made with wooden pegs and housed some farm machinery.

The scramble down the gorge with loose shale and wet rocks and frequent cascades was more of a test of the mettle of the ladies. All survived, however, and did not unduly reproach the leaders. The five (?) wise virgins brought out sandwiches, tarts, oranges, and other supplies, passing them around while the party proceeded. With this help everyone was able to reach home, trolley, automobile, or other destination, and all expressed themselves satisfied with the first meeting of the Tramp and Trail Club. Reached starting point about 6:00. 5 1/2 - 6 miles.

Flowers found: red trillium, alders tongue, violets, wild ginger, Jack-in-the-pulpit, pepper root, mitella, tiarella, squirrel corn, apple blossoms.

Birds: thrush, flock of goldfinches, song sparrows, meadow larks, vesper sparrow (heard) phoebe, pheasant."