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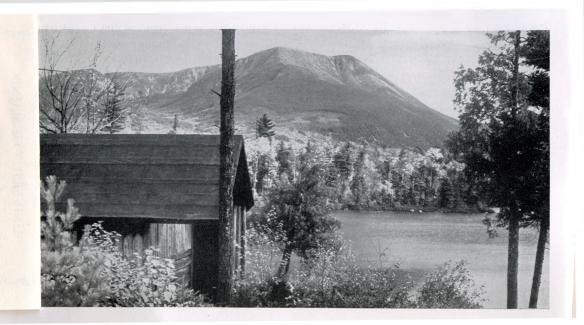
"In the heart of the Katahdin Country"

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York's Twin Pine Camps

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THERE is a new way to reach an old sportsmen's haven. For more than twenty years fishermen, hunters, mountain climbers — lovers of the unspoiled wilderness — treked over private roads into the heart of the Katahdin region where, at Daicey's Pond, nearest of all to majestic Mt. Katahdin, York's Twin Pine Camps welcomed them.

Here was provided the finest of Maine camp hospitality — snug cabins, comfortable beds, food renowned for its fine quality — amid the most magnificent scenery in all the state of Maine.

Today a new road, completing the circuit from Greenville to Millinocket, skirts Katahdin, and makes the region easily accessible by auto, yet without disturbing the privacy of the famous camps.

York's Twin Pine Camps may be reached from either Greenville or Millinocket, stations on different branches of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. If desired, an automobile from the camps will meet you at either station.

The popular route in the old days started from Greenville, and today that town is still a highly favored place from which to take the plunge into the wilderness that surrounds Katahdin. The newly completed automobile road that winds towards Kokadjo, over Ripogenus Dam and Sourdnahunk Stream — famous in legends of fishing affords excellent traveling. Beyond Sourdnahunk, 56 miles from Greenville, glimpses of the mountains ahead shorten the remaining six miles to where the road branches off to York's Twin Pine Camps.

About a quarter of a mile from the camps the road roughens, but provision has been made for parking machines, and a telephone call to the camps brings a buckboard down



to carry you and your luggage to Daicey Pond, where the camps are located. Above the central cabin rise the twin pines — ancient landmark from which the camps take their name — while across the pond looms the majestic Katahdin range, with Mt. Katahdin, only two miles away, towering mile-high in ever varying beauty.

The approach to York's Twin Pine Camps from the other direction, starting at Millinocket, takes one past Millinocket Lake and Ambajejus Lake, six miles beyond which is Pockwockkamus hill and a grand view of Mt. Katahdin. Descending a steep hill the road crosses Abol Stream and runs through an extended growth of beautiful birches. Two miles beyond Little Katahdin Stream the road to York's turns off to the left. We already know the way from there.

Here in the wilderness is real comfort comfort as we know it in our own homes. Clean, snug, and homelike cabins provide shelter. In the big dining lodge the table abounds with good things, cooked with skill unsurpassed. Freshly caught fish, and game in season, with fresh milk, butter, eggs, and vegetables from the York farm.

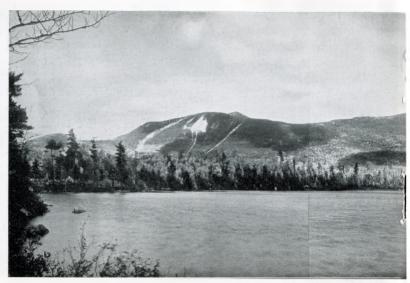
If one wanted nothing but to rest and recuperate no better place in which to do so could be found. Many of our guests like action — and get that, too!

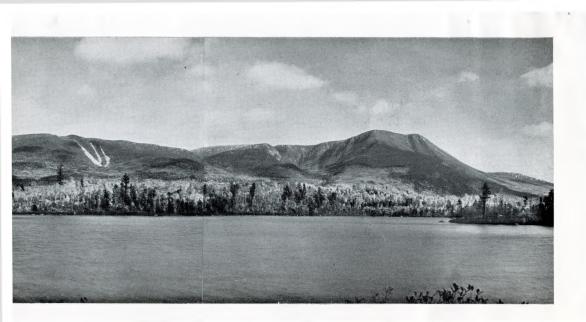
Twenty nearby ponds beckon the fisherman and the canoeist, as does the West Branch of the Penobscot, only three miles away. There are numerous other nearby streams, not forgetting the famous Sourdnahunk. Canoes belonging to Twin Pine Camps are kept on nearly all the ponds, for free use by our guests.

Those wishing to fish or hunt may use the home camp as a base. For all day or overnight trips, box lunches are furnished, or, when a licensed guide is employed, food and utensils for cooking meals out of doors are provided. Fishing and hunting are excellent, and the guides supplied are congenial, experienced and reliable.

The famous Hunt Trail up Mt. Katahdin starts from York's Twin Pine Camps, and offers a grand day's outing to the mountain climber. The peak is 5,273 feet — just The magnificent panorama of the Katahdin range, seen across Daicey Pond from York's Twin Pine Camps. Mt. Katahdin, only two miles from the camps, rises in majesty at the right of the picture.

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seven feet less than a mile-above sea level.

From the cairn at the summit, Daicey Pond is seen to the west, lying between Doubletop and Roosevelt peaks, beyond which the Spencer mountains and a corner of Moosehead Lake are visible. Sourdnahunk Stream runs a tiny thread of silver below, until it empties into the West Branch at the Sourdnahunk Deadwater. Down the river, Ambejejus and Pemadumcook lakes become visible, as does a suggestion of the town of Millinocket, together with Millinocket Lake and Togue Ponds.

Turning around, one's eyes travel the knife-edge of thin rock stretching nearly a mile to South Peak and Pamola. Dropping almost straight down from the ridge, the famous "chimney" appears to vanish in the tiny blue dot that is Chimney Pond, beyond which lies Basin Pond and a grand panorama of the Aroostoock country.

A lesser climb, but one that rewards with a 200-degree unbroken panorama of marvelous beauty, is the ascent to Doubletop, about 3,800 feet high. Roosevelt and OJI also offer delightful trips for the climber. Twin Pine Camps themselves are situated 1,250 feet above sea level.

Beautiful trails emanate from the camps, extending invitation to the woods lover, with subjects for the camera on all sides. The photographer of wild life may have opportunities to "shoot" deer, moose, bear, bobcat, and beaver, as well as smaller



animals such as fox and mink. Birds, too, are plentiful.

Typical of the delightful walks to be taken is that from the camps along the Appalachian Trail to the Toll Dam, and to Big and Little Niagara, two very beautiful waterfalls.

Swimming is enjoyed from the camp float, while a fleet of canoes provides our guests with opportunity to explore the delights of Daicey and the nearby ponds. Use of canoes is without extra charge.

And, speaking of charges, the rate for cabin and board at York's Twin Pine Camps is only \$24.50 per week; for less than a week, \$4.00 per day. Guide's available at \$4.00 per day. Guide's board is \$2.00 a day. Transportation by auto from or to Greenville is \$7.00, or \$4.00 to or from Millinocket.

Come to York's Twin Pine Camps — you and your family. Come at any time of the year. Stay as long as you wish. You, too, will find it a grand place.

Mail, telegrams, and express destined for the camps should be addressed,

c/o York's Twin Pine Camps, Greenville, Maine, or Millinocket, Maine.

Write or wire Earle W. York, Greenville, Maine, for reservations, guides, etc., as early as possible. If you're in Greenville you can secure information at Sander's Store. There is also telephone connection between Greenville and the camps.

