

SILVER LAKE SUMMER RESORT 1899

The full text of the brochure reads as follows:

In reciting to you the many advantages possessed by Silver Lake as a summer resort, we must draw upon your imagination to enable you to see with our eyes its natural beauties.

Silver Lake, or "Gwantawan," the name given it by the Indians, is the prettiest of this famous chain of lakes, its banks being selected by them as their sacred council grounds. "Gwantawan" means "White Waters." A magnificent view of the cliff on the opposite side of the lake, where mystic legion says two warriors perished for love of one maiden, is obtained from the hotel grounds.

Within our grounds are four medicinal springs, which scientific visitors have pronounced to be equal to Hot Springs, Va. and Bath, Mo. In the water of our lake the game black bass, pickerel, rock bass, muskellunge, and wall-eyed pike disport themselves. This lake has a reputation second to none as a successful fishing ground. Through the trees a glimpse can be had of the beautiful Fox River.

Shaded Walks and Well-kept Drives

Lead from the hotel to this river, where fishing can also be successfully pursued. A romantic interest attaches itself to this spot, for here Whittier, struck by the beauty of the scene, penned the lines which made Fox river famous:

*"The hemlock broods above its rill,
Against its banks the waters graceful stem;
Fair Fox River its tide receives,
Each colored like a topaz gem,
And the tall maple wears with them
The coronal which beauty gives."*

Being within two hours' ride from Chicago, on the Wisconsin Central Railway, Silver Lake is a most desirable resort for those living in that city. While our cuisine and service is second to none, we endeavor to make our guests feel at home. It is a common thing for those who visit summer resorts for rest and recreation to return more wearied than before leaving home,

owing to the fact that they are forced to dress and make an elaborate toilet for each meal. Our intention is to avoid this and enable our visitors to secure the rest for which they came.

Our Orchestra...

Renders delightful music during meals, and plays for dances in the evening, and regular Saturday evening dances during the whole season. The commodious dining room allows us to seat one hundred guests. Professional help in all the lines. Barber and buffet in connection. We have just finished a large bath house, 300 yards from the shore of the lake, where sandy bottom and safe depth is secured.

Baths and Boats Free to All Our Guests

Solid gravel roads, radiating in all directions, insure lovers of the wheel a fine spin of from ten to fifty miles. There is also a well-kept quarter and half-mile track on our grounds; first-class livery in connection. A park of twenty acres, shaded by a magnificent growth of oak trees, is not the least attractive feature. Lawn tennis and croquet grounds, with attendants, for the accommodation of our guests. Bowling alley for those who desire to recuperate their sinews.

Take all in all, with its many features, both healthful and pleasure-giving, we cannot help but coincide with the verdict of our many friends and guests who have named Silver Lake "Nature's Sanitarium."