

Signal Hill, Eagle Eye, Black Hawk Monument, Roll-away, Linden Valley, Winnoshick and Glen Grotto, a brilliantly colored sandstone cave, with water falls tumbling over its sides, making it one of the beauty spots of the park. About 450 acres of the park land have been cleared. The balance is well wooded, consisting of such species as white, red and black oak, basswood, sugar maple, aspen, and white birch on the upland and slope types. In the hollows may be found ash, basswood, slippery elm, black walnut, butternut, mulberry, and honey locust. The bottom land type is composed mainly of silver maple, white elm and river birch.

The many points of interest on the park are being made accessible by the construction of three miles of standard road, which lead to Point Look-out; to Sentinel Ridge, winding in and about several Indian mounds, and down through a long hollow to the Burlington Railroad, where a station will be erected by the railroad company, thus making it possible for pleasure seekers to reach the park in the shortest possible time. Further appropriations should be made to extend the road system to Walnut Eddy on the Wisconsin river, a distance of one and one-fourth miles. Many trails should be laid out, the superintendent's house repaired, fences built and other improvements necessary to the comfort of visitors.

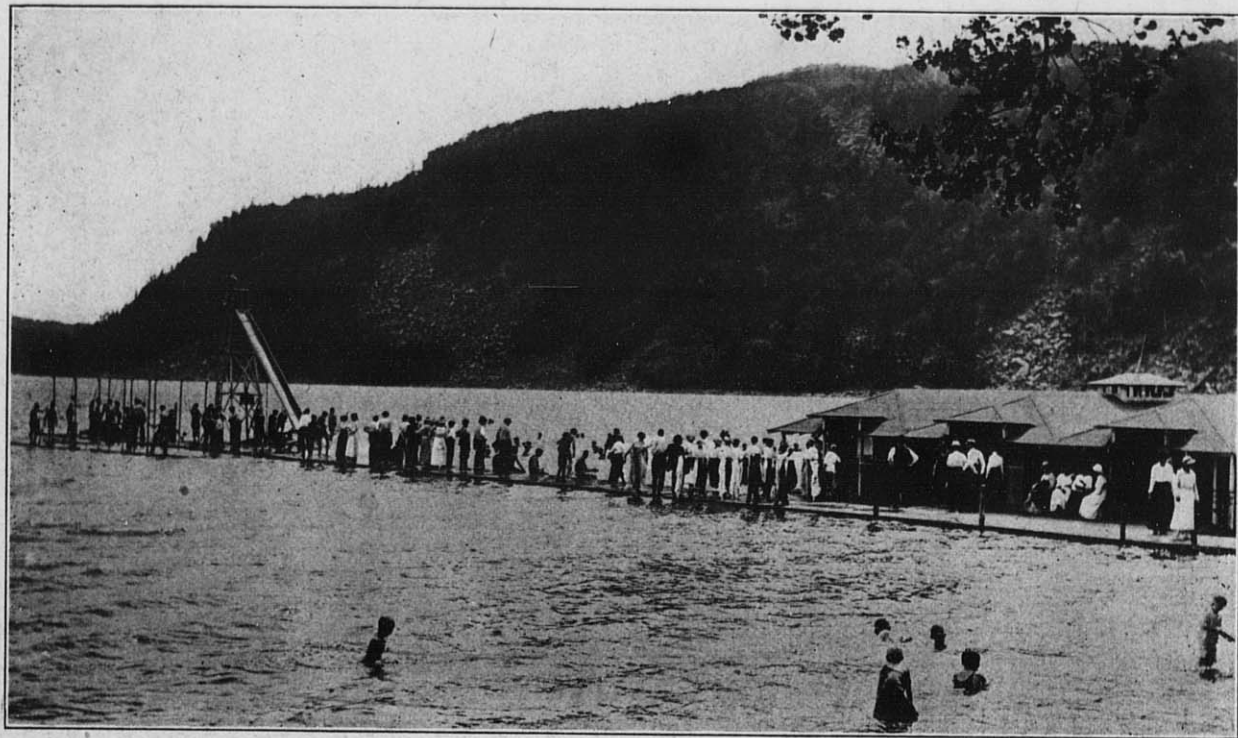
DEVIL'S LAKE PARK.

The Devil's Lake Park contains 1040 acres surrounding the lake, and is the most centrally located of the state parks, being accessible both by rail and automobile from all points. It has long been a playground of the people and the summer hotels have had a large number of guests annually. It is located in Sauk county, near Baraboo. The surface of the lake lies 600 feet below the east bluff, which is itself some 1400 feet above sea level. It is a beautiful sheet of water, without a visible outlet, fed by springs, and surrounded by great crags and bluffs of rock, thrown up by volcanic action of some former age.

The lake is one and one-fourth miles long, one-half mile wide and 43 feet deep, and is enclosed on the east, west and south shores by rugged bluffs of Baraboo quartzite. The north and southeast ends are filled with glacial drift, in fact this glacial drift has formed the lake basin by damming up both ends of the older gorge. The bluffs are without glacial drift, and the limit of the driftless area, is sharply defined. The geology classes of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago spend several weeks in field work on the park and the surrounding country annually. President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, one of the most distinguished geologists in the country, has said, "I know of no other region of the state which illustrates so many principles of the science of geology."

There are several interesting rock formations, the most remarkable ones being known as the "Doorway," the "Needle" and "Turk's Head." Some interesting Indian mounds are found on the park, the most striking being an eagle mound on the southeast shore.

The rough topography of the park and the surrounding region prevented clearing, so the percentage of forest area is large, and the native flora and fauna has survived remarkably well.



DEVIL'S LAKE AFFORDS SPLENDID BOATING AND BATHING FACILITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The native flora is extremely varied and natural conditions will be maintained so that the botanist will find not only the species, but also the ecological conditions under which they grow. River birch is found along the lake shore, mixed hardwood stands occur on the higher land, large white pines occupy the rocky slopes, and the tops of the bluffs are covered with oak. The chief sports are boating, fishing, swimming and climbing. Excellent sand beaches with a uniform and gradual slope are found at both ends of the lake. Many of the visitors make a practice of climbing some of the bluffs daily, and while the slopes are not nearly high enough to be considered mountains, they are steep and rugged enough to make it extremely interesting if one deviates from the trails, as many do.

Many permanent improvements are contemplated on the park. Its usefulness as a playground has grown to a wonderful degree in the past two years, and will increase rapidly in the future. The development of roads, the repair of the hotel buildings and cottages, and the construction of sanitary closets, at both ends of the lake, the installation of water systems, and the general improvements of all playgrounds are planned. The new road from the hotel east to the park boundary is practically complete and will become a part of the state highway system, upon the completion of the road from the east park boundary to the old road near Zauft's farm. This new route will make the park easily accessible from the south and east. Plans and estimates of costs of a road around the south end of the lake will be made by engineers of the State Highway Commission. Another project under consideration is the proper location of a road at the north end of the park. This route will also be surveyed with the idea of cooperating with the town and city of Baraboo in selecting the most suitable location. Another matter of the greatest importance is the purchase of the three remaining properties bordering on the lake. One fifteen acre tract at the north end is in process of condemnation. The other two properties should be condemned and purchased. It is recommended that \$40,000 be appropriated to purchase these properties and the remainder of the interior holdings within the Peninsula State Park.

PENINSULA PARK.

Peninsula park is the largest of the state parks, containing approximately 3,240 acres, and is located on the Door county peninsula, between Fish Creek and Ephraim. The remaining interior holdings, consisting of woodlands and farms, amount to about 465 acres, and 10 lots and parcels. One forty acre farm has recently been purchased at a cost of \$650.00. The state now has under option 160 acres of farm and woodland property, for a price of \$6,150.00, which upon the completion of the purchase will leave a balance of about 300 acres and 10 lots and parcels to be added to the park. It is estimated that the remaining interior holdings can be purchased for \$14,000.

This land should be added to the state's holdings. The sums available in the park purchase fund will undoubtedly be sufficient to pay for these properties as they are offered for sale in the future.