

OUR INVITATION

DOES your soul cry out for a peaceful valley? ¶ Do your eyes crave for the beauty of rugged granite hills? ¶ Are you longing for clear air, filtered through spruce and pine? ¶ Are you thirsting for pure water, cold as the heart of a mountain? ¶ Do you desire nature's wild fruits, with the morning dew upon them, sweet cream, delicious butter, and fresh vegetables in season? ¶ Then come where appetite grows with what it feeds upon.

COLD RIVER CAMP (A. M. C.), NORTH CHATHAM, N. H.

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE

FRANK S. MASON THEODORE S. CONANT WILLIAM T. MAY
MISS M. E. NOYES MISS MABEL C. CHESTER

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB:

In the early days of our club's existence some half dozen members "discovered" the beautiful Cold River Valley and deemed it a country worthy of exploration (see Appalachia, Vol. III, page 264).

Its remoteness and secluded location probably account for the fact that the rhapsodies of Miss Pychowska were given such scant attention. The intrusion of fashionable life into many of our most cherished mountain haunts in recent years led a few of our members to seek out this lovely and little known mountain fastness.

Since 1915, three of our excursions have served to further widen our acquaintance with it, but the chosen few have been inclined to hug their enthusiasm rather closely for fear the simplicity and charm of the place might be spoiled by too great an influx of the unappreciative "summer boarder."

Mr. Howard Jackson, our modern pioneer, says:

"North Chatham is a secluded and forgotten corner of the White Mountains; time goes quietly there, much as it did one hundred years ago. Wild and beautiful mountains almost encircle the handful of farms that form the settlement. Two hours will take one above the tree line or into the heart of

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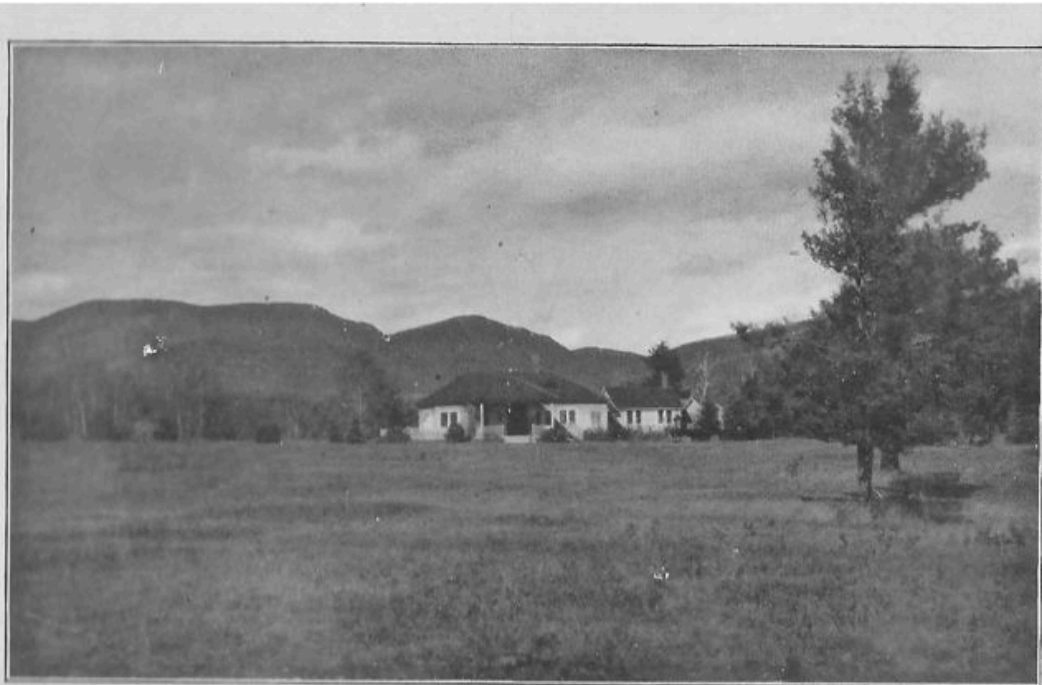


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CONANT LODGE AND THE PLATEAU

The Royces, Evans Notch and Blueberry Mountain on skyline

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MAD
RIVER
FALLS



SWIMMING POOL — COLD RIVER

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the ancient wood. The quiet old hillside pastures are delicious. Deer are citizens and busy brooks abound, while there are topazes for those who will pick them up. The wilderness is at your very door. Come, then; climb wild crags, know brooks just starting out into the world, sink your feet in the ancient moss, but be very sure you know where that last blaze is."

For many years Dean Wilford L. Robbins had spent his summers in the valley, so when he determined to build a summer home there he naturally chose the best site. With his eye for beauty he did not fail to select the finest viewpoint. The buildings he erected are in most excellent taste architecturally, are splendidly constructed and artistically furnished. The property comprises some fifty acres of nearly level, elevated land which includes both sides of the river and is bordered on the east by the Maine boundary line. The deed covers two excellent springs of water, a small water-power, a considerable grove of pine and spruce, a well-made tennis court and six bungalow-type buildings, all quite recently built but fitting into the landscape as though they had grown there.

Blazed trails, for the strenuous, lead to the mountain tops, and charming wood roads and river paths lure the less ambitious to glades and dells of infinite charm.

There are seventeen mountains within the range of one-day climbs.

A dozen brooks, abounding with trout, furnish sport for anglers.

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CONANT LODGE
SOUTH SIDE

Main Building 25 ft.
by 50 ft.

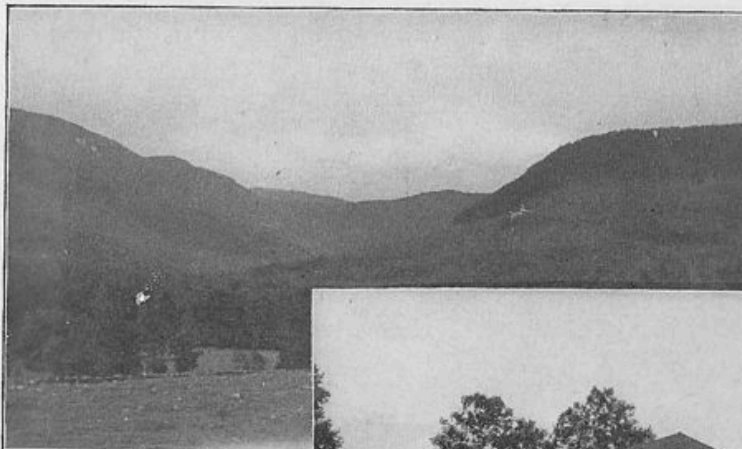
Covered Porch 20 ft.
square



THE "SISTERS'" CABIN

Little Deer Mountain
in background

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THE BASIN

Three miles from camp
Mt. Meader on left.
West Royce on right



LAWRENCE TOWER

20 ft. by 20 ft.
Women's Dormitory
8 Beds
Shower Bath

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CLIFF ON BASIN WALL, 300-FOOT CLIFF SPUR OF WEST ROYCE FROM BASIN RIM

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This camp could not be better placed in relation to the three club huts on the great range. It is admirable, either as a beginning or an ending, to that very fascinating journey. A few days spent among the Royces and Baldfaces in tuning up will make the fifteen miles to Carter Notch via Baldfaces and Wild River a comfortable day's journey. Mt. Washington may be reached the second night via the new (1919) Wildcat Trail and Boulder Trail.

The acquisition of this property came about through the interest created by an inspection of it by the 1918 Autumn Walking Party. It was the unanimous opinion that here was an ideal proposition for a permanent camp.

A "For Sale" sign prompted one of the party to promise to the president a generous donation towards its purchase if it could be secured at a reasonable figure. Stimulated by this, the matter was brought before the Council and Trustees of Real Estate, and after some months of negotiation and visits to the property a conditional vote of acceptance was passed May 22, 1919. Substantial gifts by a few members enable us to make announcement of the opening of the camp, July 1. The new camp has the hearty endorsement of the Three-mile Island Camp Committee. So, without any campaign, or drive, and mainly through the generosity of one member of our club, this opportunity for enjoyment of an unspoiled country is placed within their reach. The camp will be conducted by a Club Committee. It will be open only to club members and family, or to guests introduced and recommended by members.

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Mrs. J. L. Chandler, of North Chatham, will have charge of cuisine, table and service. Mr. Mason of the Committee will be at camp all summer.

Accommodations. — It will be possible to lodge twenty guests under roof; further tents with platform floors will afford sleeping quarters. The camp will be well furnished, with comfortable springs and mattresses, bed linen and towels. The Lounge and Dining Room, in the large bungalow, are adequately furnished, and the ten-foot-wide piazza, surrounding three sides of the main building, covered by awnings, assures a pleasant out-of-door daytime resting place for the less strenuous members.

The table will be simple yet excellent, with special attention to healthy appetites induced by tramping.

Meals will be served at regular hours, but tramping parties will be provided with lunches and special meals on proper notice. A ledge on the property runs across Cold River, affords attractive bathing pools supplied with crystal water.

Those desiring accommodations for a stated time should make reservations as far in advance as possible. Members coming for week-ends (by auto or otherwise) will be cared for to the best of the camp's ability.

Baggage will not be limited, but simple dressing is desirable.

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Routes, Rates and Rules

Leave Boston about 9 A.M. from North Station for Portland, and continuing about 2 P.M. from Portland Union Station, arriving at Fryeburg about 4 P.M., where take auto stage for North Chatham, arriving at camp about 6 P.M., or

Leave Boston by train about 12.50 P.M. (North Station), arriving in Conway, N. H., about 5.40 P.M. Auto may be hired at reasonable figure from Philip S. Davis, Conway, and camp reached about 7 P.M.

By Auto. — Boston to Portsmouth, thence by east side state road following yellow bands to Conway; here leave the trunk line and take road east to Fryeburg, thence to North Fryeburg, Chatham and North Chatham.

Mail address, Cold River Camp, North Chatham, N. H.; one mail week-days. Telegrams addressed to Cold River Camp, Fryeburg, Me., will be repeated over private line. There is no *telephone* connection.

The base rate for members is \$14.00 a week, \$2.75 a day for transients, and applies as well to husband, wife or minor child of a member. Friends of members, and other relations than the above named may be introduced as guests, at an additional charge of \$1.00 a week or 25 cents a day for transients.

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VIEW NORTHEAST ACROSS PLATEAU

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The rates above are based on beds in dormitories, or two in a tent. Tents for one person, \$1.00 a week extra. There are three charming rooms, with open fireplaces, in bungalows, for which a special price will be charged.

Tips are not permitted. Members should understand that we cannot call on our working force for special service.

Address, till June 21

Cold River Camp (A. M. C.), 1050 Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Address, June 21 to September 15

Cold River Camp, North Chatham, N. H.

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VISTA ON COLD RIVER — BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN IN DISTANCE