

"Let's Go For An Excursion" - and never leave the county

That is just what families and couples might do in the summer of 1912. Sunday was the ideal time for an outing as the average work week was 5 and one half days. The Rochester area was lucky to have Lake Ontario and Irondequoit Bay close at hand where they might travel for the cool breezes. Remember, it was before the days of inexpensive room fans or air conditioning. Between 1900 and 1924, a Mr. J.D. Scott (a very resourceful entrepreneur) came up with a scheme he called "The Pink Ticket Trip". He offered tickets from a small tent he would put up at the downtown four corners (Main and State). For a special 50 cent ticket (that's \$11.15 today) you boarded the Lake Avenue Trolley to Charlotte and Ontario Beach Park to see the sites there and perhaps have a ride on the circle swing or the "The Breezer" (Roller Coaster). You might have a photo taken at the outdoor tintype photographer with your "sweetie", as it was an inexpensive and nice souvenir.

Then it's off to board the J.D.Scott for a short lake trip to the dock at Sea Breeze. At the end of the dock is a small restaurant called "The Hawaiian Gardens". A dance floor with automatic music provided by a Wurlitzer Orchestra Piano entertained the early afternoon crowd. Later on, a five piece live orchestra was on hand to keep the dancers feet tapping to lively two steps, waltzes and the Turkey-Trot! Then over the railroad tracks of the "Hojack Line" to Sea Breeze Park with a small coaster and a carousel built and run by the Long family of Philadelphia. The cotton candy is quite good as well as the fresh roasted peanuts.

Down a path which leads to Irondequoit Bay there's a Naphtha or Gasoline Launch, waiting to take passengers down to the end of the Bay. Stops could be made at any of the numerous hotels along the west bank, such as Pt. Pleasant, Birds and Worms, the Newport House etc. The final stop on the Bay was Glen Haven Park with its large hotel, beautiful grounds and an amusement park on the south end. If lunch had not been had earlier, but brought along (which was often the case), this was the place to spend some time. A large stage with vaudeville acts always attracted large crowds.

Boarding a Sodus Bay & Rochester Trolley for a trip back to the station on East Main Street, the car went through a number of Irondequoit's wooded glens and over several streams. Gathering umbrellas, coats, ties, large ladies hats and lunch baskets for the last time, you rode the West Main trolley back to Main and State Street and to transfer points at Clinton or St Paul Street. The trip could be made in reverse and the length of time at each stopover was only governed by the ticket holder. The only caution being, the final boats on the bay and lake stopped running around dusk.

Wouldn't it be fun to take a trip back in time to enjoy the one day excursion??? Remember, all electronic devices must be left at J.D. Scotts tent fore boarding the trolley.....



LAKE AND BAY BELT

ALL RESORT TICKET
50 cents

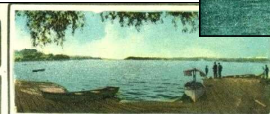
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Tickets good from any part of City to Ontario Beach, either by the Charlotte or Summerville Electric including Ferry—Boat from Ontario Beach to Sea Breeze—Boat, Sea Breeze to Glen Haven; and Glen Haven by Trolley to any part of City.

Tickets can be used either by way of Glen Haven or Charlotte.



Station and Pavilion in the Park at Sea Breeze, N.Y.



Glimpses of Glen Haven and Irondequoit Bay
ROCHESTER, N.Y.



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1. Lake & Bay Belt All Resort Ticket
2. Japanese Garden Ont Beach Pk.
3. Sea Breeze Pier, Lake Ontario
4. Glen Haven & Irondequoit Bay
5. Sea Breeze Park
6. Pt. Pleasant Gasoline Launch