

SPORTS AND RECREATION IN THE ARCHIVES

Wanting to get outside and enjoy the fine weather is something we can all appreciate. The natural beauty of Saanich plus the mild climate make it an ideal place to have fun in the great outdoors. In this photo gallery, we look back at just a few of the activities that people have enjoyed throughout the years!



Jack Elliott and Arthur Jeune with 25-pound salmon caught by Jack Elliott, 1905 (2013-001-007)



SPORTS



George Jay School girl's field hockey team, 1912 (2007-196-050)

Field hockey was one of the first sports that girls and young women could play with few of the usual restrictions placed upon them. Its widespread adoption beginning in the 1860s led to further acceptance of girls in other organized sports such as baseball, golf, equestrian, and rowing.

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Young women racing on Cordova Bay beach near McMorran's, 1912 (1985-008-001a)

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Dorothy Layritz with baseball team, opening of Layritz Ball Park, 1958 (1982-011-001)

*Her late husband, **Richard Layritz**, had donated the land for the ballpark to Saanich with the stipulation that it be fenced and used as a park for children.*



Soccer game, Rick Blake at left, ca. 1958 (2016-025-009)

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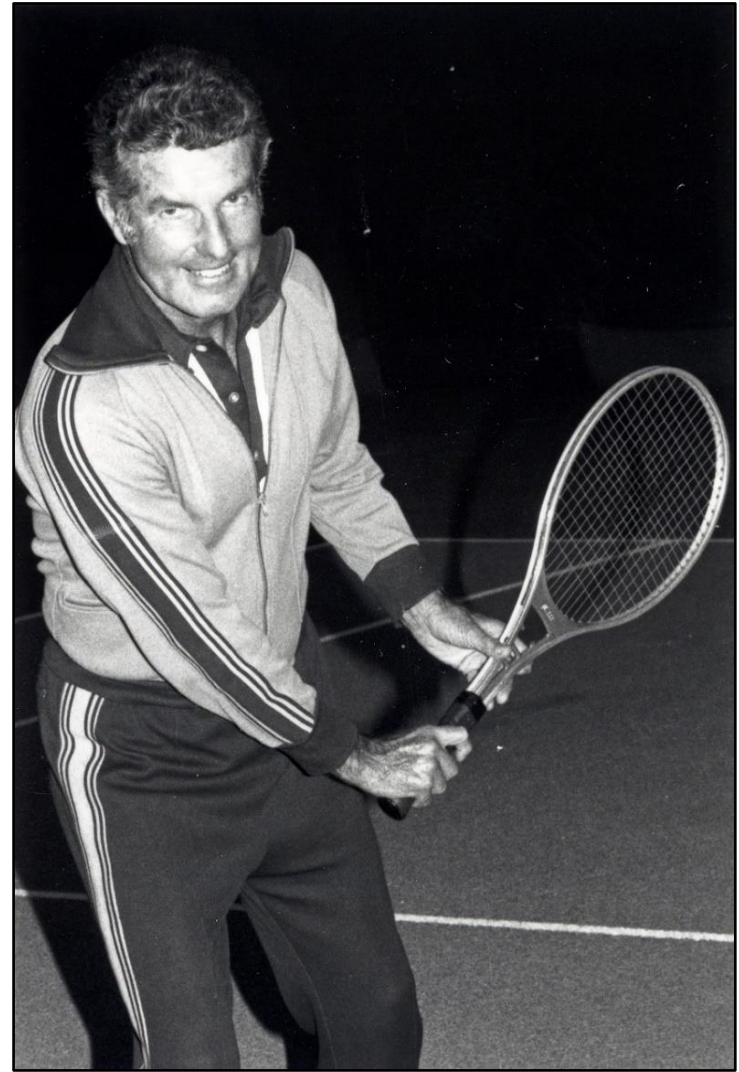


Bowling on the greens in front of Hampton Hall, Burnside Lawn Bowling Club, 1950s (2015-003-093)

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Saanich Police hockey team, 1960s (1983-003-028)



***Gordon Hartley playing tennis, 1980s
(2018-016-002)*** The tennis building at Cedar Hill
Recreation Centre is named for Gordon Hartley, a well-
loved tennis coach from the 1940s to the 1970s.

FISHING

Created during the “Golden Age of Postcards”, cards like this were produced as souvenirs and as advertisements to entice visitors to the area.



A NICE CATCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

Colourized postcard of a man with a fish, ca. 1905 (2014-015-364)



Dorothy Poulton on beach holding a salmon, 1910s (2007-051-013)

FISHING



Sidney Girling, Alice Mary Girling, unidentified man, & Ellen Elizabeth Girling holding fish, 1920s (2008-025-494)

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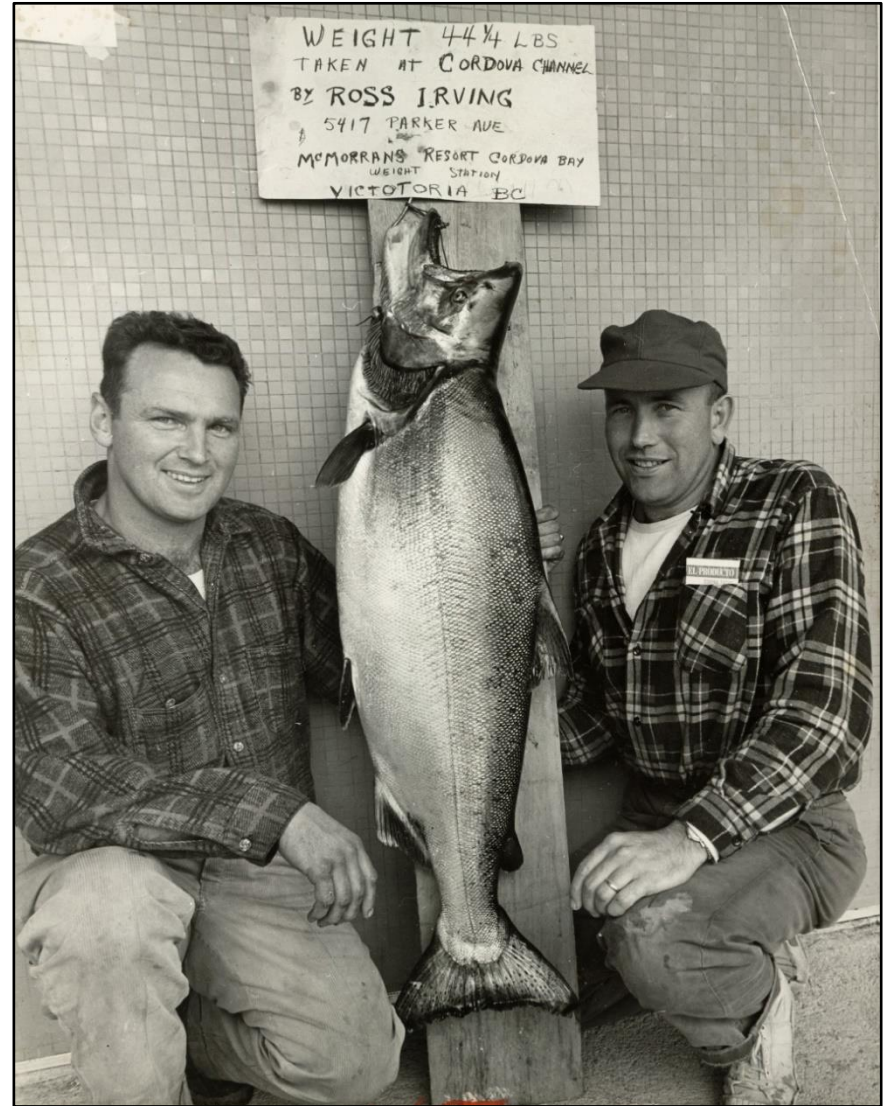
Fish caught in Saanich Inlet by Albert Whitehead, 1920s (1981-013-002)

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Jack Coey holding six pound and four-and-a-half-pound cutthroat trout taken from the Colquitz River, March 1964 (2015-014-003)



Ross Irving and Eric McMorran with trophy salmon, 1965 (1989-008-170) Taken after a lucky day of fishing, McMorran's Resort in Cordova Bay.

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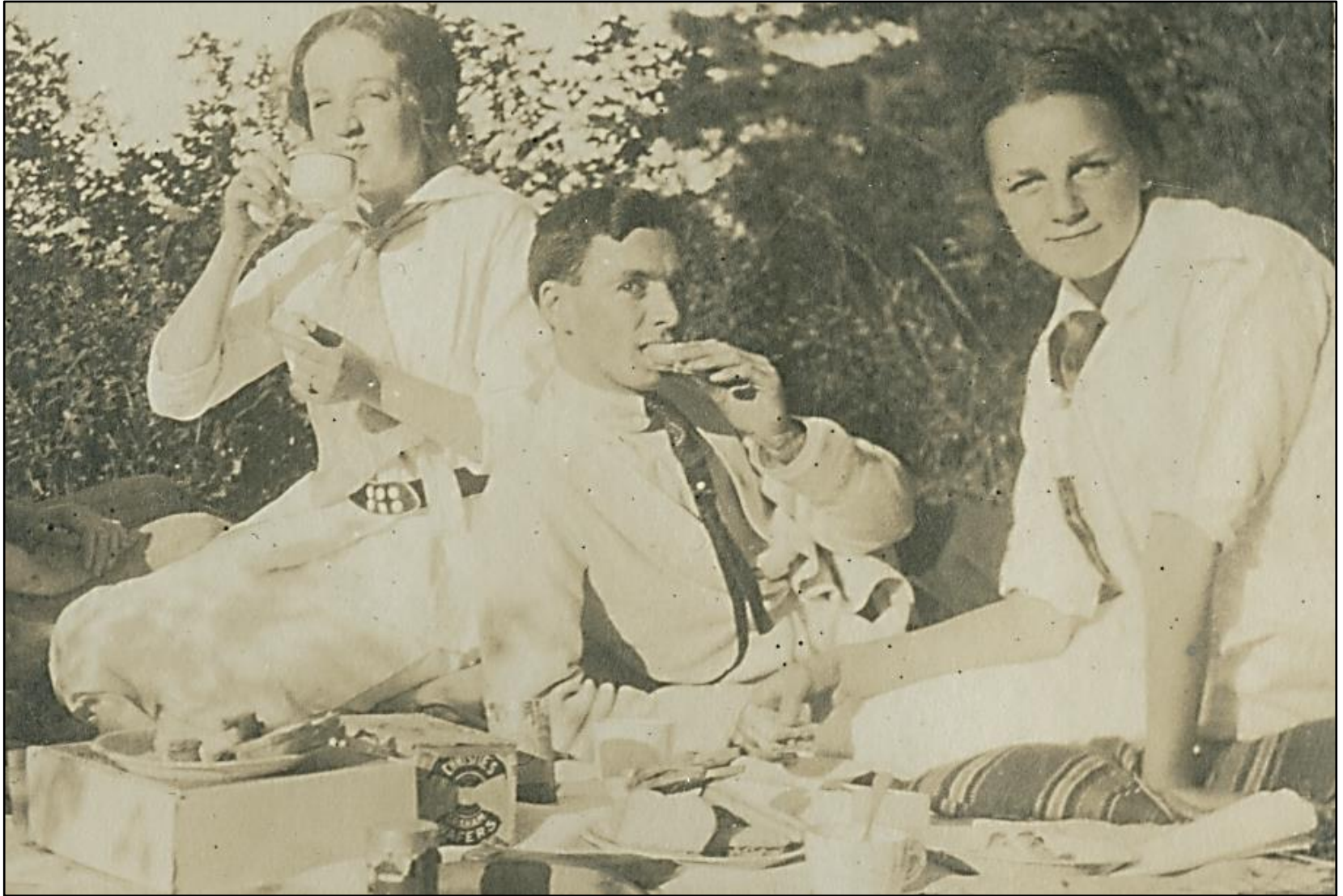
Men having beach picnic, 1900s. (2017-014-011)

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Bradshaw family picnic, 1910s (2019-016-693)

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Picnic on the Gorge, 1914 (2010-050-758) This group is enjoying a meal which includes a tin of Christie's graham wafers. Graham wafers became a popular snack in the 1910s.

PICNICS



*Saanich employees' picnic at Little Cordova Beach, ca. 1917
(1981-026-003a)*



*Ellen Elizabeth, Alice Mary Girling and others
having picnic on beach, 1920s (2008-025-495)*

PICNICS



Women and children at a picnic, Burnside Lawn Bowling Club, 1920s (2015-003-031)

SWIMMING



*Bradshaw family
swimming
at Cordova Bay, 1908
(2019-016-007)*



*Irene McMorran, L. Stark
and Jessie Haddison,
Cordova Bay beach, 1910
(1989-008-088)*

SWIMMING



Diving platform at Swan Lake, 1910s (2008-025-397)
photograph by Annie Girling

*Victoria's Beautiful
Freshwater Playground*

Hamsterley Lakeside
Elk Lake
Excellent Bathing - no Current
Elk Lake
LAKESIDE

*Elk Lake
AUTO CAMP*
CORDOVA
BAY

*TURN TO RIGHT
WILL TAKE YOU
along SHORE
CITY LINE*

*Hammerley & Why Co.
Surrey B.C. 1920s*

HAMSTERLEY LAKESIDE
"WHERE I WISH THAT I WAS WHEN I'M NOT!"
AND ELK LAKE AUTOMOBILE CAMP
(MILE NINE SIDNEY HIGHWAY)

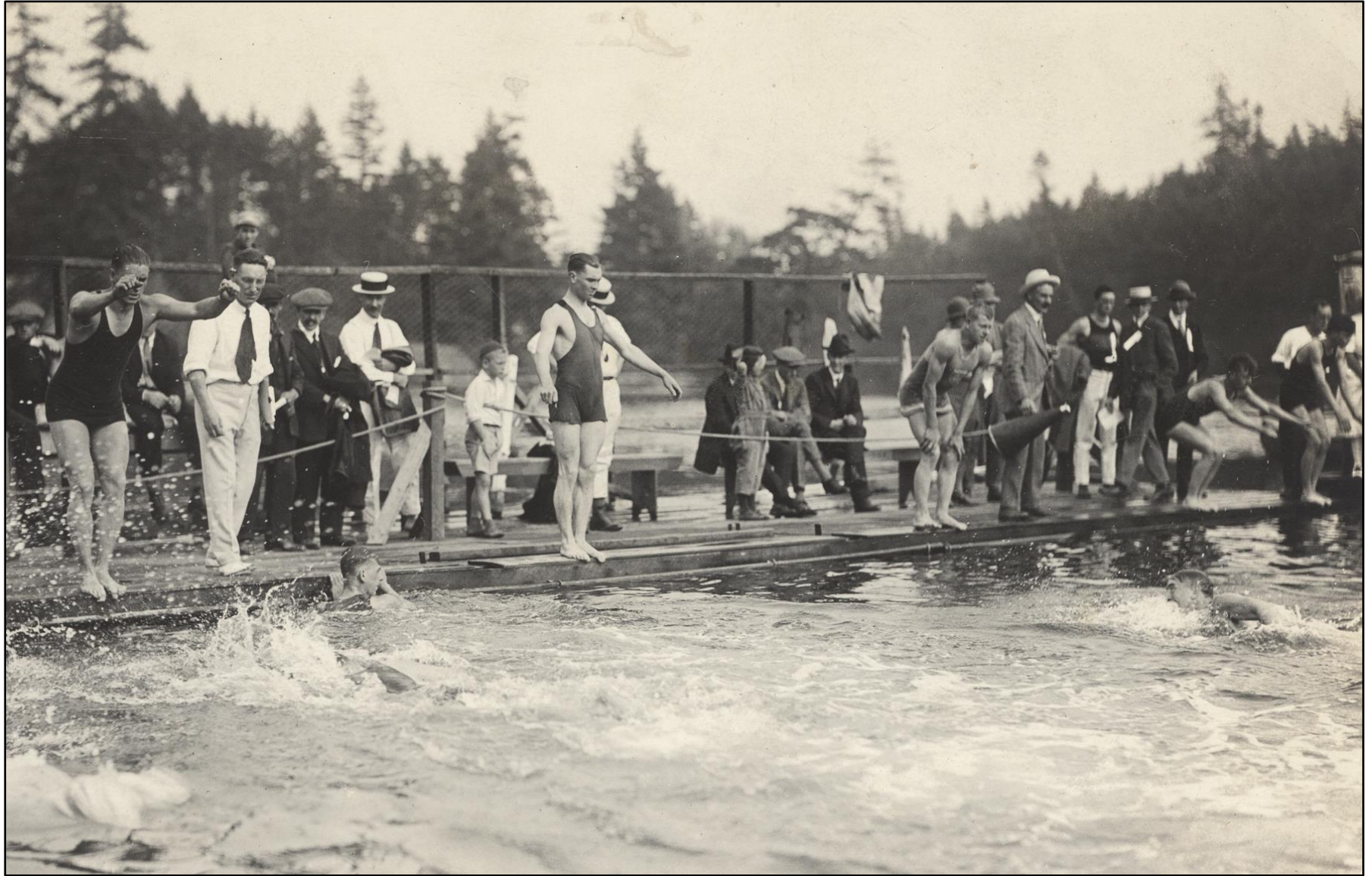
SUMMER COTTAGES GAS STATION

Hamsterley Lakeside
On BEAUTIFUL ELK LAKE
*
The FRESHWATER PLAYGROUND
OF
VICTORIA, B.C.
CANADA
"Where I wish that I was when I'm not!"

BATHING BOXES SUITS TOWELS
*Temperature of the Water Always
Much Higher than the Sea :: ::*
*
AUTO CAMP AND SUMMER COTTAGES
Adjoining
*
We Make EDINBURGH ROCK Exactly as in Scotland
And Famous HAMSTERLEY FARM CHOCOLATES
*
Gasoline Station City Prices

Brochure for Hamsterley Lakeside resort at Elk Lake, 1920s
(2013-001-093a)

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Men's race at Victoria Amateur Swim Club gala on the Gorge, 1922 (2012-034-005)

The Gorge was regarded as Victoria's swimming resort, and events held on the Gorge attracted international swimming stars.

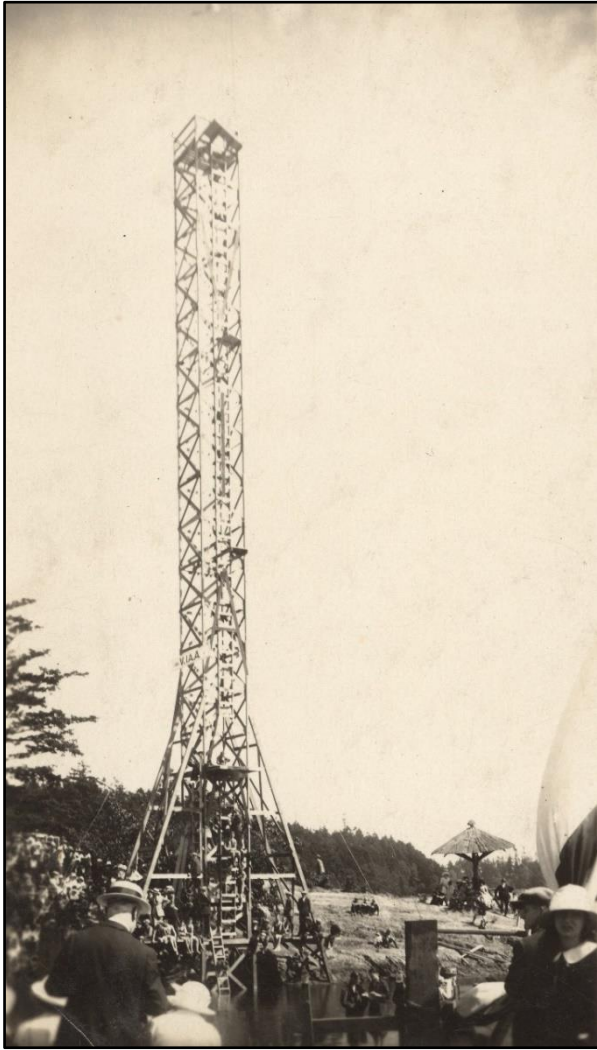
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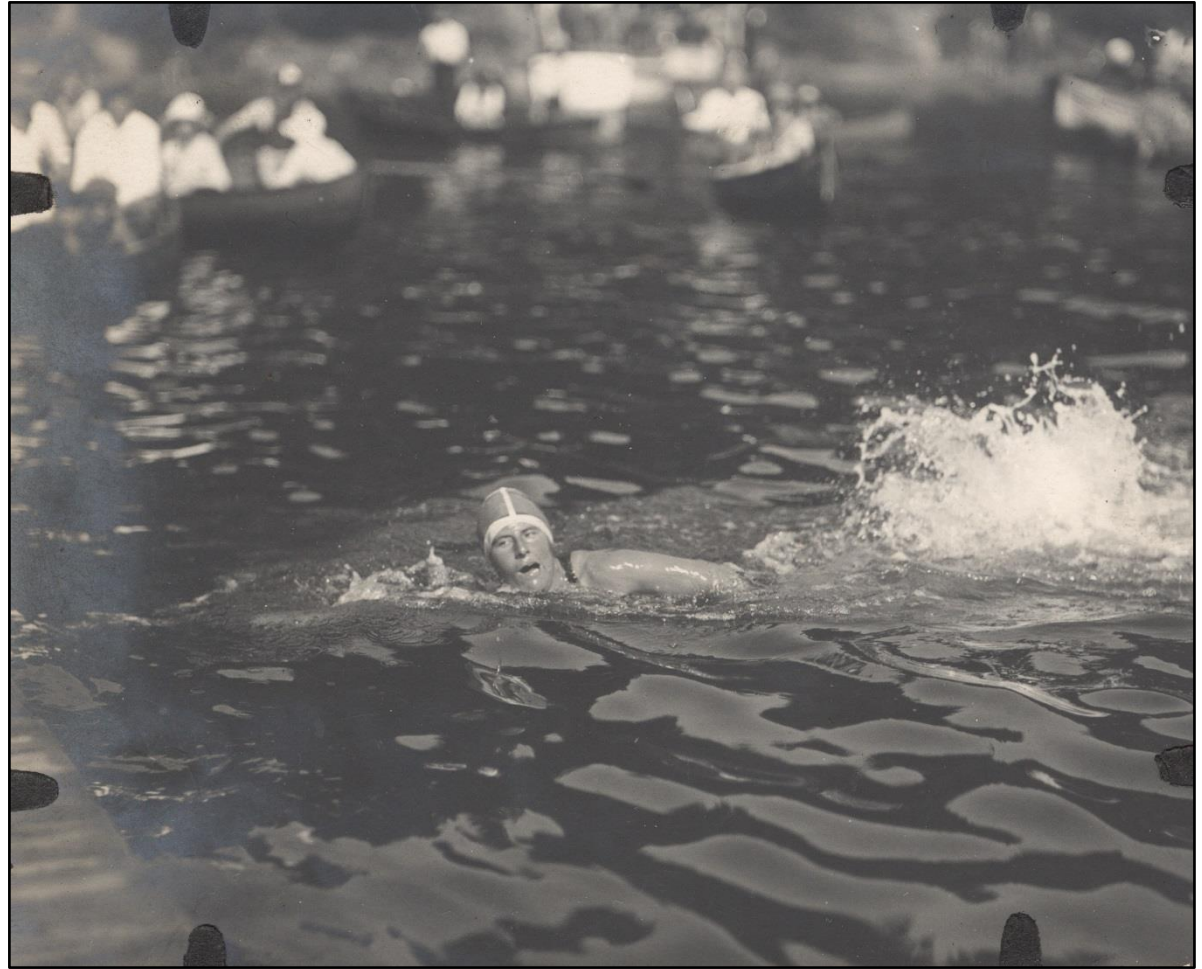
Diving at Curtis Point on the Gorge, ca. 1920 (2012-034-010)

A makeshift "pool" was made using logs to create the enclosure. Several diving platforms were also built, and the pool was used to host water-polo matches.

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110 ft. diving tower at Curtis Point on the Gorge, 1922 (2012-034-009)



Audrey Griffin finishing 3-mile swim on the Gorge, 1923 (2012-034-015)

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Swimmers at Brentwood camp, 1917 (2019-016-462)



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