

The Lost Resort



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Poke around in the woods lining the rocky Oakledge shore, and you'll come across brick chimneys among the rock ledges and encroaching trees. These lone sentinels are all that remain of a nearly vanished piece of Oakledge history, the bungalows of Oakledge Manor Resort.



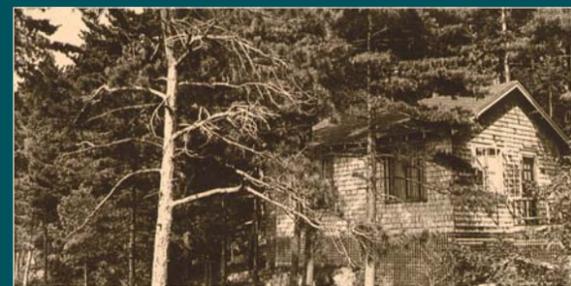
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Board and batten cabin "D", shown in a 1938 brochure for Oakledge Manor resort. This cabin used to stand somewhere in the woods. Look for good locations for cottages as you explore the Oakledge paths.

From 1929 through 1961, the Oakledge grounds were home to a popular summer resort that drew visitors from far and wide. Originally, eight shingled bungalows were constructed in the woods along the shore to accommodate guests who came to Oakledge. Soon, six other, simpler cabins were built in the board and batten style. They surrounded a rustic octagonal tower at the top of the bluff. Later, a two story cabin replaced the tower. All that's left now is the lonely octagonal foundation, the stunning view of Lake Champlain, and a few chimneys holding out against the wind and the rain.



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The Oakledge bungalows were as diverse as their presidential namesakes. The Franklin Pierce bungalow, seen here, was one of many such structures available to resort guests.



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Fourteen cabins and bungalows dotted the pine woods above the red rock cliffs. Seen here in a view looking up from the water, these structures housed resort guests for decades. Do you notice what has changed?



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A view from the top: this octagonal tower adorned a rocky ridge overlooking the shore. Once surrounded by cabins, all that remains now is the odd-shaped concrete foundation.