





Lions Bay Historical Society

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Next meeting of the Lions Bay Historical Society will be January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Library.

Looking Back

St. Mark's Anglican Church Camp

St. Mark's Anglican Church Camp opened in the early 1920s on Lions Beach; what is now Lions Bay. Howe Sound's close proximity to the city was a great advantage. Although campers paid fees, many children from inner city homes were able to attend for a minimal or subsidized charge. The outdoor experiences, combined with the emphasis on Christian living, helped shape the future of many campers, some of whom returned later as counselors and leaders. Recollections of camp ceremonies, singing around the campfire, outdoor chapel services, hiking, boating, swimming and other outdoor sports activities left the campers with lifelong happy memories and encouraged many to continue exploration of the great outdoors. Blanche Loutet, who first visited Brunswick Beach in 1932, recalled that the young people used to row from the beach to Saint Mark's camp once a week to buy ice cream cones and chocolate bars from the camp's launch. The launch sometimes brought a few Brunswick Beach fathers as passengers on weekends.

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St. Mark's Camp at Lions Beach in the 1930s experienced financial difficulties during the great depression. St. Mark's Camp and its 100 acres were for sale and sold for \$7000 in 1945.

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