Susquehanna Pastimes

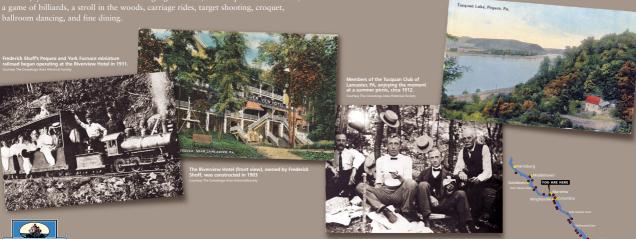
For generations, the Susquehanna has provided both local residents and venturesome travelers with a host of leisure-time activities.

In 1877, the Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad began carrying passengers to this area, then known as Shoff's Resort, developed by local businessman Frederic Shoff. Many vacationers came from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Washington. A few journeyed from Europe.

In 1901 Shoff opened the Riverview Hotel, a three-storied structure, which hosted a wide array of guests, including Jack Dempsey and Calvin Coolidge. Visitors to the hotel enjoyed rides on a miniature narrow-gauge railroad, short trips on a steamboat a game of billiards, a stroll in the woods, carriage rides, target shooting, croquet, ballroom dancing, and fine dining.

During the 1930s, the area declined as a resort, a victim of the Depression economy and the rise of competition from the New Jersey Shore, the Pocono Mountains and the Adirondacks. Shoff's hotel, long abandoned, was eventually demolished by a controlled fire in the 1970s.

Today, many people continue to enjoy recreational activities along the Susquehanna. They come to swim, boat, water ski, fish, hike, sightsee, bird watch, trap, hunt, camp, ride horses, and relax.



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