

## *Ballard Lake Trail Club*

Ole Rismon's Lodge on Ballard Lake, situated two miles northwest of Star Lake P. O., is located within the boundaries of the Northern State Forest Park and is also within an extensive Wild Life Refuge.

Adjacent to Ballard Lake are comparatively large tracts of nearly virgin hardwood timber. It is now thirty years or more since the pine was removed and in many places the forest has been renewed. In others, there are parklike openings which are very attractive. The altitude of this region is approximately 1800 feet above sea level. The climate is stimulating and the atmosphere is always crisp and invigorating. Even in the hottest summer days, the mornings and evenings are cool.

Throughout the Wild Life Refuge, there is now an abundance of wild game—deer, partridge, grouse, porcupine and beaver. Within the territory included on the map there are probably more than twenty-five beaver lodges. Through these areas run the old logging roads, Indian trails, tote roads and abandoned highways. The whole prospect is very inviting to one who loves to hike and cook out-of-doors.

The Ballard Lake Trail Club is a proposed organization which has for its objective the opening up, connecting and marking of trails so that this beautiful and attractive region will be available to all tourists, whether they are skilled in woodcraft or not. The trails will be so laid out that one may walk any distance from two to fifteen miles. As the project develops, we expect to erect temporary shelters and provide camp sites equipped with out-of-door stoves for cooking purposes. The work of laying out, opening up and improving these trails is a very alluring task.

No constitution has been prepared but it is the intention of the promoters to make the organization as informal as possible. All who register as guests at the Ole Rismon Lodge will have the privileges of members. No dues will be required for the present. If those who benefit from the use of the trails care to make small donations the money will be expended in improvements.

About twenty persons have signified their willingness to become members of the Club. A temporary committee composed of Mr. Frank A. Gould, of Evanston, Illinois, Chairman, Mr. Frank Tucker, of Akron, Ohio, and M. B. Rosenberry, of Madison, Wisconsin, is in charge of the preliminary work. We propose to hold a meeting for purposes of perfecting the organization on or near Labor Day, 1933, at the Rismon Lodge. In the meantime some of the trails will be laid out and opened. We have secured the approval of the Conservation Commission and its permission to carry on the work, which will be under the supervision of some official designated by the Commission.

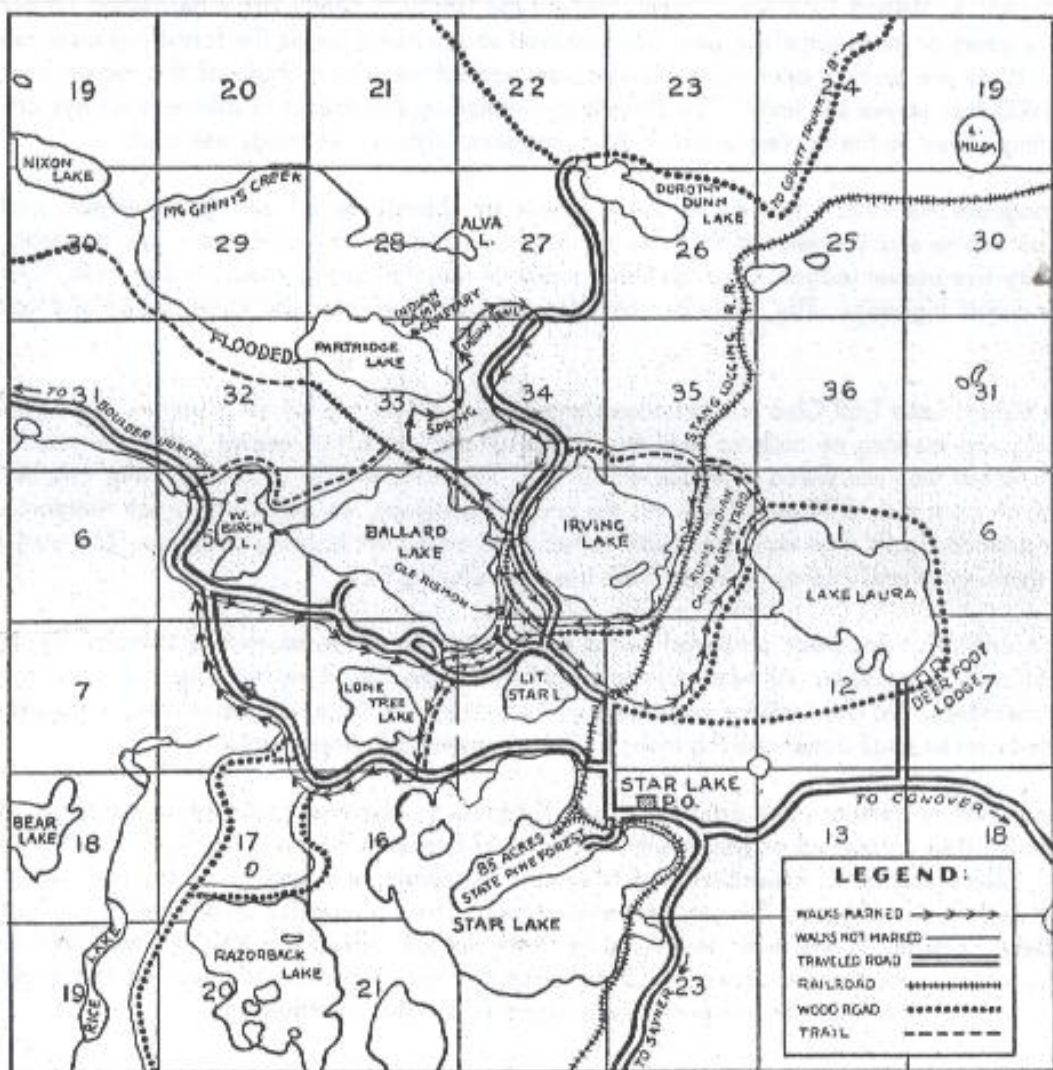
We are sending out this announcement in the hope that those who appreciate the rare beauty of the northern forests and are interested in marking and preserving some of the old Indian trails and tote roads will cooperate with us if in no other way at least by using the trails. For the present we shall probably mark the trails with paint of different colors. For further information address M. B. Rosenberry, Secretary, Madison, Wisconsin, or Ole Rismon, Star Lake, Wisconsin.

(See Map On Other Side)

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STAR LAKE, WISCONSIN  
Mail care of Ole Rismon



SCALE: Each side of the small squares equals one mile.

There are many woodland paths not indicated on the map. We expect to mark those indicated so they may be used in 1933.

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Notes:

1. The text found between Irving Lake and Lake Laura reads: "Ruins Indian Camp & Graveyard."
2. North of Partridge Lake reads: "Indian Camp & Cemetery."
3. On the Star Lake Peninsula: "85 Acres State Pine Forest."
4. The text and arrow in Ballard Lake points to "Ole Rismon."
5. The road in section 24 goes "To County Trunk 'B'."
6. The railroad in section 35 is "Stang Logging R.R."
7. The items in the Legend are, from top to bottom:

WALKS MARKED  
WALKS NOT MARKED  
TRAVELED ROAD  
RAILROAD  
WOOD ROAD  
TRAIL