

[1876-1895] The Waukeag House was located just to your left
“Waukeag House is a fine summer Hotel, containing 60 rooms, furnished in good style ... and kept in a first class manner ... with spacious piazzas 650 feet around the hotel, and running water...” -the Mining Journal

Summer Rusticators, the Tourist Trade and the Waukeag House Hotel

With the help of steamship & train travel in the late 1800s, summer tourism peaked. But within a few short decades, the age of the auto and better roads to Bar Harbor – plus closing mines and quarries – led to decades of gradual economic decline and population loss for Sullivan.

On the rebound in the 21st century Spurred by demand for summer residences and regional growth, the local economy is rebounding once again.

[Right] Steamships ferried passengers between trains – to and from Boston, New York, Portland, Bar Harbor and points DownEast

THE STEAMBOAT NORUMBEGA



[shown, 1915] Passenger steamers docked down the hill

[1887-1923] THE HOTEL BRISTOL (or Hotel Cleaves) also catered to summer guests until 1923 when Mrs. Ethel Newsome bought it to tear it down because “it obstructed her view of the Bay”.

