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Runaway Pond is Celebrated on Glover Day

On June 6, 1910, hundreds of people attended the centennial celebration of Runaway Pond and the dedication of a monument. This July 20th, 86 years later, the monument will be re-dedicated after being moved across Highway 16 to a state rest area that is also part of the original pond bed. The site will become a small park. A cold spring has been diverted to become part of the monument and millstone picnic tables add to the spot's charm and historic interest. A tablet explaining exactly what happened when about 60 men and boys tried to divert the outflow from Long Pond into the Barton River has been placed on the other side of the monument stone.

Many people have helped in this effort with labor and/or materials: the Glover selectmen, Merle Benway and Rick Welch, Royce Conley/Mark Colburn, George Thompson, Edwin Alexander, Bernard Urie, John Rodgers, Carroll Concrete, Caulkins, and E. M. Brown. Wayne Alexander, Randy Williams, Bob Clark and other members of the Historical Society have also contributed imagination and labor. Garon-St. Sauveur Granite Co. inscribed the new plaque at a nominal cost.

Nevertheless, expenses have been high and it is hoped that Glover residents will be moved to contribute towards a project that will benefit and give pleasure to all for years to come.

Excerpt from *The Ballad of Runaway Pond* by Margaret MacArthur & Miller Run Students

From below comes a roaring like thunder,
Each reddened face turns pale with fright.
They see boiling and silvery quicksand,
The water has gone from sight.
Through the quicksand the waters now lower
Down the valley in madness to spill.
O'er the deafening roar hear the men cry,
"Wilson, where will you find your mill?"

"My wife the corn is a-grinding,
She knows nought of this terrible force.
God in heaven, hear my prayer now,
Will nothing stop this wild water's course."

Schedule of Events

8:00 - 11:30	Car Wash
8:30 - 11:30	Open House at the Firehouse
9:00 - 11:30	Bake Sale
9:00 - 1:00	Glover Historical Society-Open House Glover Library-Book Sale
9:00 - 3:00	Orleans County Citizens Advocacy Barn Sale
10:00 - 10:45	Runaway Pond Monument Dedication Ceremony
10:00 - 12:30	Activities for children on the green
11:00 - 11:30	Road Race from Runaway Pond to Glover Firehouse
11:30 - 1:00	Cookout Musical Entertainment
2:00	Annual Meeting of the Glover Historical Society
5:00	Chicken Pie Supper Glover Church-1st Sitting
6:30	Chicken Pie Supper Glover Church-2nd Sitting

See reverse side for more details.

An Indian by name Spencer Chamberlain
Age twenty four and of stature grand.
Born of a long line of runners
From New Hampshire, Westmoreland.
He is off like a swift flying arrow
As a fifty foot wall of water does come
Carrying half-acres of tall standing timber
Hear the men cry "Run, Chamberlain, run."

For the conclusion, come to the dedication of the Runaway Pond Memorial!

LISA & RICHARD LACLAIR DONATED THEIR MILLSTONE !!!

AMY & DANIE LEROUX DONATED THEIR MILLSTONE !!!

The Day's Events

On July 20, Glover will celebrate its First Annual Glover Day. While the day will be an historic one because of the dedication of a restored and renewed Runaway Pond Monument, it will also be just plain fun for everyone.

Activities will begin at 8:00 when the Fire and Ambulance Department will sponsor a car wash to raise funds for its operations. At 8:30 there will be an Open House at the firehouse. Children will be invited to play on the ambulance and fire equipment while adults get free blood pressure checks.

The Glover Historical Society, together with the Fire and Ambulance Department, will sponsor a bake sale from about 9:00 to 11:30.

From 9:00 to 1:00 the Glover Historical Society will open its doors. Located on the second floor of the Municipal Building, the Society's museum offers exhibits about Glover's past with everything from old letters and photos to old tools. At the same time the Glover Library will be conducting its annual booksale.

At 10:00 the new Runaway Pond Monument dedication ceremony will take place south of town at the Runaway Pond site. Rev. Joy Toll will open the ceremonies with a prayer and a presentation will be

made. A song about the Runaway Pond event will be sung and a time capsule deposited.

Runners will gather at 11:00 for the "Run Chamberlain, Run!" 5 1/2 mile footrace up Highway 16 to Glover, retracing approximately the route taken by Spencer Chamberlain in 1810 to warn settlers up the Barton River that Long Pond had run away and was headed in their direction! The race is being organized by Bob Townsend.

Meanwhile, from 10:00 to 12:30 on the village green in front of the firehouse there will be children's activities, including arts and crafts and face painting. The Glover Parents' Club will sell popcorn and icecream. At 11:30 everyone will assemble on the green for a cookout and from 12:00 to 1:00, "Burt Porter and Friends" will entertain.

If anyone gets hungry again by evening, he or she can go to Glover Community Church for a chicken pie supper at 5:00 or, again, at 6:30 pm.

In the course of the day celebrants may also want to buy Glover histories and Runaway Pond booklets from the Historical Society or "Run Chamberlain, Run!" tee shirts from the Fire and Ambulance Department (at a cost of only \$7.00!). Or, they can visit Orleans County Citizens Advocacy's barn sale at Joan Alexander's anytime between 9:00 and 3:00.

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