

On the shores of Lake Couchiching, and within three hundred or four hundred yards of the centre of the town, lies Orillia's town park, known as "Couchiching Beach Park," containing twelve acres of grounds, on a point of land jutting out into the lake in such a way that it may almost be said to have waters on three sides of it. The park is laid out in lawns, flower-beds, lacrosse, cricket and baseball grounds, tennis-courts, and a couple of acres reserved for picnic parties, in a fine grove of trees, where tables, etc., have been placed.

Drive and shady walks border the margin of the lake, and many pleasant trips can be made in the vicinity. From any portion of the shore, no matter in what direction you look, fine stretches of water, verdure-clad banks sloping to the water's edge, and green forest glades present themselves to the eye. To the north, scarcely discernable between the miniature islands that bestud the lake's surface, may be seen the settlement of the Ojibeway Indians, appropriately called Rama.

At Rama the last remnants of this great Indian tribe have their reservation. At one time all the surrounding land was occupied by their numerous villages, a population of at least twenty-five thousand being settled around the shores of lakes Simcoe and Couchiching, and now but a few survivors remain.



Afternoon at the Park.