

Isn't this a wonderful picture? The setting is the beach at Prospect Harbor around 1890. Pictured here is a gaggle of "rusticators," as the early tourists were known. Some or all of them were guests at The Sands, the inn on Corea Road operated by Sarah Shaw. Here the party relaxes after a stimulating stroll along the shingle. Needless to say, these were the days before the invention of more casual beachwear.