

## **Coal Mining**

**At the same time that the ice industry flourished, there were no less than 15 different coal plants producing holes in the vicinity since the 1840's. Over 50 different owners and operations were involved in the industry during the next century. Their mines ranged from casual "dog holes" which were developed by farmers and others who dug coal on their own land for their own use, to very, large sophisticated multi-entry corporation mines.**

**The early mines were "one-man" operations which simply removed outcroppings of coal from the hillsides. There apparently were several of these along the lake's east shore and at other points where creeks cut into the eastern bluff.**

**The earliest formal mine was located on the east side of the north end of the lake. It was Brown's Coal Bank, founded in 1854 and located at or near the later Grant Mine, which later became the Ubben Mine. From 1900-1925, the "Big Four" ran a switch track to Ubben's along what is now known as stadium drive.**

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