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TOURIST NEWS

WINE-GROWING TRAIL AT THE LAKE OF BIENNE

In the vineyard district of the Lake of Bienne a wine-growing trail has taken shape. The walk begins a few yards west of the entrance to the gorge of the Twannbach and then skirts the vineyards as far as the church of Ligerz, a late gothic building and formerly a place of pilgrimage. The destination of the "Hof", a museum of viticulture in Ligerz, in the attic of which wine-growing implements and tools are on show. Along the trail are signboards giving details of the work in the vineyards and about wine production. Good walkers can take in the wine-growing trail as part of their four-hour ramble from Bienne to La Neuveville. Those who prefer a leisurely trip on the lake should board the ship at Ligerz and disembark at the Isle of St. Pierre where — in the steps of J. J. Rousseau — they can explore the little island on foot and, in the former

monastery and present-day hotel, can see the room in which the Geneva philosopher and writer once lived.

WINE FESTIVALS AND EXHIBITIONS IN SWITZERLAND

Spectacular wine festivals with processions will take place this year as follows:

Lugano, 5th–7th October.
Morges, 29th–30th September.
Neuchâtel, 6th–7th October.

Smaller festivals are held at Locarno-Monti (22nd–23rd September), at La Neuveville on Lake Bienne (28th–30th September), and at Spiez (7th–8th October).

"Grape Harvest Days" in September/October will be organised in towns and villages along the shores of Lake Bienne, at Staefa (Lake Zurich), Malans and Maienfeld (Grisons) and in canton Schaffhausen.

WINE EXHIBITIONS

EXPOVINA 1st–15th November, Zurich. On ten boats anchored at the Buerkliplatz piers, over 1,000 wines from Switzerland and many other countries may be tasted.

VINIFERA 15th–25th November, Biel/Bienne.

TREADING NEW PATH IN SWITZERLAND

Several marked routes will be added to Switzerland's approximately 31,250 miles of footpath this summer. Waterside paths have been made round the Heidsee near Lenzerheide and along the Lake of Neuchâtel from Bevaix to Auvernier. There are new circular walks in Adelboden from the Möser chairlift terminus (4,800 ft) and on the Hasliberg from Reuti via Eigen (three miles) and from Hohfluh via Burg (1½ miles) and back. Walking enthusiasts like panorama or high-altitude trails because they are easy to negotiate and offer fascinating views. Rigi-Kaltbad has a panorama route to the Urmiberg near Brunnen, and at Brienz there is a path from above the village up to the Restaurant Wildbach. In Canton Valais, St. Niklaus has a high-altitude path to Zeneggen and from Kiental there is a six-hour walk to Därligen on the Lake of Thun. At Murten there are five marked routes for short walks round the town, while from Leukerbad walkers can reach Albinen through an illuminated tunnel. Another addition is a six-mile path from Muotathal up to the Pragel Pass.

