

# WARNER HOT SPRINGS



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**N**ESTLING in a southern slope of one of the southern chains of the San Jacinto mountains near San Diego, at an elevation of 3,165 ft. above sea level, are the famous Agua Caliente Springs, from time immemorial the Mecca of all the sick and failing residents of the great Southwest.

Prior to the advent of any folk other than the aborigines, the dusky natives from the Tehachipi on the north to the remote districts in the Mexican Gulf regions, and from the wide wastes of the upper reaches of the Colorado and Gila rivers westward to the sea, came to bathe in and drink of these healing and life-giving waters and be made well and strong.

Such great store was placed in the curative value of these fountains of health, that many fierce and bloody conflicts were waged between the numerous tribes for right of permanent occupancy; for, besides their great medicinal value, the surrounding country was considered an Indian's paradise—the one place in all the hills and valleys and mesas of that vast territory, where Nature had been most generous in her gifts to man and beast. Here it was that climate, pasture, game of all kinds having habitat about for many hundreds of miles, the domestic requirements of wood and earth, and the geographical and topographical advantages of going and coming, were of the best that these simple people ever knew or dreamt of.



That it should be so is only natural. Who shall blame the native instinct to have and to hold? The predominating idea is the best in life, as each one knows it; and so, it is reasonable to suppose, it ever will be.

So it came to pass that the Copah tribe won and held the Springs, and were the mightiest of the mighty. The Copahs were not so numerous as some tribes, but they suffered not so much from "manana" as their less energetic foes. And thus, it was that they ruled and had complete sway till the coming of the Gringo.

There was an interim, an interlude, however. Many, many years ago came the Spaniards—los Mexicanos—and with them the self-sacrificing and truly noble padres of the Church, preaching the gospel of peace and gentleness, the while, withal, inculcating, as best they might, patient industry and practical advancement of all that is best in matters of general purport.

It is somewhat paradoxical that with the coming of the holy friars with their Message, came also more strenuous and, to certain Anglo-Saxon notions, more evil days. The Indians became imbued with an intense hatred of all intruders. And this obtained in full force and effect till sometime after the close of the war between this country and Mexico in 1846. The natives fiercely and stubbornly resented all invasion by other people, for the simple reason they were fearful of loss of access to waters that were more miraculous in their direct benefit than all that even the good priests could do for their corporeal and spiritual welfare combined. There was much bloodshed, according to early chronicles, and evidence is not lacking of great



View of 47,000 acre Warner Ranch from elevation 5,500 feet (Eagle's Nest)



A Warner's Mineral Spring. Temperature 148 Degrees

brutality and torture on all sides. The Springs, as no other waters and conditions in all western Spanish-America, were well worth fighting for; but today they are open to the general public, and it may be said, in all sincerity, that of all the blessings and benefits with which this part of the world is so bountifully endowed, there is none of greater impor-

tance than the Warner Springs of today—the Agua Caliente of old, with all the other advantages of climate, sport, recreation, added to the primary question of health.

The so-called Spanish period—the interval between olden days and modernity—is fraught with much romantic interest, and substantial evidences remain. The crumbling walls and broken roof of the little adobe church on Mission Hill, a few

minutes' walk westward from the Springs, stand out today in bold relief against the skyline. The southern gable is surmounted by the original crucifix, firm and erect as when first raised and consecrated by pious builders a century or more ago, braving the elements and, taken in connection with the edifice it adorns, beautiful in simplicity to the eye and grand in all that is represented to the imagination and the soul. The setting, too, of the picture is in perfect harmony and accord—circling mountains, fashioned in every imaginable way, lush pastures, undulating mesas stretching far and wide, seamed watercourses, and a happy blending of innumerable colors in the ocean haze. To view this wondrous landscape in "the incomparable pomp of eve" is alone well worth a visit to Warner Springs.



Old Indian Street, Still Preserved

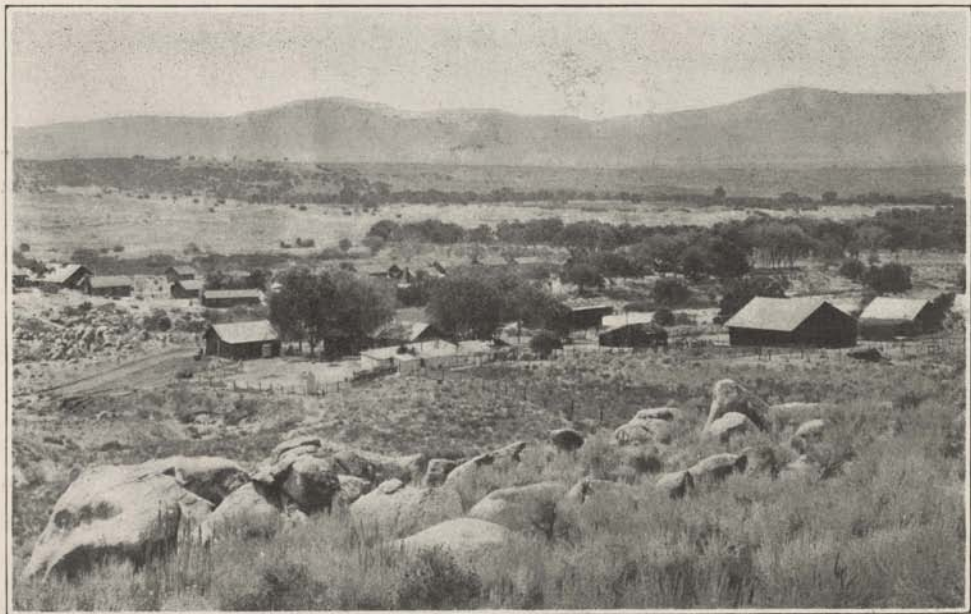


There are, nearby, other and numerous spots, varying greatly in point of well-established interests. Just north of Mission Hill is the great burial ground of the Indians, with its myriad graves, many marked by crucifixes of wood or stone and bearing quaint inscription and ornament to designate the last resting place of great personages. Then, a few miles distant and at the edge of the great Colorado Desert, is the historical scene of the last battle waged in California between Indians and whites, where the curio-hunter can find, by diligent search, weapons and other articles dropped by warriors on both sides engaged in that bloody conflict— arrow-head, flintlock, pistol and blade of early Spanish make, and many things of primitive fashioning. Also, there are Hell's Hole, Eagle's Nest and Palm Canyon, the



natural haunt of many big-horned mountain sheep and where they can be seen almost any day, surrounded by the wildest and weirdest country imaginable; the terrible desert, with its strange vegetation and almost interminable wastes of appalling desolation, and, far on the eastern horizon, the famous Salton Sea, a vast sheet of salt water, situated remote and completely isolated from the ocean and below it in altitude. Again, to the south, across Warner





Warner Hot Springs



Valley, and seemingly close at hand because of the rarified and pure atmosphere, are towering peaks and tablelands, the favorite home of the Storm King, densely covered with giant trees, and source of all the water supply of the surrounding country, from the desert to the sea.

Considered individually or collectively, there is nothing elsewhere in Southern California that approaches these features, and to be able to see one of them is to be able to see them all.

There are seven springs in the group, and they have a temperature of 148 deg. F. in their combined flow. Any competent physician in Southern California will vouch for the medicinal value of these waters.

One of the most pleasurable attractions at Warner's Hot Springs is the shooting and hunting opportunities. Over 47,000 acres of the surrounding country, forming part of the estate, is preserved for the benefit of all guests at the Springs. On the seven lakes is some of the best wild-fowl shooting in the West, while the uplands afford almost unequalled harborage for quail, deer, mountain lions, wildcats and rabbits.

A first-class dairy and farmery is conducted in connection with the Springs, thus affording the freshest and best of cream, butter, poultry, eggs and vegetables and fruit in great variety—all of which is served to guests in generous abundance. An ice plant, the only one in the mountainous districts of Southern California, is also maintained here.



Results of One Day's Hunt

The management of Warner Hot Springs has made a special and thorough study of general guest accommodation. The rooms are well and comfortably furnished, and the cuisine is good and substantial, with cleanliness and wholesomeness apparent in every respect. The bathing conditions are well and conveniently appointed and a competent attendant is maintained.

The rates for room and board are most reasonable, being \$2.00 per day, \$12 per week, with special arrangements for those who stay longer.

Warner Hot Springs are easy of access by all the railway systems and steamship lines in Southern California, which connect via San Diego by both stage and automobile from that city, affording a charming ride of a few hours through beautiful and constantly varying



Old Indian Adobe



scenery. There is an excellent automobile run also from Los Angeles and the neighborhood, via Temecula. A motoring trip via Warner from Los Angeles to San Diego is one of the most popular and interesting to be had anywhere, and this is available at all seasons of the year.

There is a good livery connected with the Springs, where rigs and saddle horses can be obtained.

Analysis of the waters reveals a phenomenal collection of rare and valuable substances held in solution in exactly the right proportions, and this has been borne out by the thousands of complete and permanent cures. It may, therefore, be said in all truth that an intelligent course of treatment at Warner Hot Springs will result in a positive cure of all stomach, liver, kidney and blood



Off for the Summit

diseases, malaria, alcoholism, dropsy, catarrh, female complaints (no matter how delicate or stubborn), and paralysis is always helped and frequently corrected.

The following speaks for itself in bearing out these contentions:

### ANALYSIS WARNER HOT SPRINGS

	Grains per U. S. Gallon		Grains per U. S. Gallon
Ammonium .....	.0856	Sodium Sulfide.....	3.5340
Sodium .....	2.3939	Sodium Biborate.....	.0884
Lithium .....	Faint	Sodium Silicate.....	2.6429
Strontium .....	Faint	Calcium Phosphate.....	.1055
Potassium Sulfate.....	.4257	Calcium Silicate.....	.3755
Sodium Sulfate.....	5.5564	Ferric Oxide and Alumina.....	.0350
Magnesium Sulfate.....	.0851	Mangano manganic Oxide.....	Trace
Sodium Carbonate.....	2.6429	Silica (Free).....	3.4442
		Total .....	21,4151

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