

Dead Indian Soda Springs Is Suggested For Delightful Sunday Drive

PICNIC GROUNDS POPULAR; WATERS ARE BENEFICIAL

Modern Accommodations For Visitors—History of Area is Outlined.

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Dead Indian Soda Springs is a recreational area in the Rogue River national forest which combines many of the attractions that are sought by the lover of the out-of-doors. Visitors marvel at its beauty. Picnickers prefer this area because of its beauty, facilities for camping, scenic foot and auto trips, good fishing, mineral springs, and the solitude of the great out-of-doors. Many health seekers make extended visits to the resort where a store, dining room, sleeping and housekeeping cabins, and an artificial swimming pool are maintained. The Dead Indian Soda Springs recreation area is different from those areas usually found in southwestern Oregon and Medford's Rogue Wonder-land.

Start east from Riverside on Main street and follow the Crater Lake highway from Medford to Eagle Point, 10.7 miles. Here a turn to the right onto the Lake Creek highway takes you thru the town of Eagle Point. Keep straight ahead on the main road. Beyond Eagle Point the highway parallels Little Butte creek and winds up this beautiful valley where there is an endless chain of farms which contribute to the wealth of the community thru the production of dairy produce and beef cattle.

In a short time the Brownsboro store and post office are reached but continue straight ahead. Here you are traveling almost directly east toward majestic Mt. McLoughlin, which is seen rising high above the horizon in the distance.

Notice the low foothills which are covered with scattered oak trees and which extend to the valley floor. This may appear to be waste land, but actually it is not. It provides spring feed for range cattle from the time they leave winter feed lots until they go onto the national forest summer range sometime in June, and is needed to round out the cattlemen's operation.

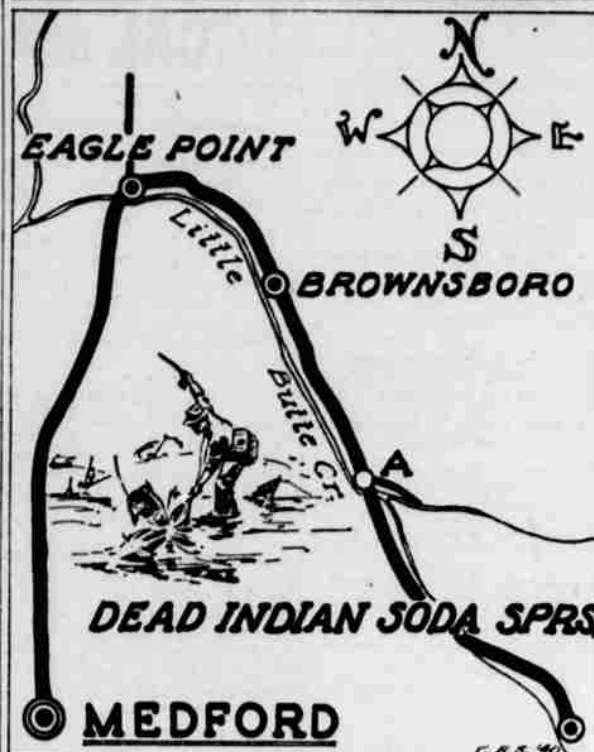
Later the Fish Lake road junction is reached, and here turn right, cross the Little Butte creek bridge and pass through the small town of Lake Creek. Just a short distance above this point, Little Butte creek forks, and from here on follow up the South Fork of this creek, keeping the main traveled road to Dead Indian Soda Springs.

At 35 miles you arrive at the rustic recreational area sign, turn right across the bridge, immediately across the bridge turn left and you are in the Dead Indian Soda Springs campground. Here there are a number of individual camp spots with stoves, tables, and sanitation facilities which were constructed by the forest service, and which are free to any who wish to use them.

Continuing on through the campground, cross a small bridge over Dead Indian creek and enter the forest service picnic area. Here there is a community kitchen and numerous rustic tables, conveniently arranged so that ideal accommodations are presented either for individual parties or picnic groups. Plenty of parking space is available.

For those who do not wish to camp out, just beyond the picnic area is the Dead Indian Soda Springs resort, which features home-cooked meals, cabins, and swimming facilities. The resort owners make this their home all year, and are perfect hosts and a veritable information bureau on subjects pertaining to local fishing, hiking, and saddle horse trips, as well as wildlife. The beauty of this entire recreational center, is unique and has an individuality all its own. The timber cover of Douglas fir, incense cedar, broadleaf maple, alder, and hazel, offers an interesting mixture of green colors, and provides a shady retreat that is cool even during the hottest summer days. A green blanket of grass almost completely covers the ground. The two beautiful small streams—Dead Indian creek and the South Fork of Little Butte, which flow through the area—contribute their charm to make a perfect setting for the camper or vacationist.

A good trail leads to the spring which has made this spot famous. From the resort this



Dead Indian Soda Springs. All mileage from Medford. A. Crater Lake post office and junction of Fish Lake road, 22.5 miles.

path winds up the east bank of Dead Indian creek, 2,400 feet to the mineral spring, which is known far and near for the medicinal properties of its water. The forest service has constructed a bridge across the creek, which makes the spring easily accessible. The mineral water bubbles up through a fissure in a solid rock bed. Many people take containers and carry water from the spring back to their homes.

It is not known who discovered the spring, but it was visited as long ago as 1871 by J. H. Tyrrell, father of the present owner of the resort. Why was it named Dead Indian? This is an interesting chapter in southern Oregon history and involves some prominent pioneer families of the Rogue River valley. Here's the story as it is related:

In 1854, the first wheat crop of any moment was grown in the valley. As settlers were short of funds necessary for financing the preparation and marketing of the crop this was taken over by Henry Ammerman, early day financier. The wheat was ground into flour in Ashland, the mill having been located under a large oak tree near the present entrance to Lithia Park. Three wagons and eighteen oxen were secured to transport the flour to Yreka, the nearest market. Harvey Oatman—(father of the late Elmer Oatman—for many years Jackson county fruit inspector and grandfather of Mrs. R. O. Stephenson, who now lives on the Jacksonville highway) was put in charge of the train and drove the lead wagon. The other two wagons were driven by Daniel P. Brittain who later lived for many years on Wagner creek and a Mr. Livingston.

The wagons were heavy and as there were no roads through the Siskiyou it was a laborious task even though six heavy oxen were hitched to each load. It is not known exactly the route taken over the Siskiyou, but it is probable that the train followed approximately the route afterward known as the Dollarhide Toll road. Somewhere near the summit of the mountains they were attacked by a party of renegade Indians from the Klamath country. Oatman escaped and went on to Yreka where he sold his load of flour. Brittain escaped with his life, but his wagon and that of Livingston were burned after the Indians had emptied the flour from the sacks the latter being apparently the only article of value to the tribesmen.

Upon the return of Oatman and Brittain to the valley the attack was reported and a force immediately recruited by Wm. Rockefeller, one of the leading men of the Wagner Creek community, to track down the marauders. Not only after they had picked up the trail they found three of the renegades dead—apparently victims of another Indian band. The spot where these Indians were found was known thereafter as Dead Indian. Later the name "Dead Indian" was applied to the creek on the headwaters of which the Indians were found and still later to the soda spring which is located on the creek.

An interesting side trip may be taken by car from this recreation area to the forest service fire lookout station on Poole Hill, three miles distant by following the road which goes directly through the resort area. Here on Poole Hill all through the fire season you will find a lookout man on duty who welcomes visitors and who will

gladly acquaint you with the features of the surrounding country, explain how a fire lookout actually functions, and tell you of the importance of protecting these timbered slopes from fire.

Because of the exceedingly dry summer weather, a very dangerous fire season usually exists. In this area there are some glaring examples of the damage that fire can do to timber, recreational and other resources. It is an established fact that many tourists do not come to Oregon during forest fires because they were afraid of these fires while burning. Most of these disastrous fires have been man caused and could have been prevented. Whenever a fire rages through the forest it represents a loss of dollars to the community either directly or indirectly. Everyone should help prevent fires by being careful and cautioning others of the danger.

Mention must also be made of the wildlife which is plentiful in this area. Usually one may see blacktail deer feeding unfearfully on the hillsides near the resort. The gracefulness of these creatures is always inspiring and goes far toward completing the forest picture. This locality is noted as a favorite winter feeding ground for deer, and it is not at all uncommon to see 15 or 20 even more in a band during the late fall and winter months.

FORMER CCC AIDE SENT TO PRISON

State police have received word that Walter Addison Patton, 44, who was arrested at CCC Camp Williams Creek last April 13 after being a fugitive from the F.B.I. for almost two years on an indictment charging him with violation of the federal bank robbery act, has been sentenced to serve 2½ to five years in the Pennsylvania state penitentiary.

Patton was returned to Pittsburgh May 11. His arrest at the CCC camp, where he was employed as office clerk, was made possible when a fellow enrollee, Edwin R. Kolkow of Grants Pass, saw his picture in a detective magazine and notified state and city police.

Sentence Jap Smuggler. San Francisco, Aug. 3.—(P)—Yoshimoto Wada, 37-year-old Japanese seaman, was sentenced here today to five years in federal prison and fined \$3,000 for smuggling a huge supply of narcotics into the United States.

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NATIVE DAUGHTER OF COUNTY, DIES

Marie Ernestine Beal, 51, passed away early Saturday morning at her home on Morrow Road at the Copco substation following an illness of eight months.

The deceased was born at Sterling, Oregon on March 11, 1889, being the only daughter of William and Sarah Maultby, well known Medford residents. She was united in marriage to Mr. Harry E. Beal on Aug. 11, 1928.

Besides her husband she is survived by one son Richard Allen Beal and a daughter Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Beal, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maultby, all residing in this city. Mrs. Beal had been an employee of the California-Oregon Power Co., for a period of 12 years. She leaves a host of friends who will be saddened at her passing.

Funeral services will take place from the chapel of the Perl Funeral Home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Professor A. J. Hanby officiating. Interment will take place in the Siskiyou Memorial Park. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

HAY COMBUSTION BARN FIRE EYED

State forest patrol crews stood by last night at the Leonard Freeman farm near Central Point to keep a smoldering 50-ton quantity of stored hay from bursting into destructive flame.

Smoke started pouring from the hay, stored in a barn, at 3:30 p. m. yesterday. The hay caught fire by spontaneous ignition.

State forest headquarters dispatched a crew and a pumper. A line of hose 1,000 feet long was laid to Bear creek and a steady stream of water was being kept on the hay to keep it from bursting into a fire that would destroy the barn and other contents.

COOKER BLOWS UP, GOES THRU ROOF

Eagle Point, Aug. 3.—(Spl.)—Mrs. Herbert Perry had a narrow escape from possible serious injury, it has been reported, when a pressure cooker in her home exploded about noon

Thursday, blowing a hole through the roof and causing considerable damage to the store in connection with the Perry residence.

Mrs. Perry was uninjured. It was stated, having just left the room before the cooker blew up. It was believed that the safety valve on the cooker stuck, causing it to explode.

RINEY COOK NOW A PROUD FATHER

Riney Cook, Medford junior high school athletic coach, is passing out the cigars.

The occasion was the birth to Riney and Mrs. Cook at 4 a. m., August 1 of a bouncing baby boy, in Community hospital.

The boy has been named Stephen Robert.

Ashland, Aug. 3.—(P)—Twin sons were born today to Mr. and Mrs. Al Simpson of Ashland. Simpson is coach of the local junior high school.

Camden Dear Total 5. Camden, N. J., Aug. 3.—(P)—The known death toll in the \$2,000,000 blaze that leveled a four-block section of downtown Camden mounted today to five with the finding of part of another body in the charred ruins of the R. M. Hollingshead Paint company plant.

SHADY COVE AREA HOME FIRE SWEEP

A five-room home on the west side of Crater Lake highway a mile and a half this side of Shady Cove was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. It was owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Barker. The blaze was attributed to an overheated stove.

Only contents saved from the flaming house were a piano and a bedstead. It could not be ascertained immediately whether insurance was carried.

State forest patrol headquarters dispatched a crew and pumper but the house was burned to the ground when the firemen arrived.

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Obituary

Mrs. Daisy Parker

Mrs. Daisy Parker, resident of Medford for a number of years, died late yesterday afternoon in a local convalescent home after a long illness.

Mrs. Parker was born on July 25, 1873, in Woodland, Cal. She is survived by three sons, Lloyd, of Lake of the Woods, Frank, of Gold Hill, and James, of Milwaukie, and two brothers, Lewis and Albert Asher of Central Point.

Funeral arrangements were to be made by Perl's.

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