HOT
WELLS

near Alexandria, Louisiana
Hot Wells

Since ancient times, the benefits of natural mineral baths have been enjoyed by a fortunate few. This rare experience is unique to Hot Wells in Louisiana where mineral waters are drawn into whirlpool baths from thermal sources deep within the earth for the pleasure of our guests.

In addition to the baths, the guesthouse, campsites, and dining rooms offer comfort and convenience, in a rustic setting.

Hot Wells is situated on sixty-five wooded acres at the edge of the Kisatchie National Forest. The rolling hills of central Louisiana, nearby lakes, and historical sites combine to make Hot Wells a special place to visit.

Guests are always welcome at Hot Wells—for a leisurely meal, a relaxing afternoon in the Bathhouse, a tranquil weekend, or a month’s vacation.

Hot Wells doesn’t pretend to have something for everyone. Neon lights, discos, traffic jams, and high prices are some of the things you won’t find at Hot Wells.

Some of the best things at Hot Wells are free—mild winter weather, the brilliance of camellias in January, peace, quiet, fresh air, breathtaking spring displays of dogwood and azalea—the beauty and solitude of rural Louisiana year ’round.

The Bathhouse

The facilities include the luxury of whirlpool mineral baths, steam rooms, cooling-down rooms, private dressing rooms, and lockers in separate areas for men and women.

Attendants are available to pamper aching muscles with professional massage and send you on your way relaxed and refreshed. This attention to personal comfort is a long-standing tradition at Hot Wells and one reason why it excels as a place to unwind, as the perfect rest stop for the road-weary traveler, and the ideal base-camp for those who love the outdoors.

Hot Wells came into being over seventy years ago. Local residents came to bathe in what they called “wonder water” and reported its invigorating and curative powers.
Rising to the surface at a temperature of one hundred sixteen degrees Fahrenheit, the waters at Hot Wells have a mineral content estimated to be the richest in the world—exceeding that of many of Europe’s finest spas.* Scientific analysis has revealed that the waters contain twenty-one beneficial minerals.

Dining

Our cooks take great pride in the delicious Louisiana specialties served in the dining room from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. Seafood from the Gulf, gumbo, and Natchitoches meat pies highlight the menu, along with fresh-brewed Louisiana coffee.

Conferences

Groups of up to fifty can be accommodated in the Dogwood Room. Special arrangements can be made to serve the menu of your choice, or your group can dine a la carte.

Centrally located, Hot Wells is easily accessible from anywhere in Louisiana for weekend retreats, or for workshops during the week.

There is no charge for using the Dogwood Room when a group stays overnight at Hot Wells, either in the guesthouse or on the campgrounds. Participants may share accommodations in the guesthouse.

The Guesthouse

Comfortable singles, doubles, and studios are available overnight or for extended stays. The studio kitchens are completely equipped for cooking and dining in. Air conditioning, linens, maid service, telephone, and color television with cable reception are provided at no extra charge.

*Important minerals by parts per million (ppm) are calcium bicarbonate (308 ppm); calcium sulfate (3 ppm); calcium chloride (3,748 ppm); magnesium chloride (2,187 ppm); sodium chloride (52,760 ppm); silica (28 ppm); iron oxide (16 ppm); aluminum (4 ppm); Total 59,054 ppm (Analysis by Curtis Laboratories).
Campsites

Recreational vehicles are welcome at Hot Wells. The campsites are located on a wooded ridge that runs through the grounds. Nature lovers who like their comforts will find water, electricity, picnic tables, and a fireplace at each campsite. Showers and comfort stations are near at hand for convenience. Primitive camping is also invited. All facilities are available to campers.

Recreation

Details on historical sites, plantation homes, fishing, boating, skiing, nature trails, festivals, and hunting are available at Hot Wells. French colonial and antebellum homes are the hallmark of Natchitoches (settled in 1714), only thirty-five miles from Hot Wells. Kent House, circa 1795, and Cordelia Plantation House, circa 1891, are only two of the beautiful old homes within fifteen minutes of Hot Wells.

Those who want to wander forest trails can do so in the Kisatchie National Forest. Nature trails feature native shrubs and wildflowers. Lake Nantaches, Indian Creek Reservoir, Valentine Lake, Lake Rodemacher, Cotile Lake (boat landing is one mile away), and Kincaid Reservoir (boat landing is three miles away) are all within easy driving distance for fishing, boating, and skiing.

Lake Buhlow, the home of the World Championship Inboard Races, is only fifteen miles away. The lake's placid waters have earned it the title of "the fastest lake in the world." Olympic boating teams often practice on its smooth, unruffled waters.

Hunters will find seasonal game—deer, squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, and waterfowl—at the 7,800-acre Alexander Forest Wildlife Management Area twenty minutes from Hot Wells. Whether you want to ramble through the woods, explore historical sites, fish, hunt, pamper yourself with mineral baths—or just do nothing at all—Hot Wells invites you to enjoy yourself.
**RATES**

**Guesthouse**
- Small single: $17/day
- Large single: $21/day
- Small double: $20/day
- Large double: $24/day
- Studios: $27/day

**Campsites**
- Recreational vehicle: $5/day
- Primitive camping: $5/day

**Bathhouse**
- Whirlpool mineral baths: $5/day
- Steam Room: $2/day
- Massage: $6/day
  - Includes locker, dressing room, linens, shower, and cooldown.

- The office at Hot Wells is open twenty-four hours a day for check-in. Reservations will be held until 6 p.m.
- Check-out time is noon.
- No pets, please.

*Plus state and local taxes.*

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FOR ADVANCE RESERVATIONS, CALL (318) 793-2116, OR COMPLETE FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO:

HOT WELLS
Route 1, Box 90
Boyce, Louisiana 71409

Please reserve ( ) for a party of ______ for arrival on ________
and check-out at noon on ________

Name __________________________
Address _______________________
City, State & Zip _______________________
Area Code & Phone Number ____________
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