

Paxton Lodge

The building that stands where once was the junction of two railroads, the Western Pacific and the Indian Valley, is a special building indeed. It's many owners and uses throughout the years have added a certain charm and a past which is unequalled anywhere. From a luxurious inn during the twenties and thirties to an even more luxurious hotel in the forties, to an alcoholic rehabilitation center in the fifties, and a recording studio in the sixties, the building has always had a status which is somewhat mysterious and for the most part today, unknown.

Locals in the area and former residents of the building are still around and possess the only true knowledge as to what the Lodge was once about. The owners today are attempting to restore it to it's once miraculous form and are doing a wonderful job at it. When walking through the building and on the surrounding property, anyone who is informed of the underlying past here will be in awe of it. The essence of a time when this place was among California's elite getaways is not longer apparent, yet it is always there. Spirits of people hustling about, doing what they can to provide the guests here with a wonderfully relaxing day are still around, and, although they may not be visible to most of us, we are still aware of them and are left wondering what may be in the next chapter in the history of this remarkable building.