

Hotel Del Monte

Few great watering places are called upon to adapt themselves to the vagaries of seasons, such as are implied in the proud distinction, "Open all the year round."

Hotel Del Monte is one of the few, and admittedly the leading one of the world. It is so favored by nature that it is always attractive, and its varied social lives from one season to another are a most interesting study.

The holiday season, when many great resorts are buried in solitude, snow, and like forbidding environments, is exceptionally brilliant at Del Monte. The first society of neighboring cities and some from abroad assemble there for a week or two of delightful festivities.

The weeks that follow, far into the Spring, witness a lively flow of Eastern and foreign visitors, many of whom have come to regard Monterey as the mecca of their annual pilgrimages.

In summer, when all California goes outing, Del Monte is the refuge of hundreds of society devotees who seek restful quiet—and for just the rest that is most refreshing and beneficial, no place could be better suited. The atmosphere is pure and balmy, and there is much to entertain that does not fatigue.

Autumn at Del Monte is anything but sombre. Its early rains have cleared the air and settled the dust on its beautiful drives. Coaching and lunch parties, and other forms of out-door recreation are of almost daily occurrence.

But Del Monte is always a paradise, whether in winter or in summer, and its seasons differ from each other only as one star differs from another in glory.

Tavern of Castle Crag

The Tavern of Castle Crag is a mountain resort pure and simple, but enjoys the enviable reputation of being the leading one of its kind in the West. Being under the same ownership as Hotel Del Monte it naturally follows that only the best is considered in its maintenance, and visitors are always assured of first class entertainment.

Its location is one of its foremost charms. It is one thing to be merely in the mountains, but it is quite another thing to be in the great Shasta mountains comfortably housed at the Tavern. When the builders selected the site it was not merely with reference to room for hotel and grounds, but quite as much with reference to picturesque surroundings and convenient communication with neighboring attractions. With the frowning crags on one side, majestic Shasta on another, and the entire surrounding scene a panoramic succession of nature's sublimest moods, at first it palls on the senses, then it excites awe, and soon one's whole attention is absorbed in wonder and admiration. The scene never tires and never grows commonplace.

The builders have beautified the immediate surroundings surprisingly and made comfortable trails to a great many points of local interest in the vicinity. Resorts of note, first class hunting and fishing, and mountain climbing to suit any taste are within easy reach. Excursions to Mt. Shasta are frequent, and the ascent of the precipitous Crags is quite the thing.

The Tavern itself is a creation of rare interest. It is so roomy and cheerful, and there is such an easy, comfortable presence about everything. It is open about four months during the summer, but a taste of life in the Shasta mountains under such delightful conditions is ample reason for its existence.