



---FUN DESTINATIONS---

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O79—Sierraville
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Tucked away in the Eastern Sierra Nevada lies O79 which serves a quirky little hot springs by the same name.

www.sierrahotsprings.org

Harbon Hot Springs (Lake Co.) purchased these hot springs some years back and performed much needed upgrades. It now has a lodge and restaurant. The flight is about 1.5 hours in a Skylane although I have gone up there comfortably alone in the Cherokee as well.



This is Blue Canyon and climbing for Donner Summit.



Donner Lake and KTRK in the distance



Lots of pretty mountain views...



At 4984' elevation the runway is 3260' X 50' and in fine condition. The tie down area is little more than a weed patch so using the airplane chocks is a good idea. Keep in mind this is a

VFR only 'mountain airport' with all the cautions that requires. Land on 21 and depart downhill on Runway 3. More info is available via www.airnav.com

After arrival it's just a little walk to the main lodge and adjacent pools. Turn right at the gravel road adjacent to the tie down area.





Sun deck and outside pool.



Geodesic dome and hottest pool.

A fun getaway during the week or for an overnight/weekend as well Sierraville offers a quintessential California hot springs retreat. Very quiet, the waters have whatever healing properties these mineral springs have to offer and an adjacent deck overlooks a beautiful Eastern Sierra Nevada valley with lots of peaceful sounds of breezes in the trees.



It is 'clothing optional' so if you are shy about exposing yourself or seeing others exposed you can wear something and try not to look. The people going there are very accepting and sometimes other pilots will be there as well although I've never seen more than one other airplane when I have visited. For pool cleaning times and current prices check their website. During the winter the runway is not plowed so if there is recent snow you might have to wait a few days.

If driving you can also stay at the Globe Hotel (supposedly haunted) in town. It is owned by the hot springs and there are a couple of restaurants nearby.

I hope you get a chance to visit O79 sometime.