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Painted Desert Inn



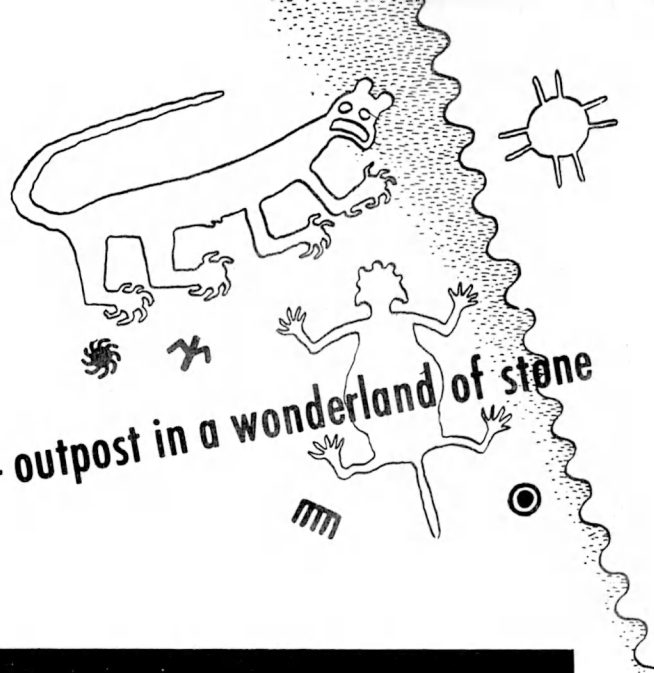
in **PETRIFIED FOREST
NATIONAL MONUMENT**
Arizona

SEE MAP BELOW

The Inn stands on the northernmost point of the scenic drive circling the edge of the Painted Desert. Here the rim juts peninsula-like into the frozen sea of brilliantly tinted waves, ridges, mounds and buttes. 53,000 acres of these fascinating badlands are included in Petrified Forest National Monument. The Inn, which was built by the National Park Service, is a rambling structure in pueblo style, surrounded by walled-in, landscaped terraces. Its appearance and scenic background make for an enchanting atmosphere of remoteness and seclusion seldom experienced at other places so near the much traveled Highway 66.



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The Painted Desert Inn - outpost in a wonderland of stone

The incredible tints and bizarre land forms of the Painted Desert and of the petrified forests relate to ancient volcanic activity and to the peculiarities of desert erosion. Some of those vari-colored strata are but petrified layers of volcanic ash (called bentonite), sometimes topped by protecting sandstone caprocks. Mineral admixtures tinted these—originally white—bentonite beds with all shades of red, orange, maroon, blue, purple and yellow, and the torrential rains typical of Northern Arizona cut them into waves and hills, cones and ridges, ravines and gullies.

The tints and hues change with every hour of the day. Particularly at dawn and sunset they present a spectacle never to be forgotten.

Much has been said and written about the wonders of Petrified Forest National Monument, but no description seems adequate. It comprises six separate "forests" (including the large "Black Forest" in the very heart of the Painted Desert) where giant logs of agate, colored in brilliant hues, cover the ground. 150 million years ago, these logs were living trees. After they died, rivers swept them into what were then lowlands, volcanic ash covered and protected them, and minerals dissolved in the ground water gradually penetrated their cell structure, slowly hardening to stone—the famous "Petrified Wood."

Bizarre sandstone forms, fossilized remains of prehistoric animal and plant life, and numerous ancient Indian ruins and petroglyphs scattered throughout the territory contribute to the singular spell this strange and silent region casts upon its visitors.

MILEAGE FROM THE PAINTED DESERT INN

- 275 to Santa Fe, New Mexico
(Fred Harvey Hotel La Fonda)
- 213 to Albuquerque, New Mexico
(Fred Harvey Hotel Alvarado)
- 211 to Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona
(Fred Harvey Hotel El Tovar, Bright Angel Lodge, Auto Cabins and Yavapai Lodge)
- 525 to Death Valley National Monument, California
(Fred Harvey Hotels Furnace Creek Inn and Furnace Creek Ranch)

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Most visitors of this wondrous region of agatized vari-colored giant trees, lonely Indian ruins and freakish sandstone formations take the short drive along the rim of the Painted Desert and stop at the Inn, which commands the finest view of the dazzling sea of colors.



No overnight accommodations

The Painted Desert Inn stands
only 3 miles off Highway 66