

# Hot Lake Hotel

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**Hot Lake Hotel** is a hotel built in 1907 in Union, Oregon, United States.<sup>[2]</sup> It was a popular vacation and resting spot due to its relaxing thermal waters. Purchased by Dr. W. T. Phy in 1917 who developed state-of-the-art medical facilities including a hospital and surgery room with the most modern X-ray and radiation treatments of the time. Prior owners included future governor Walter M. Pierce and former state senator Parish L. Willis who were major shareholders of the Hot Lake Sanatorium Company in the 1910s.<sup>[3]</sup>

Known then as the Hot Lake Sanitarium attracting hundreds of guests and patients daily until its decline after Dr. Phy's death in 1931. The earlier wooden building was destroyed by a fire in 1934. Use of the complex continued to decline until about 1991 when it became abandoned, and fell prey to vandals and the elements, changing ownership several times. It has been rumored to be haunted by old vacationers, a gardener who committed suicide, insane people from the building's sanatorium days. When the hotel was originally constructed it acquired a piano formerly owned by Robert E. Lee's wife. The music is rumored to be heard to this very day.<sup>[4]</sup>

The hotel is part of the **Hot Lake Resort**, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.<sup>[1][5]</sup>

The property was re-opened to the public in May 2007 and is currently owned by Charles and Louise Rhea, and it is being managed and restored by David Manuel.<sup>[6]</sup>

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Hot Lake Resort	
U.S. National Register of Historic Places	
	
<b>Nearest city:</b>	La Grande, Oregon
<b>Coordinates:</b>	45°14′36″N 117°57′24″W
<b>Built/Founded:</b>	1895 <sup>[1]</sup> or 1903-1908
<b>Architect:</b>	John V. Mennes
<b>Architectural style(s):</b>	Colonial Revival, Shingle Style
<b>Governing body:</b>	Private
<b>Added to NRHP:</b>	March 15, 1979
<b>NRHP Reference#:</b>	79002148 <sup>[1]</sup>

## External links

- Official site (<http://www.hotlakesprings.com/index.php>)
- Hot Lake Springs: A reminder of gentler times ([http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/2007-03-05-hot-lake-springs\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/2007-03-05-hot-lake-springs_N.htm)) - *USA Today*
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