

Hot Springs National Park

Do you ever have any aches, pains, or illnesses that need relief? If so, perhaps you should head to America's first resort, Hot Springs National Park, located in Hot Springs, Arkansas! The springs were frequently visited by Native Americans thousands of years before the first Europeans arrived, but it was President Thomas Jefferson who sent a couple of scientists to explore the Ouachita Mountains and find out more about the famous springs. Word spread, and by 1820 thousands of visitors traveled to Hot Springs to soak in what they believed were the healing waters found there. There are people today who still believe naturally heated water can cure many different ailments!

By the late 1800's, luxurious hotels and bathhouses became popular in Hot Springs. The notorious Jesse James and his brother Frank would often visit. They would gamble as well as soak in the spas. Some believe that their hidden treasures of gold and silver coins can still be found around the Hot Springs area today.

1. Why did people visit the Hot Springs?

- A. They liked to go swimming
- B. They liked bathing in the hot water
- C. They thought the natural water could cure ailments
- D. To visit the notorious outlaws

2. What word could replace "outlaws" in the following sentence?

The 1920's brought other notorious outlaws to the resort, including Al Capone, Frank Nash, and Lucky Luciano, who all enjoyed soaking in the soothing waters of Hot Springs.

- A. criminals
- B. employees
- C. guests
- D. workers

3. Which of the following is not true?

- A. Frank and Jesse James once visited the hot springs
- B. Hot Springs is in Arkansas
- C. Some believe that gold and silver coins could be found around hot springs
- D. Few if any people still believe the hot springs can cure ailments

4. What could be a title of this passage?

- A. The Woodlands of Arkansas
- B. Jesse and Frank James
- C. Treasures in Arkansas
- D. A Brief History of the Arkansas Hot Springs

5. What question is NOT answered in this passage?

- A. What outlaws visited the hot springs?
- B. When were gold and silver coins discovered around hot springs?
- C. Who sent explorers to discover more information about the hot springs?
- D. When did luxurious hotels and bathhouses become popular at the hot springs?