



## **---FUN DESTINATIONS---**

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For some mood music while you read this  
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Submitted by Mike Partain on 7/1/17  
**O59** Surprise Valley---Cedarville, CA

Rod Mickels and I flew to Cedarville in February 2005. The resort (Surprise Valley Hot Springs—530-279-2040) is several miles away. [www.surprisevalleyhotsprings.com](http://www.surprisevalleyhotsprings.com)  
By prior arrangement the resort had left a car on the field with keys in the ashtray.



We each stayed in themed rooms with patio hot tubs. The rooms and hot tubs are all heated by natural hot springs. We were told it is rare that a property has both hot water and cold water wells on the same site.



There was no dining facilities on the premises however the resort recommended someone local who delivered a very good hot dinner to us.

En-route to Cedarville we detoured to Redding in order to overfly the then new Sundial Bridge.



We then flew near Mount Shasta and eventually followed Highway 299 east and then over the Warner Mountains to Cedarville.





Overnight temps were single digit. Condensate from natural steam froze onto sage brush. Clear skies and zero light pollution provided for great stargazing. Geese and other migratory birds were plentiful in the warm water ponds.





One day we explored town. It was very limited and only one gift shop. Original horse troughs and hand pumps for watering horses were still present on main street.



On departure we saw quite a few local citizens ice skating on shallow frozen lake beds. We flew to Truckee for lunch and later that day returned to Concord.

All and all it was a great flight and a fun destination. We had planned this trip and made reservations well in advance. We were blessed with excellent flying weather, especially considering it was a winter trip.



Submitted by Gordon Campbell on 7/1/15  
**KLLR** ---Little River --- Mendocino, CA

One of my favorite trips is to Mendocino (Little River KLLR). It used to be difficult to obtain transportation from Little River but a new FBO just opened (Air Galore 707-972-4498) and they rent cars (\$55 entire day) seven days a week. You can rent a car and drive to the beautiful town of Mendocino which is only 10 mins north. In the town there is lots of places to eat and shop and the scenery in the town is just spectacular. It is a great town to walk around and enjoy the views and nice houses, or head to one of the beaches that are north and south of the town. On the drive to Mendocino you will pass two beaches on your left. At the first one you can rent kayaks by the hour. If the weather allows fly over the Golden Gate bridge and all the way up the coast. Watch the weather as it can move in pretty quick in that area. If you need to divert until the weather clears on the coast Boonville is just around the corner and is usually clear.

