

Local Hot Springs Hotel Earns Honors from Rand McNally and Fodor's Travel Guides

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Blackstone Hotsprings, a luxury resort located in the Hot Springs Historic District of Truth or Consequences New Mexico, has recently been selected as the recipient of two prestigious awards. Rand McNally has designated it as one of their "Best-of-the-Road" destinations in their 2010 Atlas, and Fodor's 2009 Gold Guide to New Mexico recommends Blackstone as a "Fodor's Choice" hotel.

Rand McNally, America's largest and most trusted map maker, features Blackstone as one of five "must-see" Best-of-the-Road destinations in the opening pages of the 2010 United States Atlas. The Atlas spotlights five road trips in spectacular regions throughout states such as New York, Oregon and South Carolina. Each trip not only notes Editor's Picks, but also features photos, an inset map and other similar destinations that readers might enjoy. The Rand McNally Road Atlas satisfies travelers' thirst for adventure with helpful trip-planning tools — from detailed maps to mileage charts. "Every year our editors seek out and drive some of the best, most scenic road trip routes in the nation to find our Best of the Road winners," said Rand McNally Editorial Director Laurie Borman. "The spots we've highlighted really capture the charm and local flavor of the destination."

Fodor's designates Blackstone as a "Fodor's Choice" destination in the 7th edition of its New Mexico Gold Guide for 2009. Fodor's, founded in 1936 to provide inspired, up-to-date travel advice, is the world's largest publisher of English language travel and tourism information. Now owned by Random House, Fodor's goes beyond the usual lists of hotels and attractions, giving practical guidance such as tipping advice alongside information about the local people and culture. A worldwide team of over 700 travel writers ensures accurate and current content.

Blackstone Hotsprings is a beautifully restored 1930s motor court. Each guest room features its own hotspring mineral bath, and is themed after a nostalgic TV show from the past - rooms such as The Jetsons, Babaloo, and The Twilight Zone provide lodgers with luxurious surroundings in which to sleep and soak up the hotsprings. Each room is decorated with original works of art, studio photos, a tasteful mix of classic and retro furnishings, and a little bit of comforting kitsch.

Although numerous magazine articles on Truth or Consequences over the past two years have mentioned Blackstone Hotsprings, being recognized by Fodor's and Rand McNally is especially rewarding for the lodge's proprietors, partners Rob Wheeler and Ralph Stuart. "Needless to say, we are thrilled to be recognized by these two prestigious travel resources," said Stuart, "and we look forward to meeting all the guests who stay with us thanks to Rand McNally and Fodor's!"

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