



Hwy 40 Scenic Bypass

Cal & Heidelberg Lodges •

History

Because there were three lodges built on Forest Service Land in the early 1930s, they have always been referred to as the Tri-Lodges. The first of these three lodges to build was der Naturfreund in 1931. This is a private lodge owned by the Nature Friends, Inc., a world wide organization. When the original lodge, Sierrahaus, burned down in 1943, it was rebuilt in 1947 by volunteers from the San Francisco and Oakland clubs. At that time it was renamed for W. Heidelmann, the founder of the San Francisco Nature Friends.

Clair Tappaan Lodge was the second of the Tri-Lodges to be built.

In 1937 the Associated Students of University of California granted the school's Winter Sports Club \$1000 to build the UC ski lodge for training of a ski team. The "temporary" lodge was built on U.S. Forest Service land leased to the group for \$25 a year. At some time after that, the Forest Service used the word "temporary" to require a new building which was built by students and faculty of the university. This became the third Tri-Lodge.

In 1987 The U. S. Government and the Sierra Club participated in a land swap wherein the U.S. Government obtained title to certain land, and in return, deeded title to the land on which Clair Tappaan, Cal Lodge and Heidelberg are located. The Sierra Club then transferred title to the lodges located in that area. Cal Lodge is owned and operated by the ASUC (Associated Students of the University of California).

A Good Story

A few years ago the Cal Lodge was put up for sale. There was even a rumor that it would become a monastery.

Things to do right here

Cal Lodge is open year round. In the winter they are close to cross-country and downhill skiing sites, or you can try snow shoeing just outside the door. In the summer the Pacific Crest Trail is only a mile away. Other activities include rock climbing, hiking and bicycling. Cal Lodge has accommodations for 62, and large groups may rent the whole lodge for a special event.

