



## **SOL DUC HOT SPRINGS RESORT - BACKGROUNDER**

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### **OVERVIEW**

Sol Duc Hot Springs Resorts is located in the heart of the Olympic National Park, which boasts three distinct ecosystems; glacier-capped mountains, unspoiled Pacific coast and old-growth forest.

### **HISTORY:**

Sol Duc's history dates back to the late 1800s, when an early settler of the area named Theodore Moritz took advantage of Native American legends about the area's healing "magic waters" by staking a claim and building cedar log tubs that quickly drew visitors from across the West to drink and bathe in the hot springs. After Moritz's death in 1909, the resort was sold to a new owner who opened a four-star hotel with 165 guest rooms, golf links, tennis courts, croquet grounds, and a theater on the site.

Four years later in 1916, sparks from a defective flue ignited the shingle roof of the hotel. The caretaker tried to put out the blaze, but discovered the water had been turned off for the winter. The resort was consumed by flames and was destroyed in just three hours. Rebuilt in the 1960, Sol Duc was purchased by the National Park Service in 1966 becoming part of the Olympic National Park. It was completely rebuilt during the 1980s with new cabins and a new thermal pool.

### **CONCESSIONS**

Concessions at Sol Duc Hot Springs are managed by ARAMARK Harrison Lodging, which provides food and recreational services to national and state parks and tourist attractions throughout the United States including Lake Powell, Mesa Verde, and Shenandoah National Park. ARAMARK Harrison Lodging also operates more than 50 conference centers, corporate training centers and specialty hotels in educational environments.

### **ENVIROMENTAL PROGRAMS**

PlanetEVERgreen is the official name for ARAMARK's environmental management program, which aims to protect and preserve the nation's precious natural, cultural and historic resources for this and future generations. Representing a natural evolution of practices ARAMARK has established and implemented over the past decade, PlanetEVERgreen influences every aspect of our business, from building design, recycling and waste reduction to purchasing and procurement, guest education and sustainable cuisine initiatives. PlanetEVERgreen initiatives influence the operations at Sol Duc – everything from the goods purchased, to using environmentally friendly cleaning products and sustainable cuisine to conservation and interpretive programs.