Wilderness Cabin Camping

Agua Caliente Regional Park offers seven 320 square-foot cabins featuring interior lighting and temperature controls, a table and chairs, two queen-size bed frames, a sink and toilet, and a sitting area that can accommodate up to six people. Campers are encouraged to bring their own padding and bedding, as mattresses are not included. Outside each cabin is a fire ring, picnic table and designated parking spot. Showers are available on a pay-per-use basis. One cabin is ADA-accessible and all are energy efficient.

Please note, pets are not allowed in or around the cabins and all cabins are smoke-free.
History in the Desert
In 1775, Spanish explorer Juan Bautista de Anza was the first European to visit the area, and centuries before, the Kumeyaay Indians were attracted to the springs for its abundant water source, which is why it is now called Agua Caliente or “hot water” in Spanish. In more recent times, the springs were used by pioneers, soldiers, and prospectors.

Natural Spring Pools
Three naturally fed pools provide different ways of enjoying the park’s mineral water. Of the two that sit outdoors, one is a children’s pool. Inside is a spa with soothing Jacuzzi jets, averaging 102 degrees. Showers are available, on a pay-per-use basis.

Tent & RV Camping
Many of the 140 campsites have full or partial hookups that can accommodate trailers, campers, motorhomes and tent camping. A caravan area can accommodate large groups, and a small picnic area is perfect for day-use and smaller groups.

Hiking and Day Use
Agua Caliente spans 910 acres, offering visitors an abundance of recreational opportunities including hiking, wildlife-watching, and relaxing in the warm, spring-fed pools. Hikers will enjoy the spectacular views on four miles of trails, and depending on the season’s rainfall, wildflowers and succulents put on a colorful show during the spring. The local water supply supports lush plant life such as mesquite, willows, Washington Palms and acacias. A wide variety of wildlife is attracted to these springs, including big horn sheep, foxes, coyotes, bobcats and other desert animals.

Nearby Attractions
Only a few miles west of Agua Caliente is the historic Vallecito Stage Station. Vallecito, or “Little Valley” as its Spanish name translates, has been preserved as a County park built around the historic Butterfield Station. Camping is available at Vallecito – as well as at nearby Anza Borrego State Park, one of the largest state parks in the country, which provides additional adventures for visitors who come to explore.