

LAVA HOT SPRINGS INN

Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

BUILDINGS:

Lava Hot Springs Inn

- 16 rooms on two levels – 12 basic rooms, 4 jacuzzi rooms
- Full kitchen with dining area
- Therapy room
- Library/study room – old “surgery room”
- Built in 1920, used to be Lava Hospital
- All lodging is within walking distance to shops, restaurants, etc
- 24 staff members
- Low-temp 3-geo thermal wells on property with varying temps “cold source”
- 17 soaking pools - 9 more in process
- 30,000 visitors to the pools last year
- Water exchange system + natural gas

The Spa Building (built later)

- 4 individual rooms - With privacy, easy access to the mineral hot pools outside, and jetted tubs in-room

The Blue House Vacation Rental (built 1930's)

- An on-property, stand alone apartment that sleeps up to 4 guests, with a full kitchen, living room, half bathroom, and 2 bedrooms holding 1 queen bed each. Close to the

About the Pools:

- *Manganese*
- *Calcium Bicarbonate*
- *Sodium*
- *Sulfate*
- *Potassium*
- *Magnesium*
- *Fluoride*
- *Zinc*
- *Iron*

Water Bottling Facility for LHS Mineral Water

- 10-year land lease in Pocatello, Idaho for the water bottle facility. All equipment included in sale.
- Water License Permit 1 – bottled water to go with business

About LHS Mineral Water:

- “We discovered mineral hot water on our property up there in 1989,” Katsilometes said. “Since then, we've made beneficial use of the water through putting it in pools, through putting it into our buildings for heat and through bottling it. Those are the three beneficial uses we make of it.”
- Bannock County gave authorization under the condition that the Inn establish a water line directly into their commercial kitchen and handle it correctly with gloves to ensure everything was sanitary. For over 20 years, Lava Hot Springs Inn would hand-fill 200 bottles at a time, dispensing it as souvenirs and creating the slogan "Idaho's gem in a bottle." Now, it is an automated system from Norland International in Lincoln, Nebraska that allows for a more autonomous approach that can quickly disperse the high-quality mineral water.
- Leasing a 4,000-square-foot building that resides within the old naval ordnance plant in Pocatello now known as Titan Center, Katsilometes has a permanent fixture from which he can bottle and distribute his hot springs mineral water.
- The large amount of space is not only filled with the necessary machinery for the operation, but also allows for the storage of pallets, plastic bottle preforms, a small office and a pair of bathrooms.
- By using a 3,000-gallon tanker truck that Katsilometes also purchased, the business pumps from a closed water source on their property in Lava Hot Springs filling the water tanker and transporting it to the Titan Center where it gets treated and processed for dispersal.

“As we bottle the water, it goes through four filters, it goes through two ultraviolet purifiers and then it comes into the bottling part of the machinery where the bottles are rinsed,” Katsilometes said. “We make the bottles here, we blow the bottles from plastic preforms, we put them in an unscrambler and they run into the machine that fills the bottles.”

- A bottling machine then automates the process, providing each bottle with a trademarked label and barcode. The bottles are then inscribed with a laser detector that marks each bottle with a bottling date. They then pass through a shrink pack process that seals everything at over 300 degrees before popping out onto a conveyor belt where everything is cooled, finalizing the process.