

Irene Cuffe, owner and manager of Cuffe Guest Ranch, is known as Actress of 1000 Faces and was a 1963 triple award winner for her roles. She has been prominent in the movie industry for many years, as was her late husband Leslie Eugene Cuffe. The guest ranch was established in 1943. Because of her interesting background in the movie industry and her knowledge of the early western movies produced in the area, she makes a most gracious and interesting hostess. Western movie buffs will find their stay at the ranch greatly enlivened by Irene Cuffe's accounts of the history of this unusual area, as well as the first movie display museum established by Irene Cuffe.

THE ALABAMA HILLS

These ancient "hills" are fantastic, knobby rock formations where many a trapped movie outlaw has shot it out with a hard-riding Western "sheriff." They offer not only good hide-outs and vantage points, but also snug refuge from the approach of winter storms. You can drive on meandering wheel tracks to numerous sheltered camping places.

Sometimes you can spread your picnic lunch on a high rock platform in warm sunshine while, in plain view, a blizzard gathers over the Sierra Nevada just a few miles away. From your "grandstand seat," you can watch the whole violent drama of the storm.

Cuffe's Guest Ranch (Lone Pine post office), which has served as a setting for Western films, is in the Alabama Hills, in cottonwood-shaded seclusion alongside Lone Pine Creek.

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