



Wigwam Motel

Holbrook, Arizona

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The Wigwam Motel in Holbrook, Arizona, has been a favorite Route 66 destination since it was first opened in 1950. Except for a brief hiatus in the 1970s, the motel has been owned and operated by the family who built it. Also known as “Wigwam Village #6”, it is one of seven villages built throughout the U.S. between the 1930s-1950s. Three of the seven are still in existence today, two of which are located on Route 66. Wigwam #6 was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

In 2004, the owners were awarded funds for preservation and rehabilitation work on the concrete wigwam units, and the motel’s neon sign. The concrete bases, doors, and heaters were repaired or replaced on several of the wigwam units. As well, the properties two neon signs were restored to full operating condition.

Today, the novel design of the motel continues to attract the attention of travelers, photographers, architects of the vernacular, and historic preservationists from all over the world. Still operating in its historic function and by the same family, it is a true American icon.



Wigwam Motel neon sign, before restoration.



Wigwam Motel neon sign, after restoration.

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