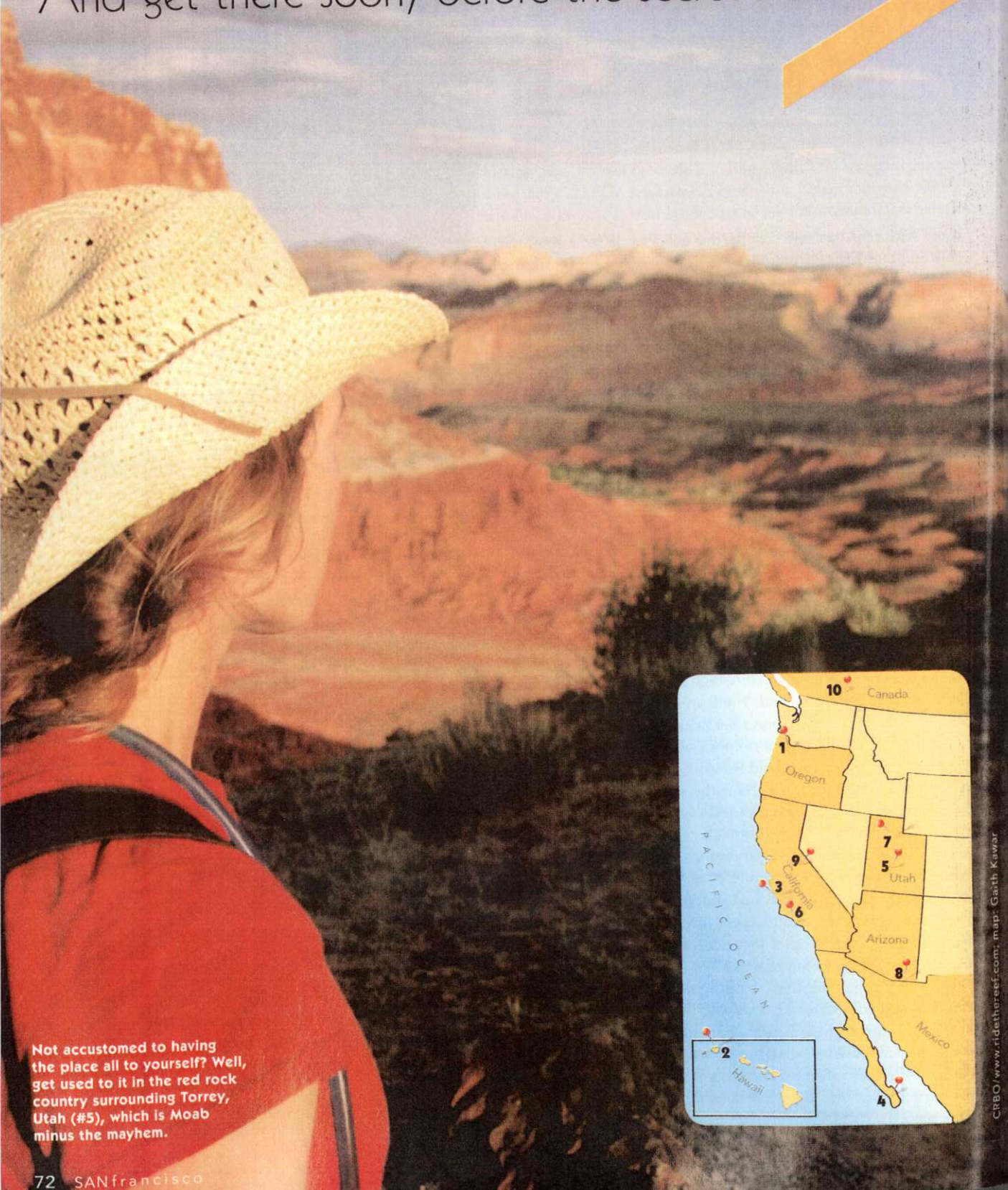


# Where to go next

And get there soon, before the secret's out.



Not accustomed to having the place all to yourself? Well, get used to it in the red rock country surrounding Torrey, Utah (#5), which is Moab minus the mayhem.

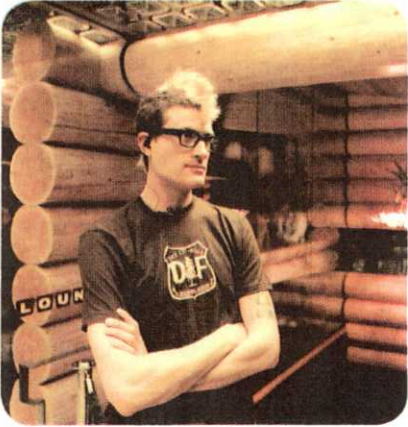


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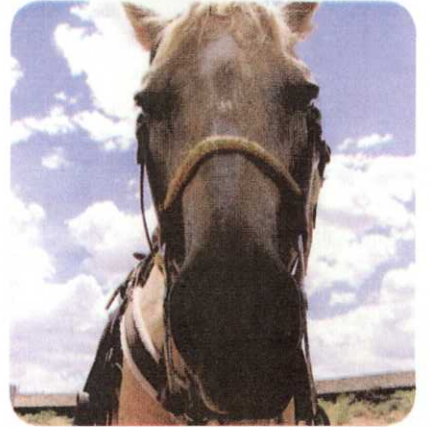
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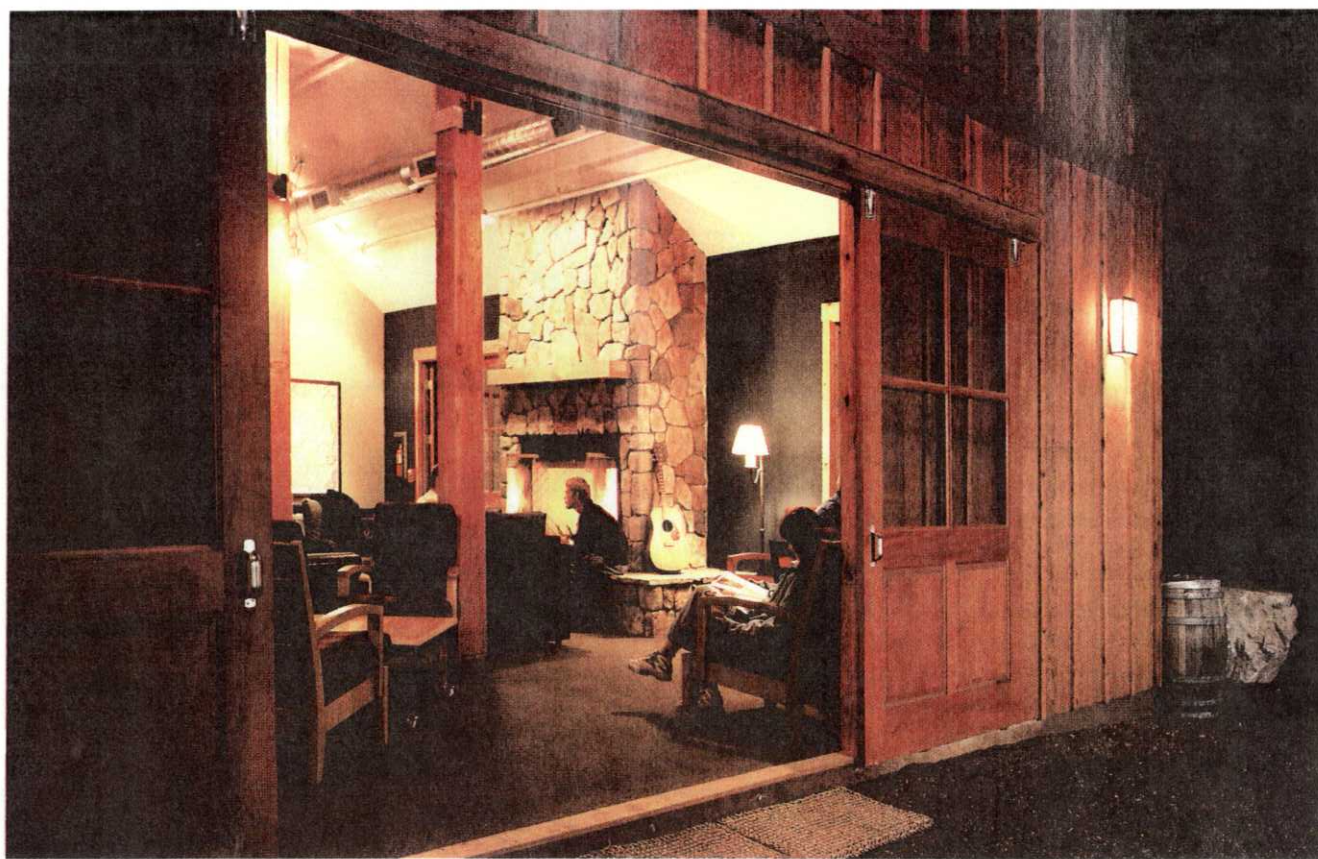


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**Why you've never heard of it** Only those who veer off toward Hetch Hetchy instead of heading into Yosemite Valley would come across this hideout on the park's border.

**Why it's a secret you'll keep** Since new owners have spruced up and expanded the place, even those who have stayed here before would hardly recognize it.

Let's face it: between Memorial-Day and Labor Day, Yosemite Valley is best left to the first timers. Those who've braved the valley's infamous summer gridlock would do well to instead head down the quiet meadow- and forest-lined road toward **Hetch Hetchy**, where granite walls jut nearly as high as El Capitan and waterfalls pound a dramatic path to the reservoir below. This area is well known to regulars at family-friendly Camp Mather, of course, but to land a spot there takes both serious planning and luck in the cabin lottery. The other option, right next door, just got a whole lot more tempting. As of last summer, the new owners of **Evergreen Lodge** (800/935-6343, [www.evergreenlodge.com](http://www.evergreenlodge.com), \$79-\$249) added 50 cabins and an airy rec hall where you can plan your day—the lodge hooks you up with guided hikes, horseback riding, rock climbing, and fly-fishing. All of the cabins are still basic enough (no TVs or phones) to make the point that you should be outside, but the new ones have a bright, folksy charm. The best part of any day could be settling your hiked-out muscles into an Adirondack chair on your private deck to watch the sunset and, later, the sky teeming with stars. You'll be happiest if you land a deck facing the woods—shoot for Wapama 8 or 9, Sierra 2, 3, or 4, or Muir 8, 9, or 10. The cabins come sans kitchen, so you'll beat a frequent path to the dining room, which also bags up lunches to take on the trail. After a hearty dinner, lodgers and staff shoot pool and drink cocktails in the bar or circle the fireplace outside to share tales of the day's backwoods adventures. • **SARAH MUELLER**



A comfy new rec hall (TOP) and a cluster of just-opened cabins (MIDDLE) make Evergreen Lodge a friendly outpost for exploring the country around Hetch Hetchy to find prime swimming holes like Carlon Falls (ABOVE).

Top: Gord Wyllie; middle: 2001 Paul Warchol Photography Inc.; bottom: Brian Sprout

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