

## ABOUT THE INN AT NEWPORT RANCH

"Come stay with us and be a modern-day pioneer." -- Will Jackson, owner

Located three and a half hours north of San Francisco and twenty miles north of the historic town of Mendocino, the recently constructed **Inn at Newport Ranch** is part of a 2100-acre coastal working cattle ranch and timber preserve on the site of what was the former town of Newport. With more than a mile and a half of oceanfront, three miles of ridge tops, panoramic coastal views and 25 miles of world class trails through redwoods and along the coast, the ranch is a unique private domain for those wanting to enjoy the North Coast's many recreational opportunities and delights. The Inn at Newport Ranch is an ideal destination for vacations, small conferences, retreats, family reunions, weddings, and special events.

The Inn was designed by renowned architects Dave Sellers and Jim Sanford of Warren, Vermont. The work of both architects focuses on designing and building in harmony with nature, with a special emphasis on custom craftsmanship. The structures have a number of unique architectural features, including a 20-foot-wide walk-in stone fireplace, a building supported by 24 individual redwood trees, from base to cathedral-like ceiling, and a hot tub on top of a water tower that presents commanding views of the surrounding landscape. The hallway in the Main Inn is paneled with redwood boards up to five feet wide, and the living room flooring is 30-inch-wide old growth redwood planks. Some of these boards were milled on the ranch from logs left behind by the old loggers. The use of these natural and local materials honors the history and bounty of the area and helps to connect to the landscape.

The owners and architects have worked together closely to create an Inn which celebrates the resources and beauty of the North Coast. The architecture, while bold and dramatic, is intimate and warm. The 20-foot-wide walk-in fireplace incorporates stones which weigh several tons and were placed, with the help of a crane, before the walls or roof were built. The exposed rugged beams are connected seamlessly and held in place by wooden pegs and hidden lugs. The structural elements of one of the Inn buildings consists of 24 redwood trees, some of which start in the lower level of the conference room and go up through the first and second floors into the roof beams and cathedral ceiling. These "branchless trees," with their bark still on, are almost three feet in diameter, 25 feet tall and add an enchanted quality to the building and rooms within.

An architectural feature of the early north coast towns was their water towers, which provided constant water pressure and fire protection. While not necessary today, many of these towers remain as nostalgic icons of the past. The water tower at the Inn at Newport Ranch has a hot tub perched at the top offering spectacular views.

Each room has features that incorporate unique architectural elements. Here's a sampling:

- Paneling and a mantel piece from the original ranch house
- Headboards from single burls and redwood slabs
- Fireplaces with single stone mantels
- A stained-glass entry door depicting a local scene

- Wood floors from antique stadium seats and old beams
- Twenty-foot-long single stone steps and pavers
- Single board doors
- Door knobs, handles and coat hooks made from tree branches, bones and kitchen implements
- A barbeque where all the tables and chairs are single stones
- A dining table for 10 people from a single redwood slab
- A 32-foot banquet table which seats up to 34 people made from a single redwood timber cut into five sections which, when used together, appear as original board
- Numerous tables made from burls & single boards with tree trunks & branches for bases
- A hand carving of the Newport Lumber Chute
- Lamps made from trees
- A bar sink carved into a rock table
- 7 one-ton stone columns set in a 2-acre arc showing the Equinox, Winter solstice and Summer solstice from the western steps of the wrap-around porch
- Four Basalt columns at the front gate entrance weighing several tons each
- The wrap-around porch provides panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean on the west side and the ranch land and coastal hills on the east side

The six guest rooms and four suites are furnished to provide the ultimate in comfort and can accommodate up to 26 overnight guests. The rooms are set with various themes and appointments. All rooms are appointed with luxury amenities, with personal concierge services available.

In the Redwood House, each suite has an LCD flat screen TV, a DVD player, an outdoor terrace or deck, and a private hot tub or sauna. Each suite also has a small kitchen and an outdoor grill. The Newport Suite is ADA accessible, as are the common areas of the Main Inn.

The Main Inn guest rooms are more intimate. The access to the main living space is available to all guests, as is the 6-person rooftop hot tub.

In each building, there is a recreation room with a 60-inch flat screen TV, and computer access is available in Main Inn. The entire property has wireless Internet and telephone service for guest use.

The owner's ocean front vacation home – Sea Drum – is available for rental and can accommodate up to 10 overnights guests. Sea Drum is adjacent to the main property. It has four bedrooms (all with private baths), one of which has two bunks and a double bed. Each room has a private bath. Sea Drum is available for guests when the owner is not in residence.

During a stay, guests will be offered an array of dining options. A full breakfast is served as part of one's stay, and an evening Fireside Happy Hour is also included for all guests. Lunch and dinner service is available and encouraged, and provided daily.

The culinary culture at the Inn at Newport Ranch has been deemed "North Coast seasonally-inspired ranch cuisine." The Inn sources local ingredients and libations as much as possible, serves only the finest local meats and seafood, and grows most of its own vegetables, herbs, greens and flowers in the onsite gardens.

Barbecue and picnic sites such as Council Bluff are scattered throughout the property, if guests would like to enjoy a meal al fresco – next to the ocean, by a stream or on a magical hilltop with a 50-mile panoramic view.

The Inn at Newport Ranch offers horseback riding, as well as hiking trails, whale watching, and guided UTV adventure tours along the dramatic coast and ridgetops and through the redwood forests. We have many packages that highlight the natural bounty of the area such as bird watching and forest foraging.

The ranch has been under the same family ownership since 1986, and the recently constructed Inn is the culmination of the family's dream to share this magnificent property with others.

For more information or to make reservations call 707.962.4818 or visit the website at <u>www.theinnatnewportranch.com</u>.

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