



Brewery Gulch Inn

FACT SHEET

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History: Brewery Gulch Inn is intimately linked to the history of Mendocino and its dramatic redwoods. In 1851 Harry Meiggs, founder of San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, heard about the area's virgin redwood forests, had a sawmill built, and launched the area's logging industry. All logging in Mendocino during this period depended on the Big River for transporting the giant redwoods to the Meiggs' mill at its mouth. From 1852-1882 Mendocino served as the primary supplier of redwood lumber to booming California and continued as a main lumber source into the 1920s. Logs would pile up, sometimes to a depth of 40 feet, until the biggest rains hit. The torrent of water released the jam, causing a log stampede downstream. Many of the best "butt" or bottom cuts sank deep in the river sludge.

Over a century later, during a construction project on a nearby bridge, the "sinker" logs were found deeply settled in the silt. The perfectly preserved 100-150 year old logs ranged up to 16 feet in diameter. This eco-salvaged, virgin-growth redwood has been used as a major component in the construction of Brewery Gulch Inn. The inn features the "guiltless" virgin redwood on a site that encompassed ocean views framed by the property's spruce and pine trees.

Another piece of the story involves the inn's land; the site of the first real Mendocino County farm. In 1854 Homer Barton, and his Native American companion Indian Joe arrived in the area fresh from the gold fields. After observing the success of the gold fields' shop owners, Barton decided to become the food supplier for boomtown Mendocino. With the pick of the land, he chose acreage with a perfect micro-climate for growing vegetables.

Barton financed his enterprise with profits earned from being one of the first drivers of oxen teams used to drag the redwood logs to the Big River. The inn is part of Barton's original farm. The favorable micro-climate that made his farm thrive is also responsible for the inn's lush two acre woodland garden with its variety of rhododendrons and ferns that form the backdrop to a beautiful wetlands restoration project. The inn has water views and is surrounded by hundreds of acres of unoccupied meadow and state protected forests

Description:

From California's scenic North Highway One, the short entrance drive through natural plantings ends at the distinctive Craftsman-style redwood-shake inn. Situated on a sylvan hillside overlooking Smuggler's Cove and the Pacific, the inn's sky-lighted porte-cochere leads to a handcrafted wooden door. Inside, the spacious reception area is paneled with the eco-salvaged redwood, the reception desk is handcrafted from the redwood and topped with granite. Upon entering, guests immediately see the soaring glass and steel wood-burning fireplace, a focal point of the inn. This one-of-a-kind creation features double glass doors on the front and back and glass panels on the other two sides. A 35-foot high large open space in front of the fireplace, ending in roof skylights, adds drama and natural light to the common areas on both floors, and divides the reception area from the Great Room. This room, flowing naturally from the reception area, has 14-foot ceilings, redwood-framed tall windows, and French doors leading to a spacious deck, where guests can relax and enjoy the ocean view. In this lodge-like area, a bountiful breakfast is served; local wine and hearty hors d'oeuvres are offered in the late afternoon; and tables are available for guests' activities. The artisan floors throughout these two areas have radiant heat and are stained a deep, rich leather-red.

Décor:

The furnishings are inspired by the clean lines of the Arts and Crafts style. The hues of the fabrics in the common areas harmonize with the natural setting and the ocean. The tables of quarter sawn oak and accompanying spindle-backed chairs in the Great Room reflect the Stickley influence. All rooms have details featuring the eco-salvaged redwood, including the frames of the French doors, windows, and deck railings. Each timber differs from the next, mineralization adding subtle red, purple or blonde tones.

Accommodations:

The ten spacious and well-appointed guest rooms on three levels have ocean views framed by the property's spruce and pines, gas-lit fireplaces, and private baths; eight have private decks. On the first two floors, there are two rooms in each of the north and south wings. The pair of rooms on the third level are reached by individual private staircases and one ground floor room has been specially designed to accommodate a guest with physical limitations.

Each guest room has a hardwood desk; comfortable seating, including leather club chairs placed in front of the fireplace complete with chenille throws; excellent lighting; high quality Italian linens from Sferra; down comforters with substitutes available for those with allergies; individual room thermostats; and LCD flat screen TV with cable and DVD; iHome clock radios featuring an iPod or MP3 docking station; and telephones with complimentary local and domestic service. Bathrooms have plush robes, luxury toiletries, and hair dryers; all have tub/shower combinations except for

the room to accommodate guests with physical disabilities. Three first floor rooms have Jacuzzi tubs for two, and two on the second floor featuring oversized soaking tubs. A major renovation of all rooms was completed in the spring of 2008.

Amenities: Complimentary gourmet, cooked-to-order breakfast with a focus on locally-sourced organic products.
Complimentary wine on arrival.
Picnic lunches, wine & cheese and romance baskets available.
Evening wine hour featuring wines from award-winning vineyards in Mendocino County and bountiful hors d'oeuvres.
Small library with books, board games, and a 300 plus DVD collection.
Gift shop with unique items especially made for the inn.
Complimentary Wi-Fi high speed Internet access throughout the inn.
Concierge services for arranging activities such as canoeing, kayaking, scuba diving, biking, golf, tennis, horseback riding, hiking trails, walks highlighting the area's history, wine tours, dining reservations, spa appointments, or personalized packages geared to individual interests.
Spotting scope on first floor deck; binoculars available for guests' use.
San Francisco Chronicle delivered daily to each room.
Non-smoking inn.
Book for retreats, small conferences, family reunions, weddings, and special events.
Gift certificates available.

Rates: *Winter Rates:* Nov. - Feb. \$210-385
Spring Rates: Mar. - May \$225-400
Summer/Fall: June- Oct. \$285-465
Rate is per night double occupancy, including full breakfast and evening wine hour . Two-night minimum if one of the nights is Saturday.
Special rates and packages available mid-week and off-season. Specials are posted on the website or are available by calling the inn's toll-free number.
Open year-round.

Awards: American Automobile Association Four Diamond Award Recipient
2003-2008
Designated a Green Hotel in 2007; member and partner in The Green Hotels Association
Audubon Sanctuary, 2007
Chosen in 2004 by iloveinn.com as *California Inn of the Year*
Chosen in 2002 by the American Historic Inns as 1 of the *Top 10 Most Romantic Inns of the Year*

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