



LITTLE RIVER INN

At Little River Inn, we've always had a special appreciation for family. After all, the original house that has since become the Little River Inn was built in 1857 by Silas Coombs and has remained in our family ever since. Our grandfather, Ole, turned that original building into the Inn some eight decades ago and we're still happily on the job, doing what it takes to make you feel more than welcome. Situated on 225 wooded acres, the old Coombs home is now surrounded by 65 ocean view rooms, a dining room and bar, nine-hole golf course with pro shop, and day spa.

Like every family living in an old house we've made changes over the years, but at Little River Inn we pretty much like to keep things just the way they are and always have been. That means having lots of family around, watching the sunset with our neighbors, and turning travelers into friends.

So whether you've come on a romantic getaway or an executive retreat, you will be met with our genuine warmth. When we say five generations of hospitality, we mean it.

Sincerely,

Cally Dym
Fifth Generation Innkeeper

The Inn

Perched on the Pacific Ocean, Little River Inn is a classic coastal resort situated where the coast's history and natural beauty meet. Commanding a lovely curve on the Mendocino coast, Little River Inn is one of the oldest lodgings on this dramatic stretch of the Northern California coastline. Facing the setting sun and surrounded by lush gardens, the property unfolds around the stately Victorian centerpiece originally built in 1857. Additional luxury units are located west of the Inn proper.



Each room has an incredible view of the ocean and many feature fireplaces, wet bars, Jacuzzis, steam showers, and private hot tubs.

Little River Inn gladly welcomes child travelers and those under 16 stay free. We also understand that sometimes family members have four feet instead of two and have many pet-friendly accommodations.

We offer seasonal rates as well as festival and high season promotions.



Little River Inn Restaurant

For Executive Chef Marc Dym, Little River Inn offers the best of both worlds. On the dining room menu, Dym relies on his classical Culinary Institute of America training to create dishes that are at once familiar and modern. Osso bucco of lamb, lacquered halibut with crispy Hong Kong noodles, short ribs, and sole meunière made from the Petrale sole that comes into nearby Noyo Harbor are favorites that blend perfectly with Little River Inn's history of tradition.



At the same time, our list of sides and lighter fare allows Dym to explore his creativity. His menu includes tarts of fig, prosciutto, and roasted onion with a balsamic reduction, 60/40 sliders and Little River Inn's classic fried calamari with Asian slaw. Here at Little River Inn, time slows down enough to truly appreciate what happens when location and hospitality coincide in perfect unison. Our promise of an outstanding meal, seamless service and impressive ocean view guarantees you an evening to remember.



Ole's Whale Watch Bar

When Ole Hervilla opened Little River Inn in 1939, he just called it The Bar. It was an instant hit with both locals and tourists. That hasn't changed. The look of the bar hasn't changed much, either. The bar's character says a lot about the inn itself. Welcoming. Unpretentious. Relaxed.

Back in 1939 the bar was also the office, where Ole conducted business while bartending, smoking stogies and telling tall tales. Change was made from his cigar box, and the one key that worked in every lock was given to the occasional city slicker who insisted on locking their door at night. Nowadays, Little River Inn has a real office with real keys and we've built a special deck for cigar smoking.

In Little River Inn's first years, beer sold for 10 cents. Scotch and bourbon cost 20-25 cents. There weren't any blended drinks back then—highballs were as fancy as it got. Today, the bar is famous for its Bloody Marys and Martinis, but it's still the best place on the coast to watch whales and tell whale tales. For those who wish to complement the view with dinner, we offer our complete menu in the bar.



Little River Inn Golf Course

The expansive feeling of coastal golf will permeate your visit as you enjoy one of Northern California's most established inns and the only golf course on the Mendocino Coast. Tucked among the hills and redwoods, the nine-hole course presents unexpected challenges to golfers. It may be a wandering deer crossing the putting green – this is an Audubon-certified sanctuary, after all.



Like everything else at Little River Inn, the golf course has a colorful family history. Watching Arnold Palmer play on TV one day in the mid '50's, Ole Hervilla decided a golf course would draw even more guests to his inn. The locals told him nobody would play golf on the coast. But he was determined.

He consulted three golf architects, each one more expensive than the other. After talking to the third pricey expert, he said, "Thanks, you just made a golf architect out of me." Working with contractors on the coast, he opened the course in 1957.

Circled by redwoods and pine trees, the 5,458-yard course encourages you to keep the ball in play. In this setting, though, even errant balls will come with a worthwhile view.

To complete the picture, there is a driving range, putting green, lighted tennis courts and a fully stocked Golf and Tennis Pro Shop. With food and beverage service in the Pro Shop you can have an outstanding lunch without taking off your cleats.



Spa

Little River Inn's Spa is the perfect place to relax, indulge and rejuvenate with a full array of services. The Spa is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Customized massages and facials mean you're going to look and feel fabulous. We use and sell natural and local products.

The Spa at Little River Inn also hosts artwork from local jewelers and photographers.



Weddings

For the most spectacular day of your life, choose the most spectacular location on the romantic Mendocino Coast. Whether you are two or two hundred, you can celebrate your day in style in one of our four venues:

Abalone Hall– on the main grounds overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this warm and cozy room has a fireplace, separate catering kitchen and expansive deck. Capacity: 80 inside, 120 with tented deck.

Main Dining Room – the centerpiece of the Inn with a lovely view of our garden. Capacity: 80.

Mallory House – located on the edge of the bluffs overlooking the ocean, this is the most dramatic and private of our locations. Capacity: 200 with tent.

Wisteria Room – this sophisticated and intimate dining room provides a stunning view of the ocean through Victorian windows. Capacity: 24.

We will provide everything you need. In the days leading up to your ceremony, guests have a wide variety of activities to choose from, both inside and out. Settle yourself in front of a roaring fire with a good book, explore one of the many beaches nearby or take our private path to Fern Canyon Trail, which provides some of the best hiking on the North Coast. Back at the Inn, let us organize a golf tournament for you and your guests on our ocean view course, arrange for a spa day or throw you a rehearsal barbeque.

In addition to our in-house wedding coordinator, the Inn's celebrated chef, Marc Dym, and Wine Consultant will collaborate with you to create a menu that reflects your taste and budget. Our experience allows us to anticipate many of your needs, so you can be confident that we will do everything in our power to make your dream a reality.

We also offer a romantic elopement package for those who prefer a more private event.

