# MacCALLUM HOUSE INN & RESTAURANT

GREY WHALE BAR & CAFÉ

## GENERAL BACKGROUND

**Main Property Location:** 45020 Albion Street (P.O. Box 206)
Mendocino, CA 95460
In the heart of Mendocino Village

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Date Built: Pointed Cottage 1882 Victorian

**MacCallum House Suites:** 10691 Palette Drive Mendocino, CA 95460
Date Built: 1990

**Mendocino Village Inn:** 44860 Main Street Mendocino, CA 95460
Date Built: Vintage 1882 Victorian

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

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**MacCallum House**: The Main House (MacCallum House), built in 1882, features six rooms, each lavishly furnished with antiques. Many feature clawfoot soaking tubs, sleigh beds and ocean views. Seven cottages surround the main house, each with its own unique charm. Most include wood stoves and private decks. The original MacCallum barn has been restored and it features six rooms with riverstone fireplaces, exposed old growth redwood beam ceilings, wood floors and dramatic ocean views. maccallumhouse.com/pages/accommodations_main.html

**MacCallum Suites**: The collection of properties also includes MacCallum Suites, a 4-star luxury mansion set on two private acres on the highest hill in Mendocino overlooking the Pacific Ocean, perfect for a romantic retreat, family reunion or small wedding. This property features a private meeting room and full gourmet catering kitchen. Each room on this property is spacious and modern with relaxing amenities. maccallumhouse.com/pages/accommodations_suites.html

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**Mendocino Village Inn**: This stately property, also built in 1882, is ideally situated in the heart of the Village. Within the historic three-story structure there are eight beautiful rooms, each uniquely appointed. Several of the rooms have soaking tubs, ocean views and fireplaces. Additionally, there are four very popular rooms with their own private outside entrance. maccallumhouse.com/pages/accommodations_mendocino_village_inn.html



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**Vacation Rentals**: There is also a variety of vacation rentals to choose from, each with its own distinctive style. These accommodations feature cable TV/DVD player, CD stereo, phones, and Internet access. Many have private hot tubs and stunning ocean views. maccallumhouse.com/pages/accommodations_vacation_rentals.html

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**Rates**: Rooms range in price from $165 to $425 per night for double occupancy, plus 11% county bed tax. For each additional adult guest and for children older than five, there is a $30 charge. There is a two-night minimum if one of the nights is Saturday and occasionally a three-night minimum for holidays. Special rates and packages are available mid-week and off-season. The Website posts these Internet specials and they are available only to guests booking online. A sampling of the specials include:

**Mendocino Vacation Specials**

**Extend Your Weekend**
Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Friday, Saturday, Sunday
or Saturday, Sunday, Monday — 20% off 3rd night
**Ultimate Mendocino Vacation**
7 nights – 25% off entire stay

**Daisy's Specials**

**Daisy's Low Season Special From November 1st – May 31st***
We offer a two-night stay, Sunday – Thursday, with 60% off on the second night if you make the reservation using our online reservation system.

**Daisy's High Season Special from June 1st – October 31st***
We offer a two-night stay, Sunday – Thursday, with15% off on the second night if you make the reservation using our online reservation system.



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**MACCALLUM HOUSE IS PET FRIENDLY!**

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We encourage you to bring your pet on vacation and are sure that you will all have a wonderful time here in beautiful Mendocino. We understand it is difficult to leave your friend at home during your vacation, and so we allow pets in all of our rooms with the exception of rooms 1-6 in the Main House. We were awarded "The Golden Bone Award" by The Dog Lover's Companion to California, thanks to our special care of canine guests. Pet owners are charged a $30 fee per night to help offset the extra cleaning costs and additional services that are provided. In an effort to protect our rooms and property and to ensure that your dog is comfortable, we provide you with a pet bed, a blanket and a pet towel. We also provide a stainless steel water and food dish on a rubber mat in the room. Enclosed in this kit are several waste bags and dog treats for your friend! maccallumhouse.com/pages/pets.html

**MacCallum House Pet Sitting Service**

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We will arrange to have a pet sitter stay with your pet in your room and provide services that include feeding, watering, basic grooming, walking dogs around immediate vicinity, changing litter, administering meds, and, most importantly, showering lots of affection on these beloved members of your family unit. This frees you to leave your pet with no worries or restrictions should you wish to dine out, play golf, attend a special celebration, or simply enjoy the ocean, headlands and the rest of our gorgeous area. The fee for this service is $20/hour for 1 pet, $30/hour for 2 pets and $45/hour for 3 pets.
If you want to really spoil Fido while on vacation, check out our Tailwagger's package.
Visit: maccallumhouse.com/pages/baskets.html#Tail_Waggers_club



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**AMENITIES**

A stay at the MacCallum House is filled with extra touches to make your stay truly memorable. A few of the most noteworthy services include:

- All-inclusive gourmet breakfast served throughout the morning featuring nine organic entrée choices, daily, freshly-squeezed juice, and organic coffee
- Food & Wine On The House.
  Two $7 dining credits are available every evening in the Grey Whale Bar & Café or the Dining Room. Enjoy towards dinner, desserts or for a house specialty cocktail or glass of premium local wine. 5:00 – 9:00 pm.
- Nationally acclaimed restaurant and full bar
- Concierge services
- In-room massage & spa services
- Complimentary wireless Internet access
- Complimentary passes to the Redwood Health Club

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A full list of amenities can be found on our Website at maccallumhouse.com/pages/amenities.htm.

Guests can also enhance their stay by using our Pre-Arrival Concierge form for special requests and to order extra amenities, including flowers, gift baskets, wine and spa services.
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**RESTAURANT AND GREY WHALE BAR & CAFÉ**

Everything about the MacCallum House Restaurant and Grey Whale Bar & Café is warm and inviting, from the sunny wrap-around porch to the convivial bar and romantic firelit dining rooms. Combining the town's charm, history, local life and flavors into one tasty package, the "Mac" is a great starting point for getting to know Mendocino. An exceptional staff makes you feel as if you've been invited over to dinner by friends. In the restaurant dinners are served white linen in the former library, graced by two riverstone fireplaces or, informally, in the sunporch café with its view of Mendocino Bay.

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MacCallum House set the standard in the very early days of the interest in organics with Executive Chef Alan Kantor's long-time focus on sustainable farming and honoring his purveyors with a special food-shed map in an original colored drawing in the Restaurant foyer and on the Website in a special purveyors' section with a description of each small farm and vendor. maccallumhouse.com/pages/restaurant/purveyors.html

Absolutely everything is prepared in-house, including breads, mozzarella, hand-rolled pastas, sauces, smoked meats, fish and poultry and ice creams. The produce and grains are organic and the meats are sustainably raised. Only the freshest ingredients are used and the menus feature local and regional organic and wild-crafted products whenever possible. From this bounty of local farms, ranches and the ocean, the kitchen creates delectable dishes focused on seasonal harvests. In selecting ingredients for the menus, the chef also looks to partner with those committed to environmental and social responsibility.

View menus: maccallumhouse.com/pages/restaurant/default.html
View past menus: maccallumhouse.com/pages/restaurant/menu_archives/

**Menu prices**: Breakfast prices range from $7 to $14, Café - $12 to $16 and Dining Rooms - $25 to $39.



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**Recipes**

On our Website you can find many excellent recipes, including those which feature wild mushrooms and huckleberries from Mendocino forests, cheeses from local dairies, chestnuts from a nearby ranch, and Dungeness crab, Hog Island oysters and sea palm from coastal waters.

For recipes, visit: maccallumhouse.com/recipes

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Dungeness Crab Gnocchi Gratin with Cypress Grove
Lamb Chopper Cheese, Ham and Sugar Snap Peas



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## MENDO WINE TOURS AND LIMOUSINE SERVICE

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To experience the magic of Mendocino wine country, Mendo Wine Tours and Limousine Service picks up guests anywhere in or near Mendocino Village and takes them on a guided daylong tour of the region's award-winning boutique wineries. Local wine guides escort in style to the lairs of some of the best—and least known—of California's North Coast vintners. Guests kick back and sip sparkling wine as they enjoy the Anderson Valley's beautiful scenery. A gourmet lunch is served al fresco at one of the wineries. Guests can taste as many wines as they want during the day without the hassle or hazard of driving. Visits to wineries will afford opportunities for barrel and reserve tasting, behind-the-scene tours, discussions with the winemakers, and discounted pricing. Guests are able to purchase limited production wines not available to the general public.

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The luxurious vehicles are available for private events, private tours and personal transportation by reservation. Guests can be picked up at any of the Bay Area airports and brought to the Mendocino Coast. The vehicles are also ideal for proms, weddings and special events. Guided scenic tours of some of Mendocino's other attractions, such as the three world-famous breweries – North Coast Brewing Company, Anderson Valley Brewing Company and Mendocino Brewing Company – the Pacific Star Winery, just north of Fort Bragg, and state parks and museums are also offered.

**Rates**: **Group wine tour rate** is $175 per person, gratuity not included. There will be a $25.00 per person fee assessed to all cancellations made prior to one week in advance of your reservation. No refund will be issued for reservations canceled less than one week in advance of the reservation.

**Private Town Car wine tour rate** is $400 for two people. Tour includes gourmet lunch, sparkling wine, cheese platter and bottled water.

**Private Limo wine tour rate** is $550 for two people. Tour includes gourmet lunch, sparkling wine, cheese platter and bottled water. The luxury vehicles are also available for private events.
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## WEDDINGS

Mendocino has long been a haven for romantic getaways and honeymoon vacations, making it the perfect setting for large and small destination weddings. MacCallum House provides the scenic beauty of the Pacific Ocean and a beautifully restored Victorian mansion with two acres of gardens, expansive lawns, a bar and restaurant and distinctive rooms. At MacCallum House one can keep family and friends nearby by reserving the rooms on the main property exclusively for the wedding party guests. Also included with the rooms is a gourmet breakfast. An elegant reception tent on the east lawn is draped and lit according to the wedding theme and colors. The dining rooms are quintessential Mendocino Victorian with three riverstone, wood-burning fireplaces, views of the ocean and a full-service bar. Following the ceremony the bride and groom can celebrate knowing the guests' rooms are only steps away.

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The beautiful facilities accommodate small, intimate parties for rehearsal or reception dinners and large parties up to 200 guests. Expert services are provided to make each wedding a wonderful experience with memories to last a lifetime.

An in-house wedding coordinator helps direct and oversee all aspects of the wedding, including coordination with outside vendors such as photographers, florists, DJs, etc.



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The coordinator is responsible for the development and execution of the event timeline. They are available via phone or e-mail throughout the planning process and onsite on the wedding day. The planning services include a meeting with the executive chef to create a custom menu paired with wines. For weddings held on the east lawn in the tent, the wedding party will also have a meeting with a technical director to select a color scheme, decorations, lighting and tent layout. Included is a custom printed menu for each guest at the reception. maccallumhouse.com/weddings

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**BIOS**

**Owners Jed and Megan Ayres and Noah Sheppard** are dedicated to providing an experience that offers outstanding food and wine, as well as top-notch lodging to their guests. They have gathered a talented team to ensure success in this endeavor.

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Pictured here left to right, Jed and Megan Ayres with Amanda and Adam Ayres (not pictured son Josiah Ayres) and Noah Sheppard.

Jed, Megan and Noah purchased the MacCallum House in July, 2002. All three grew up in Mendocino and attended Mendocino High School together. Jed and Megan were high school sweethearts. During high school Jed and Noah worked at the MacCallum House under current Executive Chef Alan Kantor. Noah was a line cook and Jed was a dishwasher/prep cook. Jed is an honor graduate of Sonoma State with a BS in Business Administration. He also holds an MBA with honors from SF State. Megan is a grad of Sonoma State University with a BS in English Literature and has a Master's degree in English and Teaching. Noah is an accomplished contractor who has spent his career on the Mendocino Coast building custom houses, remodeling and restoring homes. He has a passion for craftsmanship and brings his many talents to maintaining the MacCallum House Properties. Side interests for the Ayres are those involving their family of three young children. Noah is an avid traveler.

**General Manager Herman Seidell** is also a Mendocino native who returned home to take over the hotel, restaurant and wine tours operations, bringing 17 years of diverse culinary, hospitality and management experience to this position. He has worked at the Auberge du Soleil in Napa, San Francisco's famed Masa's and the Ritz-Carlton, and the Alex Restaurant-Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas. He was a part of the team that made Alex one of only 16 restaurants to receive the Mobil 5 stars and AAA 5 diamonds awards. The Wynn Hotel was also the only hotel in Las Vegas to receive the Mobil 5 star rating. Side interests are hiking and foraging in the local woods for wild mushrooms and berries.

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**Executive Chef Alan Kantor** is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). He expresses his culinary talents using the North Coast's rich palette: the fine wines of Mendocino County, as well as those of Napa and Sonoma; huckleberries, wild chanterelle and porcini mushrooms from the forest; greens from local farms; fresh fish and shellfish from the ocean. Some of the country's finest meats and grains come from the valley regions, and world-class products from San Francisco arrive in the kitchen daily. Side interests are vintage motorcycles and travel to exotic culinary destinations.

**Sous Chef Michael Gordon** is also a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, 1997. He did his externship in Maine at a Radisson Hotel and then went to France for a 4-month 'stage' (internship) in Talloires, France. He has extensive baking experience, having baked for five years before attending the CIA. He has lived in Mendocino for several years. Side interests are anything to do with the outdoors, especially biking and kayaking.

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**Inn Manager Adriana Jalfim** was born in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1979. She attended an architecture school at PUC University for two years when she realized she wanted to work in the tourism industry. She moved to the small town of Canela where the best Hotel Management school was located. After graduating in 2002 she worked at the Sheraton and Saint Tropez hotels in Brazil. In 2005 in order to improve her English and to further her hotel education she moved to New York and attended Westchester College. In 2006 she moved to Mendocino to work at the MacCallum House as an innkeeper, moving up to manager in May, 2007.

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**Wedding & Event Coordinator Julie Wood**, a Mendocino native, has ten years of experience in the food and beverage industry, four of which were spent as part of the MacCallum House staff. She has worked every front-of-the-house position in the restaurant, beginning as a hostess in 2002, and is very familiar with the operations of the inn. Julie graduated with a degree in Hospitality and Restaurant Management from Le Cordon Bleu School in Portland, Oregon. She is honored to have the opportunity to help couples create one of the most important days of their lives. Julie's off-work interests are cooking, wine, theatre and art.

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**Mendo Wine Tours Manager Dan Sitts** retired from AT&T in 2004 where he worked in the maintenance department. With his thorough knowledge of the local communities and his experience from working in the tasting rooms of some of the area's wineries, he is an informed and enjoyable tour guide. Dan is a licensed limo driver. On the side he is a musician in a band that raises money for community causes and sits on the board of a local fire department.

**Restaurant General Manager Deborah Love** comes to us in the footsteps of her three daughters who have all worked at the MacCallum House. Deborah has a strong background in health care services and a long interest in organic food with management experience in a health spa and café in Nevada City, co-ownership in an organic food forest and retreat center in the Arizona Mountains, as well as in organic farming. Deborah has been managing breakfast service for the MacCallum House for the past two years. Her outside interests include songwriting and Web site development.

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SEASONAL EVENTS AND TRADITIONS

Owners Jed and Megan Ayres and Noah Sheppard, all born and raised in Mendocino, consider being an integral part of the local community an essential part of doing business. Following are a few of the many ways they contribute.

### DINE OUTS

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During the holidays and throughout the year it is important to count our blessings and give back to local community groups and those who are less fortunate. In this spirit MacCallum House hosts "Dine Outs", where the entire proceeds from dinner are donated to a wide range of selected groups. Groups supported include: the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association, KZYX (community non-commercial radio station). Rainbow School, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino Film Festival, Kelley House Museum, MUSE (to support music in our schools), Cancer Resource Center, Mendocino Children's Fund and Opera Fresca, a talented ensemble of Mendocino professionals dedicated to making opera accessible to a wide audience.

### SPECIAL DINING EVENTS

During the year the restaurant teams up with several outstanding North Coast wineries to offer evenings of superb dining. One of the most popular culinary events every year is the mushroom festival dinner in early November featuring mushroom expert Eric Schramm of the Mendocino Mushroom Company and winemaker Greg Graziano, whose unique Italian varietals thrive in Mendocino soil and pair brilliantly with Chef Alan Kantor's wild and exotic mushrooms dishes.

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Also, in spring there is an annual winemaker dinner with Kendall-Jackson to benefit the renowned Mendocino Musi Festival with its magical blend of fine music by outstanding performers in one of the most enchanting sites in Northern California on the Mendocino headlands. maccallumhouse.com/pages/restaurant/events-past.html



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**Annual Block Party & MUSE Event**

Every July, a day or two after the 4th, a block in front of MacCallum House is closed off to host an afternoon of gourmet BBQ and live music. This community gathering is a benefit for the Anderson Valley and Mendocino school music programs. Over the past five years more than $50,000 has been raised from this one event.
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**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Every year the local kids bring their own baskets to search the gardens for real and plastic eggs with candy and prizes inside. A good time is had by all.
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**Pride of Pets Fun Dog Show**

In honor of all the wonderful pets that have stayed over the years, MacCallum House teams up with the Mendocino Humane Society to host this June event with its fun categories like Look-A-Like, Best Tail Wagger, Most Mysterious Heritage and Personality & Poise.
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**Christmas and New Year's Eve**

Every year the beautiful eaves of the Victorian, its walkways and gardens are strung with lights making a breathtaking sight in the crisp sea air of December. A Giving Tree is put up for the area's disadvantaged children and people come and select a tag from the tree, buy its suggested gift and place the gift under the tree for a gathering of children to share on Christmas morning. A full menu is offered that night along with special holiday menu selections.
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On New Year's Eve the 'Mac' goes full out with an elegant five-course menu including a select wine to pair with each dish. Good communal cheer sends out the year in style and rings in the new year in the convivial firelit dining rooms, warmed by riverstone fireplaces and accompanied by live music.



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**HISTORY OF MENDOCINO AND MACCALLUM HOUSE**

The history of Mendocino and the MacCallum House are both tied to its dramatic redwood trees. The story goes back to 1850 when the "Frolic", a ship bound from China for San Francisco, ran aground just north of Point Cabrillo. Aboard the "Frolic" was an emporium of Chinese goods intended for sale in the inflated economy of a booming San Francisco. Her hold was packed tightly with ornately decorated camphor trunks, fine-colored silks, shiny lacquered ware, tables with inset marble tops, gold filigree jewelry, 21,000 porcelain bowls, candied fruits, silver tinderboxes, a prefabricated two-room house with oyster shell windows, toothbrushes, mother-of-pearl gaming pieces, ivory napkin rings, horn checkers, tortoise shell combs, silk fans, and scores of nested brass weights used by San Francisco merchants to measure their goods. Everything was made in China except 6,109 bottles of Edinburgh ale, brought along to inspire thirsty California gold diggers. Of all the cargo, the ale had come the farthest, nearly two-thirds of the way around the globe. When a group was dispatched from the logging camp at Bodega Bay to recover the cargo, they found virgin redwood forests instead of booty from the Orient.

In 1852 lumberman and entrepreneur Harry Meiggs, founder of San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, sailed to Mendocino Bay with his sawmill aboard the ship "Ontario". Thus began the area's logging industry. From 1852-1882 Mendocino served as the primary supplier of redwood lumber to booming California, continuing as a main lumber source into the 1920s.

William Kelley was in Meiggs' crew and became one of the original settlers of Mendocino. Although coming to California to pursue gold, he made his fortune through various business ventures, including two sawmills, a general merchandise store, saloons, pool halls and livery stables. He returned to his native Prince Edward Island in 1855 and brought back his bride, Eliza, to join him. Their daughter, Daisy, was born in 1859 and 20 years later she married her father's bookkeeper, Alexander MacCallum. She was known as spirited and charming and he as shrewd, a winning combination. Daisy went on to become the town belle.

MacCallum House was built by William Kelley as a wedding gift to his daughter and new son-in-law. The house was constructed in what was then called "pointed cottage" style. When first built it was more highly decorated with cresting on the roof ridge and finials at the point of the gables. The architect and builder was John D. Johnson, who did many of Mendocino's long-lasting redwood, New England-style Victorian homes.



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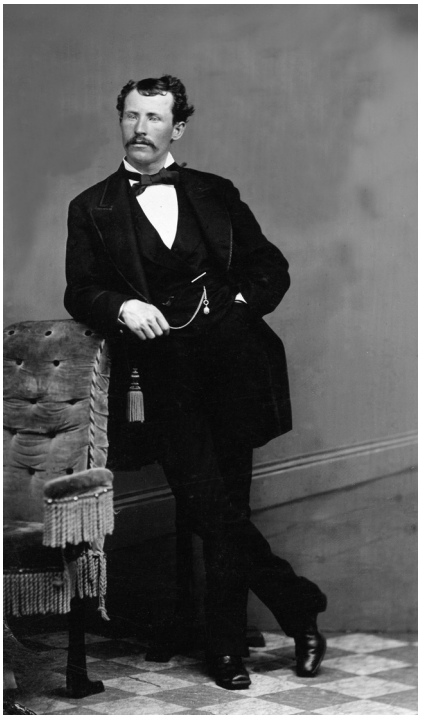
Before the house was ready for occupancy, Alex and Daisy lived with her parents. The Kelley House is still right across the street from MacCallum House and is now a museum that contains the Mendocino Historical Research Society. When the Kelley's lived there, water was supplied from a water tower with a wooden-bladed windmill. There was also a unique privy, built in an octagonal shape, that could accommodate five. The 'loo' has been rebuilt and is now used for storage. Kelly House is open to the public and the friendly, knowledgeable guides add colorful information to the display of pioneer artifacts and records.

The Mendocino Beacon of September 30, 1882 states: "Mr. MacCallum has moved into his new house. The house, in its interior arrangement, is handsomely fitted up in every detail. Hot and cold water can be had in three different places, and there is a bathroom with a sprinkler overhead for family use. The house contains five airy bedrooms with lofty ceilings and corresponding breadth, a cheery dining room, a parlor with space for a library and a pantry with wash room. The house commands a fine view on the south, while on the north it is well protected from the storms. It is a beautiful residence."


Alex MacCallum

The parlor where Daisy welcomed passersby with a cup of tea and cookies is now the casual Grey Whale Bar & Café. Guests continue to enjoy fine food and drink while watching the waves from the sunporch or cozily sharing a Victorian sofa and indulging in one of the bar's signature organic fruit margaritas. The restaurant's dining rooms with riverstone fireplaces were once Daisy's library and own formal dining room. The rooms upstairs in the main house and in the surrounding buildings are now the MacCallum House Inn. Outlying buildings, including a playhouse, water tower, gazebo and barn, have been innovatively remodeled to create additional unique accommodations. The family church is now Corner's of the Mouth health food store and the Kelly House is a museum and home of the town's archives.



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## GARDENS

Daisy MacCallum was an early member of the American Rose Society and many of the roses she planted at the turn of the century still bloom in the gardens. The Kelley House museum, across the street from the MacCallum House, contains original catalogs from which Daisy ordered new varieties. She acquired most in their year of introduction and several well-loved heirloom varieties are still thriving. A generous spirit, she shared starts from her plants and they can be found all over Mendocino, including "Mutabilis" and Harrison's Yellow (the yellow rose of Texas). Like any good gardener, she had to defend her plants from invaders and during the depression paid five cents per gopher to industrious young folks.

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Today two beautifully landscaped acres with vibrant gardens surround MacCallum House, including a chef's garden with herbs and flowers used to grace the plates at the restaurant.

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## IN AND ABOUT MENDOCINO

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The magnificent Mendocino Coast is noted for its spectacular ocean views and charming Victorian villages dotting the scenic coastline. Mendocino village is situated on a peninsula and surrounded on three sides by picturesque wildflower covered bluffs and crashing surf. Established in the 1850s, many of the New England style Victorians have been lovingly restored into romantic inns, world-class restaurants and quaint shops. It takes about an hour to stroll the town if you are not lured into shopping along the way. The entire village of Mendocino is designated as a National Historic District.

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The harbor town of Fort Bragg is best known for the Skunk train that takes its riders on a trip through the redwoods and back in time. The harbor in Noyo bustles with activity from fishermen bringing in their daily catch and charter boats that offer fishing and whale watching adventures. The flowers meets the sea at the Botanical Gardens, a plant and flower lover's paradise. The 47-acre Gardens hosts several major fundraisers each year – Art in the Gardens and Winesong! top the list and are always exciting well-attended events.

Just two miles south of Mendocino, discover the relaxed atmosphere of Little River with its beautiful coastline and fern canyons. For fun one can snorkel off Van Damme, stroll sandy beaches or enjoy a round of golf with an ocean view.



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Outdoor activities also include mountain biking, horseback riding on the beach with Ricochet Ridge Ranch, hiking through the redwoods, canoeing, birding and guided llama treks. A trip to the beautifully restored Point Cabrillo Lighthouse with its Third Order Fresnel lens is a must. The Lighthouse continues to operate 24 hours per day as a navigational aid. This is where the clipper brig "Frolic" ran aground (see history page) and the best place to hear about this intriguing piece of history. Her story is among the most fascinating in California shipwreck history and the site is currently under consideration as a State underwater park.

Mendocino County is home to more than a third of all certified organic vineyard acreage in California and has about 50 wineries on three different tour routes. If coming to the coast from the north, one can visit the Redwood Valley and Ukiah area wineries, and from the south drive through beautiful Anderson Valley. Timeless communities and rugged natural splendor invite journeying. Winding country roads connect these diverse regions, each with its own unique personality. One can experience small, boutique wineries with limited productions of outstanding and rare varietals and meet passionate winemakers skilled in their craft.

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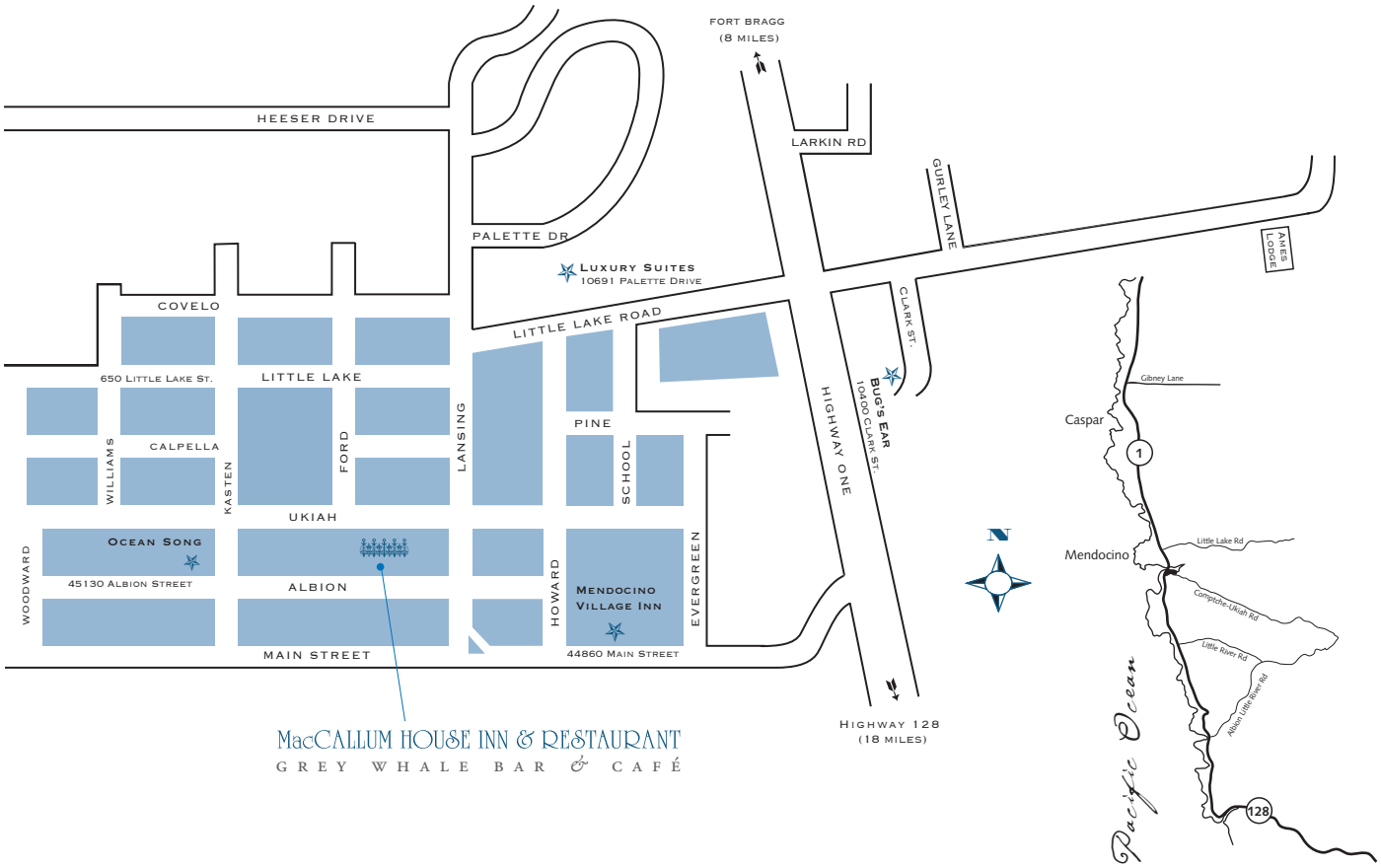


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