

# COSMO BEACH HOUSE

# **O p e r a t i n g I n s t r u c t i o n s**

## WELCOME !

WI-FI NETWORK: Cosmo Beach

PASSWORD: Paradise

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# ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS

**The property address is 10951 Sunset Avenue, Forestville, CA 95436.**

**PARKING: PLEASE PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY ONLY. Do not park on the street.** A few neighbors are protective and neurotic about parking. This is caused by beach proximity and bad parenting.

**Keys:** The codes for all the doors including laundry padlock and boat padlocks are all the same. This code will be provided to you just prior to your arrival.

**WIFI:** The network is **Cosmo Beach** and the password is **Paradise**

**Note:** The pool boy comes mid day on Fridays to clean the hot tub. He typically stays no more than a few minutes. Please keep your dogs inside when he is there. Worst case, he is very dog friendly.

## **FIRST AID/Toiletries:**

A First Aid kit is in bathroom medicine cabinet. There is another one elsewhere. Other than shampoo and soap, you are mostly on your own with toiletries. However, there are some backup items in the drawer in the bedroom closet. Extra TP, PT, tissues, soap, foil, sponges, etc are in the downstairs laundry room.

**Heating and cooling:** Use the Daikin heat pump mounted high on the wall in the main room. Use white Daikin remote: Press ON/OFF button. Press TEMP up and down buttons to select desired temperature. There is a symbol on the screen that indicates the mode: heat (sun) or cooling (snowflake). In order to change the mode, slide down the "shutter" on the remote to reveal tons more buttons. Press MODE and cycle through to select the desired mode. PLEASE keep windows closed while using the unit and most importantly, turn it OFF when you are gone for any significant length of time (and off course before you check-out). The A/C increases global warming (and costs a fortune!), so please be conscientious. **PLEASE TURN OFF A/C or HEAT WHEN YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE.**

**FIRE DANGERS:** Make sure that nothing/nobody is close to or touching the heaters or wood stove, and that small children, pets and other flammable things are kept at a safe distance. **THERE ARE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS JUST OUTSIDE THE FRONT AND REAR DECKS**, plus one under the kitchen sink and one under the back deck as well. Do not build fires outside - ever! See inside of manual for wood burning stove instructions/warnings. Do not use paper or cardboard to start fires. **Please be careful- Sonoma County is extremely flammable.**

## **DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **Trash and Recycling:**

~Trash and recycling bins are located next to the sliding entry gate. Glass, metal and paper can all go in the same blue recycling bin. Please put your trash in the bins before you check out. Trash pickup is on Wednesday, so the bins need to be moved across the street (on the edge the road) by Tuesday night, then brought back onto the property on Wednesday afternoon/evening. We try to take care of moving the cans in and out, but we sometimes can't. If you see the cans inside the gate on Tuesday, please do us a favor and move them across the street. Same if you see the cans on the street on Wednesday or Thursday. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

### **Housekeeping:**

All dishes should be washed and put away. Please leave dirty linens in a pile (separate pile for hot tub/beach towels away from other linens) and leave the house clean and orderly.

**~PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE HEATERS, A/C, GRILL, OVEN and COOKTOP AND FIRE PIT ARE TURNED COMPLETELY OFF!**

**~Lock all windows and doors.**

**~Finally, please sign the guestbook!**

## WELCOME!

Please refer to the Arrival Instructions for the most critical information. Read on and you will see that how concise I am not. In addition to this guide, there are instruction manuals for the wood burning stove, oven, cooktop, TV/DVD, telephone, stereo, etc... in the drawer of the bedroom "dresser".

### Computer/Internet:

Wifi network is **Cosmo Beach**. The password is **Paradise**. The modem and router are located above the hangbar in the bedroom closet. There is a power supply that you can reach if you need to reset. Both the modem and router are plugged into it. My experience is that turning things on and off (or taking them apart then reassembling them) (or taking a nap) almost always fixes just about everything (except perhaps for aircraft and nuclear reactors)

### Air Conditioning and heat.

Use the Daikin unit for all of your cooling and heating needs. Use white Daikin remote: Turn it on and set the mode to cooling or heating, then set the temperature as needed. There is a symbol on the screen that indicates the mode: heat (sun) or cooling (snowflake). In order to change the mode, slide down the "shutter" on the remote to reveal tons more buttons. Press MODE and cycle through to select the desired mode. PLEASE keep windows closed while using the unit and turn it off when you are gone for any significant length of time (and when you check-out). The A/C increases global warming (and costs us a fortune!), so please be conscientious.

### Staying cool in summer/autumn:

On very hot days (this is becoming more and more common), I recommend keeping blinds closed in the morning. The sun can be brutal. Keep all windows closed all morning +. Keeping the windows closed retains the nights cool air. You can also add A/C and/or fans for more cooling and/or ventilation. In the late afternoon, once the sweet cool river/ocean breeze starts, open as many windows and doors as possible. Front to back cross ventilation is best. The river breeze blows from the river (hence the name) towards the house. **PLEASE KEEP WINDOWS CLOSED WHEN USING A/C AND TURN OFF THE UNIT EVERYTIME YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE.**

### Staying warm; Heaters:

**Heater:** Use Daikin heat pump for heat, not just cooling. Set the mode for heat, then set the temp and forget it. **PLEASE KEEP WINDOWS CLOSED WHEN HEATING AND TURN OFF UNIT WHEN YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE.** There is also a gas heater in the bedroom for cold winter nights. press ON/OFF button to turn on. Press UP/DOWN buttons to set desired temperature. The display readout will show desired temperature and actual temperature (a 2nd flashing light).

### Staying warm; Wood Burning Stove:

Refer to instruction manual. Recall your boy/girl scout skills. For the first 10 minutes of starting a fire, the controls on the stove (behind the front bottom panel) should be set with the lever at **B** and the knob set at **3**. Use adequate kindling or firestarters to start the fire, then add more progressively larger logs to keep it going. Once you have a strong fire going, move lever to **A** and the knob between **0-2** depending on amount of heat desired. For long-lasting overnight heating, the knob should be set at **0**. I wish that this too could be simpler. **DO NOT USE PAPER TO START FIRES!** You can easily set the neighborhood and county on fire. No joke.

**Firewood:** Please bring your own firewood. You can buy firewood and kindling at almost every grocery store, liquor store, hardware store and gas station in the area. If you need a supplement, there is sometimes wood under the decks and/or in the shed in the NW corner of the property. In the shed, use gloves and watch out for wildlife (scorpions, rodents, cats, etc).

### Staying warm; Spa:

**Please don't use the solid grey bath s when using the spa or beach.** Instead, use the patterned beach/ spa towels stored under the bathroom sink. See below. **PLEASE SHOWER BEFORE SPA USE** and do not wear clothing or swimwear (you are in Northern California fer Chrissake). The spa water will bleach your clothes and our linens, plus dirt/lotions/ detergent/ water softener, etc. will screw up the spa, even in small amounts. Adjust the temperature with the arrow controls on the control panel. 103 is a universally loved spa temperature, but it may be too hot for some, especially kids. Use the JETS button to turn on the jets (once for low, twice for high) and to vary them, use the various grey control knobs. Make sure that the MODE button stays set on **Standard (Economy)** means no heat- WTF). Enjoy the tub, but do not use it if you are pregnant or have any serious health problems. Do not stand in the tub, do not sit on the edge and do not stay in the tub longer than 15 minutes without getting out at least briefly to cool off. **PLEASE SHOWER AFTER SPA USE** before getting into bed or sitting on furniture (your moist brominated body will bleach the bedding and furniture). Plus, I'm sure that you know that leaving spa water on your skin is definitely a *Skincare Don't*.

### Gas Grill:

There should be plenty of propane in the tank located inside the cabinet under the grill. The tank should always be closed/turned off when not in use. Twist the valve on top of the tank to open. To light the grill, push the ignitor button (and keep it depressed for at least a few seconds) until it starts clicking, then while holding it in, turn on one or more burner knobs (by pushing and turning counterclockwise) until the burners light. When you're not using the grill, please fully turn off all the burners (by pushing and turning fully clockwise) and **turn off the gas at the tank valve**. If you run out of propane (or if the housekeeper once again forgets to check the tank!), there is a back-up tank underneath the house in the utility room and probably another under the back deck. However, if you are here for a long stay, please refill the empty tank with a full one before you depart. To refill, take the tank to most any Supermarket or Spears Market, 2 minutes away, on Mirabel road (just off River Road). They will swap your empty tank for a full

one. If you are a cheapskate you can go to Rotten Robbies in Forestville and be patient, they will eventually refill your tank from their much bigger tank. If you are only staying briefly then just let us know that a refill is needed and we will take care of it.

**Cooktop:** Same as all of them. Same as it ever was.

**Oven:** To turn on, push either Bake/ Broil/etc, then select desired temperature by punching in numbers, then push Start button. Oven will beep when it has reached desired temperature. To turn it off, push Clear/off button- the fan will run until oven has cooled down. There is a microwave in the kitchen cabinet across from the oven. Enter cooking time then Start.

**Dishwasher:** DETERGENT PODS GO ON TOP OF THE SILVERWARE BASKET. To start, simply close the drawer and press the round lit START/PAUSE button on the face of the drawer. To customize the function (Heavy Duty, Eco, etc), use the inside control panel (top edge of drawer) before closing the door. If nothing is lit up, then the unit is completely off. To turn it on, you need to press the triangle ON/OFF button on the inside control panel (top edge of drawer) Once again: **Detergent Pods Go On Top Of The Silverware Basket**, not in the little compartment which certainly looks like it was intended specifically for dishwasher detergent. WTF! If you need to pause the cycle, just press the outside round Start/Pause button. If the dishwasher intermittently beeps it means that the cycle is not complete and it is paused for some reason. To fix- open the drawer, press the triangle button located on the top edge of drawer, then close and it should resume running. If you simply can't get the unit to stop beeping (this happens) you can reset it by turning it off then back on again (my go-to fix for everything) To do this use the triangle on/off button on the inside drawer edge. Press once to stop the beeping, press again for off, wait 20 seconds, then press it again for on. All should be well in the world now. If not, then note that the on/off button also functions as a start button. Or you can give up and wash the dishes by hand like us simple country folk do all the time.

**Vacuum:** There is a wand vacuum in the bedroom closet. Please keep it plugged in to charge it. After use, please empty it by pulling the red handle causing the little door to open. Please leave the little door open to air it out when not in use so stink doesn't build up inside it.

#### **Furniture:**

Please take care of the fine wood furniture. Always use coasters and placemats. Do not put glasses or dishes directly on the wood. Do not place dogs on the furniture.

#### **Your Pets:**

**No pets on the furniture.** Do not leave your pet unattended inside or out. There are a few dog crates under the house. The yard is not completely fenced in, so pets (or kids or significant others) can easily leave the property if so inclined, and other animals (deer, cats, turkeys, wandering beach dogs) can enter the property. You are liable for your pet: Any injury to your pet or any damage or injury that your pet causes is your responsibility. Please clean up dog hair, pee and poo from house, yard and beach. There is a pooper scooper under the deck. See full instruction manual for dog friendly outings.

#### **Decks:**

**PLEASE USE CAUTION** and do not let pets or children on the decks or stairs unsupervised. We are not responsible for any injuries due to falls from decks, stairs or anywhere else.

**Sleep:** There are extra sheets/comforters/blankets/pillows in the drawers in the living room, and closet. The back of the sofa folds down to form a bed. There is no latch or release- just a cam kinda thing. Try pulling on the front of the sofa seat while pushing on the top of the sofa back. There is also a very comfy queen size airbed in the bedroom closet (bottom drawer?).

#### **Water:**

The water in the area is very clean, but it is chlorinated. The cold water from the kitchen sink tap is filtered, so voila, no more chlorine.

#### **Laundry:**

A washer and dryer are in the utility room under the house (same lock combo as house). Their operation is pretty typical. Press the ON button first, then select the mode with the giant knob. Then push the PLAY" button on the right to start the cycle. Laundry detergent goes in the front left compartment in the little drawer which is on the top left of the machine. One half cap should do the trick. Make sure to clean the dryer filter after use.

#### **Beach and spa towels:**

**Please do not use the nice solid grey bath towels when using the spa or swimming in the river.** The spa chemicals will bleach and ruin them. For beach and spa use, there are patterned white and gray beach and spa towels under the bathroom sink.

#### **Beaches:**

Cosmo Beach, in the backyard is privately owned by (lucky!) us. ~~However it is contiguous with the neighbors' beaches, and is now contiguous with Hacienda beach, which is a semi-private neighborhood beach. The beach grows a few feet each year due to riparian hydrology of some sort (my property grows by 200+ square feet per year; I'm gonna be rich, bitchez!). Because of this, Hacienda, Cosmo and Sunset beaches are becoming contiguous.~~ Note- after the 2024 flooding, a huge chunk of our beach is now underwater. This really sucks, but what is left is small and sweet and much more private than it was in the past. So there's that. Cosmo beach sometimes attracts people looking for a beautiful private spot to hang out at (typically dehydrated drunk boaters). It is your choice whether to ask people to leave or not- but before you go all Rambo on them, please make sure that they are not my neighbors. This little slice of paradise was created over the course of thousands/millions of years and we are just temporary caretakers. My policy is that I'm happy to share the beach with anybody, as long as they are respectful and considerate (no littering, no music and no doing

your business in the willows). Of course, please respect everybody else's right to quiet enjoyment of the beach as well.

The next beach over is 100 feet downstream (follow the path just behind the beach). Feel free to use it. It is huge, desolate, and is there for your use. No trespassing signs are meaningless. The Public Trust Doctrine applies. It says that all beaches in California (even privately owned like ours) are allowed to be used by the public - as long as they are accessed without trespassing through somebody's private property. So if you arrive by boat, by swimming or via my beach, you are golden. This applies to our beach and to Steven Spielberg's alike. If anybody tries to shoo you away claiming theirs is a private beach, ignore them, tell them to fuck off or quote the PTD. Hacienda beach, 100+ feet upstream is very close to the bridge. It is owned by the neighborhood association, but often occupied due to its accessibility from a path at the end of Sunset Ave. All these beaches are typically unoccupied early mornings and evenings and pretty almost 24/7 in the Winter and Spring. Please only use the patterned towels for spa and beach use. They are in a bin under the bathroom sink. Swim, wade, boat, paddle or float at your own risk. Do not swim or do any of these other things if you can't swim (especially swimming). Under the deck are lounge chairs and chaises for beach use.

**Swimming:** Cosmo is shallow, while Hacienda and Sunset beaches are deeper; better for swimming- but like everything along the river, it changes every winter. The best swimming spot is off of Hacienda beach (a few hundred feet upstream) under the bridge. The current is pretty mild in most parts of the river, but it can be sometimes be deceiving- and the river bottom can be uneven.

**The Canoe and Kayaks:** There is a green canoe that is tucked in the willows on the beach (go left when approaching the beach from the house). Paddles are under the back deck. There are 2 kayaks just off the beach path- look left just before descending beach stairs). The lock combo for the kayaks and the canoe is xxxx (same as the house). Note that the numbers should line up at the top of the number display (not the center where one would intuitively expect). Do not use the boats between October and May (and during and 2+ weeks after any rainstorm), as the rushing Russian River can be very dangerous. During the summer season, please do not use the boats if there is a significant current. Please be very careful when boating – **USE THE BOATS AT YOUR OWN RISK**. Don't use the boats if you can't swim. All Adults and children **MUST** use life vests. They are under the deck along with river shoes. When paddling upstream, please be careful- bottlenecks can be VERY tricky to maneuver and can easily capsize you. You should portage if you aren't a very experienced paddler. Bring eyeglass leashes and leave your phone at home. Please return the boats their parking spots and lock them up after usage. Please return paddles to the house. **ALWAYS LOCK THE BOATS WHEN NOT IN USE** (you just can't trust these beach tourists- they will rob you blind if given the opportunity!). Note: Every once in a long while, I will access the beach from the river and borrow one of "your" boats. If you see that one is missing, text me and I'll either bring it back or assume it was stolen and report it to the po-po/five-o.

#### **The Fire Pit:**

It is safe to use the propane fire pit in the Winter and Spring, and only when fire danger is low (when weather is cold and wet). Please use all precautions. Open the valve on the propane tank behind the chairs, then light the flame per instructions. It's simple- just like lighting any gas pilot. Do not leave it unattended! Do not cover it unless it is completely cold! Do not cook over it (propane and marshmallows don't taste good). or put anything too close to the flame! Make sure to close the valve on the propane tank when it is not in use. Just in case, there is a fire extinguisher behind the tree behind the sitting area, and another under the back deck. If you even think that somehow an ember floated onto the dry ground. Use the fire extinguisher or the hose (under back deck) to wet the ground all around the area. **DO NOT BUILD ANY OPEN FIRES ANYWHERE INCLUDING THE BEACH - EVER.** It only takes a few embers to start a catastrophic wildfire. Read about the neighboring Tubbs fire (7000 buildings destroyed) and 55,000 acre Walbridge fire, then decide if you want to even use the gas fire pit.

#### **Wildlife:**

There are ducks, hawks, osprey, eagles! great blue heron!, egrets, swallows, wild turkeys, squirrels, rats, amphibians, salmon, steelhead, bass, crabs, foxes, river otters! (even a lost sea lion on occasion!), deer, cats, rabbits and much much more. Sorry, no whales, but there is occasionally a mountain lion sighting, so don't let your dog off leash at night. Please do not feed or kill or fuck with any of these animals in any way- this is their home and has been for thousands+ of years.

#### **Fruit Trees:**

There are plums (green gage, cherry and Italian), Gravenstein apples, Himalayan blackberries, blue elderberries, meyer lemons, navel oranges, Satsuma mandarins, pears, olives, figs, and grapes growing on the property (is this paradise- or what?). If they are ripe, feel free to snack on a few of them (except figs!), these trees are small so leave some (a lot actually) for the rest of us. Note- Our elderberry pomegranate and Italian plum trees were knocked over and killed by the recent flood. They will all be sorely missed.

#### **The Garden:**

Next to the house in the side yard is a garden with herbs and tomatoes. Feel free to enjoy a few while you are here, but leave some for others. Please don't take them home or throw them at bad performers. Please don't water the tomatoes- they are dry farmed and irrigated very rarely.

#### **The Weed:**

It is legal here in Cali, dude. There is a stash available of Sonoma grown organic free range smoke that was grown by a school principal (not kidding). It is perfectly balanced- not too heady, not too dreamy, no couch-lock. And the effects only last 2 hours or so- not all day. Ask me and I'll tell you where the stash is located. Don't be shy- it is my gift to you so you can experience all Sonoma has to offer.

#### **The Neighborhood:**

Many of our neighbors live here year-round, so please respect that this neighborhood is their home. Almost all will be friendly, helpful and will respect you, but I can't make any promises about several of the assholeish few.

## WHAT TO EAT:

**RESTAURANTS:** (in order by distance more or less) (\* = great and \*\* are not to be missed)

Please note that you are not in Kansas anymore. Restaurants around here close early (9:00 or earlier except many taco trucks). Always call first if it's not summer or a winter weekend. Listed are only good places (food or atmosphere-wise). There are many many more options- but either I don't know about them or I think that they kinda suck.

**Sonoma Pizza Co.** is right on the main drag, route 116 in Downtown Forestville. Recently opened- it seems to be very good. They have a real Neapolitan pizza oven. They have take/bake options as well (not as good unless you have your own Napoli oven).

**Bazaar Sonoma** Also in Downtown Forestville is new and serves "Traditional Chinese food with untraditional values". Farm to wok cuisine. I've only tried it once, but I was definitely impressed.

**\*\*Nightingale Bakery** Awesome French bread (the best in the county by far – it is definitely better than Acme). Seeded Epi is their best item. Mini baguettes with stuff inside are always great. You can't go wrong with anything they make. Downtown Forestville.

**A La Heart Kitchens** Good take-away lunch items. They are caterers, so everyday they have different items.

**Angela's Ice Cream** in downtown Forestville. New, still untried by us. Supposedly it is good (but people up here are easy).

**Corks at Russian River Vineyards** Very good restaurant and winery in Forestville on Hwy 116.

**\*\*Farmhouse Inn** in Forestville, has incredible food and is considered the best restaurant in the county (or second best since Single Thread arrived?) - It is 3 miles away on river road. Michelin starred and \$\$\$\$

**Rio Nido Roadhouse** A funky dive for booze/food and local color, live music (and a pool and putt-putt!).

**Russian River Pub** is only a mile away on River Road is a funky dive bar with not awful food (decent by dive bar standards). A good place to park your truck, get sloppy drunk and watch other sloppy people do the same.

**Rice and Noodle Etc** in Guerneville. Chinese food. The food is way better than the name. May

**\*WillowWood Café** in Graton, is on the shortlist of best brunch places in the area- dinner too.

**Underwood Bar and Bistro** across the street in Graton, is a great dinner/drinking spot. There's an outdoor dining/bocce court and a great bar. The food is quite good especially if you've had one too many.

**\*Boon** Casual but great gourmet restaurant- highly recommended, on the main drag (River road) in Guerneville.

**Big Bottom Café** Main drag, Guerneville. Fantastic sandwich shop. [Update -downgraded to Very Good]

**Nimble & Finn** I feel pretentious just saying the name. This is an utterly delicious, cow-to-table ice cream shop. The pies are very good too. It is in a gorgeous old bank building on the main drag in Guerneville. Bring your high limit Visa card.

**Stumptown Brewery** A touristy but not faux riverfront rollicking funky brewpub BBQ joint. Go for the beer and vibe, not for the food.

**Single Thread** warrants a mention. Sonoma County's answer to French Laundry. Above my pay grade, but people rave about it including The Michelin Man. It is \$\$\$\$\$\$!

**Cape Fear** Great brunch place in Duncan's Mills- on the way to the coast.

**\*\*Wild Flour Bakery** Incredible rustic breads and scones full of fruits/cheeses/chocolate located in Freestone on Bohemian Highway. Go here. Seriously.

**\*Spud Point Crab Company**- On Bodega Bay. The freshest crab in the area. Chowder too. Take out only. Really good.

**\*Terrapin Creek** Fantastic seafood and then some. Michelin starred in Bodega Bay. \$\$\$

**\*Various Oyster joints on Tomales Bay near Point Reyes** Far, but the drive down the coast along Tomales Bay is magnificent. The oysters are really good and it is a fun (but crowded scene) to have an oyster picnic on the Bay.

### ***A little further away:***

**Sebastopol** (more down to earth and affordable) and **Healdsburg** (more formal, more splurge-worthy) have more/better restaurants than Guerneville and Forestville. FWIW, overall I prefer Sebastopol, but you can't go wrong in any of these places.

**Town of SEBASTOPOL** (10 miles SE on hwy 116) has lots of restaurants. Try **\*La Bodega** Café (awesome), **\*\*Ramen Gaijin** (utterly fantastic ramen- best I've ever had), **\*Khom Loi** (incredible Neo-Thai). **\*Psychic Pie** (really great pizza slabs). Also really good are **Piala** (Great Georgian food), **The Redwood** (food and natural wine bar), **Ginger Thai**, **Handline** (seafood), **KL Bistro**, **BBQ Smokehouse**, **Hole in the Wall**, **East West Café**, **Hop Monk** (live music), **El Farolito** and definitely **Screamin Mimis** for ice cream. Lets not forget about **\*Patisserie Angelica** (precious but great). **The Barlow** is a converted giant industrial complex that has a ridiculous number of brew pubs, as well as wine bars, some restaurants and cool-stuff stores. The quality of just about everything is very good.

**\*Town of HEALDSBURG** (15 miles north on Westside Road) is teeming with great restaurants and wineries. Most have a very refined rustic vibe. Try **Low and Behold**, **Barn Diva**, **Madrona Manor**, **Dry Creek Kitchen**, **Valette**, **Scopa or Chalkboard** for fine dining. **Downtown Bakery** is famous for a good reason. Also **El Farolito** or **Bear Republic Brewery** are good, if you just gotta have some food instead of some cuisine. **Shed** sells great fancy fresh and prepared food. It is like Healdsburg in general - beautiful, refined, top quality, precious, a labor of love, a feast for the senses, expensive and understatedly pretentious. The drive to get there, on vineyard/winery-lined Westside road is a must.

**SANTA ROSA** has many many very good (but not awesome?) restaurants- I don't go there often. However, and I mean however, the (2nd) best taco truck in all Northern California is **\*\*Delicias Elenitas** on Sebastopol road. Their carnitas tacos are sublime and they are open until 1:00am and 3:00 on weekends).

### **Restaurant Delivery: A few places do**

**Online food delivery services:** coming soon to West County.? Maybe here already? If not try R2T2 or Bill's taxi. They will deliver from many restaurants.

**BARS:** Other than wineries (see below), "real" river dwellers frequent dives like Russian River Pub, Pats, Rio Nido Roadhouse, Pink Elephant, or Stumptown. If you order anything other than beer or cheap whiskey, you will be ridiculed and shown the door. If you want nicer bars (wine, pink cocktails, polo shirts), go to Healdsburg (many very fine ones to choose from), Sebastopol, Santa Rosa or El Barrio or Agriculture in Guerneville. There are many supposedly great "gay bars" (the bars aren't gay but numerous clients are) in Guerneville. Willy's Wine Bar an institution in Santa Rosa. There are also bars in some of the aforementioned nice restaurants. Brew Pubs are around every corner. Note- I have only been to a handful of bars in the area, cuz I'm just not a bar kinda guy. I'd rather eat, play with dogs on the beach or edit this house manual.

### **FOOD SHOPPING**

**Farmers Markets:** there are wonderful farmers market in one local town or another almost every day. Some are year round. Tuesday 4-7 in Downtown Forestville is great. The biggest and best quality food is Sunday market on the square in Sebastopol (10am-1:30pm). A local favorite is the Thursday market in Occidental (4-8pm). Super charming town amongst the redwoods, great produce (lots of trust-fund farmers), restaurant food stalls and music too. Great place for well-heeled hippy watching.  
[www.cafarmersmarkets.com/](http://www.cafarmersmarkets.com/)

**Groceries** in order of distance:

**Berrys/Sam's "Market"** short walk across the bridge. Good for beer, cigarettes and candy bars. Glorified liquor store. OK- actually no glory whatsoever.

**Speers** Small/local, but very useful store. It is up-scaling rapidly as we speak (River Rd and Mirabel). That is mostly a good thing.

**Safeway** supermarket in Guerneville. No explanation necessary. It is what it is. Open 24/7

**Andy's** on 116 in Graton. Very good produce, wine and many other groceries store. Their tomatoes suck even in September. Their house made tomatillo/avocado salsa is the best grocery store salsa I know of. There is a local/good Panizzera meats stall inside.

**Pacific Market** on 116 in Sebastopol. Good wine and prepared foods selection. Open 7-9

**Whole Foods Sebastopol.** Typically the best produce/meat/cheese in the area (other than Farmers markets). Good wine selection. Use my Amazon Prime phone # for discounts 415-252-0200. Fuck Jeff Bezos but I still shop there.

**Community Market in Sebastopol** Local version of Whole Foods. Very good quality but more crunchy and even more spendy. Than Whole Foods. Not owned by Jeff Bezos.

**Safeway** in Sebastopol. No explanation necessary. It is what it is. Open 24/7. I go for their "house made" plain cheesecake.

**Healdsburg:** Big John's supermarket, Olivers supermarket, Safeway, Shelton's natural foods. None are anything special. Also local/ high quality Journeyman Meats (charcuterie done right)

## WINE STORES (in no particular order)

**Willibies, Sonoma Wine Shop, Wine Stars, Wine Stop**

## **FARM STANDS:**

**Farm stand on River Road near Hwy 101: Warning-** It looks authentic-ish and it's cheap, but it SUCKS. Most of their produce is commercial and not local. They are probably a little better than many supermarkets and are locally owned, so there is that.

**\*GREEN STRING FARM** (awesome and cheap)  
3571 Old Adobe Road, Petaluma, CA 94954 Phone 707-778-7500

**\*TIERRA Farm Stand** (also really great- much closer, but not as cheap). Strawberries to die for.  
651 Airport Blvd (@hwy 101) (707) 544-6141

**HONOR SYSTEM Fruit Stands** Many scattered throughout the county. Take produce, leave money. Karma applies.

## **WHAT TO DO**

(other than sunbathe, eat, cook, drink, swim or boat). Included is what to do with your dog, cuz it's their vacation too:

**Wineries:** There are scores of great wineries in the immediate area. For starters, there are dozens of great wineries on Westside road, which starts 1 block away from here and meanders it's way to Healdsburg. Some of our favorites: **Gary Farrell** at 10701 Westside road, **Porter Creek** at 8735 Westside and **Twomey** at 3000 Westside Road. Also close to home: **Joseph Swan** on Trenton Road, **Copain** on Eastside road, **Iron Horse** on Ross Station Road and **Russian River Vineyards** on Hwy 116. In Healdsburg, check out **Quivira**, **Michel Schlumberger**, **Dry Creek Vineyards** and **Rochioli**. Also highly recommended for places with good wines with beautiful views: Armida, Landmark, Macrostie, Quivera, Cast, Reeve, Bella, Sbragia and... Many of them are dog friendly. There are a ton of Brew Pubs in Sonoma County, but like I said, you need to find your own way.

**Canoe, Kayak and SUP Rentals:** See section below regarding paddling the river. Burke's, Soar and SUP odyssey rent vessels and provide transport for self guided downstream trips. **Kings Sport** in Guerneville rent boats but doesn't do trips.

**Tubing/Floating:** You can slowly float your way down the river in an inner-tube or raft, your belly or a floaty shaped like a swan or Bart Simpson. Figure a speed of 1 MPH, so have reasonable expectations of how far you'll go. There is a **River Shuttle** that runs between **Sunset beach** (walking distance from Cosmo) and **Steelhead Beach** (a few miles upstream). I suggest walking to Sunset beach with your deflated gear. Once there, follow path signs pointing to River Shuttle (in the parking lot). The shuttle will take you upstream to Steelhead Beach where you can inflate then put your floaties and your bellies in the river. Float downstream 2 miles to Cosmo (takes 4 hours-ish). The shuttle runs every 30 min from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Alternatively, you can use **R2T2** or **Bill's or Monte Rio Taxis** to shuttle around on your own schedule. Note that none of these shuttle options can accommodate kayaks, canoes or Russian yachts. Do not tube or float or boat or swim if you can't swim. Note that we don't provide floaties. [travelingspud.com](http://travelingspud.com) has a good guide of what, where, how and when.

**Osmosis Japanese Spa** gets rave reviews (but I know nuthin' about spas). It's in Freestone, which is gorgeous and has an absolutely awesome bakery, **Wildflour** (which I know all about- see above). **Boon** has a spa too, I think. I can ask my wife. I'll get back to you about that.

## **RIVER BEACHES:**

**Hacienda Beach** (under the bridge), **Sunset Beach** (my fave) and **Mom's Beach** are all within walking distance. Nice beaches that are further away are **Villa Grande Beach** (my 2<sup>nd</sup> fave- small, pretty and chill), **Vacation Beach** and **Steelhead Beach**. These beaches forbid off leash dogs, but mostly tolerate it. But hey- Why bother going to other beaches? You have your own beach in the backyard. Cosmo beach obviously allows off-leash dogs. Always. Forever; My beach, My rules, bitchez. That said, all the beaches named above get really crowded on Summer weekends, so it's recommended that you leash your dog when there are crowds.

**OCEAN BEACHES:** (NOTE- the coast is typically 10-20 degrees cooler than inland, so dress warm). Look out for Whales!

**Blind Beach, Russian Gulch, Pinnacle Gulch** and **Salt Point** beaches are all gorgeous. Russian Gulch is our favorite; intimate and very uncrowded. Pinnacles is our much larger number 2. Dogs allowed on-leash and tolerated off-leash on all of these beaches.

**Goat Rock Beach** shares a parking lot with Blind Beach. On the north end is a sea lion rookery. Not to be missed if you like fat, lazy, giant, gentle and cute barking sea mammals and their adorable pups (who doesn't?). Absolutely no dogs or dog pups allowed. There are many many other gorgeous small coastal beaches nearby- you can't go wrong. They are not to be missed if you like fat, lazy, giant, barking tourists (though only when they are in season). Dogs aren't allowed off leash on many/most of them (including Goat Rock).



**Bodega Head, Bodega Dunes and Salmon Creek:** Further South but really beautiful and good for whale watching (bring binoculars). No dogs.

**Dillon Beach** Further away, but actually allows dogs off-leash (That's cuz it is in dog-friendly Marin county, not Sonoma).

**GAS STATIONS:**

**Rotten Robbins** at the corner of Hwy 116 and Mirabel road in downtown Forestville (4 miles SE of here). They have the only car wash in west county. There are also several gas stations on River Road in Guerneville (6 miles W of here).

**HIKING and WALKING:**

**Sunset Beach** Merely a block away, but a few nice short trails and a cool large fluvial gravel bar that is made of nothing but pebbles, willows and driftwood (and a few lounge chairs and pink flamingos flushed down from upstream). Easy to walk around- the river naturally cuts paths through the soft willows. Explore and you will find a few hidden beautiful little beaches. The best ones are far downstream.

**Willow Creek Road** Easy (mostly paved) and super beautiful. An approximately 7 mile stretch of the road is permanently closed to vehicles starting near Coleman Valley Road in Occidental and ending in Jenner at the coast at the mouth of the River (and just behind Russia House restaurant). Dogs allowed on-leash and totally tolerated off-leash.

**Armstrong Woods/Austin Creek Parks** Gorgeous! Old growth redwood forest (millenniums old giant trees). Flat walking trails through the awesome valley of redwoods and great hiking trails on the adjacent slopes. Pool Ridge trail is a sweet hike and is walking distance from the (free) main parking lot. Note that dogs are only allowed on paved roads. More serious hikes start from Bullfrog pond.

**Willow Creek People Powered Park** (not to be confused with Willow creek Rd above). The Islands in the Sky Trail has fantastic scenery and is rarely used. Permit required, but if asked (you probably won't be- there seems to be no enforcement), tell them that your host (me) is a member of **Landpaths**. The trailhead is on Freezeout road (near Moscow road) in Duncans Mills. There are several gorgeous short loop hikes, but the main trail terminates near Shell Beach on the coast (7 miles away). Dogs allowed on-leash and tolerated off-leash.

**Foothill Park** in Windsor- Really nice, super easy walks, but highly used park with multiple lakes. Dogs allowed on-leash and tolerated off-leash.

**Annadel and Sugarloaf Parks** Wonderful large State parks just east of Santa Rosa. No dogs allowed at all.

**Hood Mountain Park** Near Annadel- great too. Dogs allowed on-leash and tolerated off-leash.

**Kortum Trail** In Jenner-meanders along the coast on the cliffs just above the ocean. Spectacular views.

**Grove of Old Trees** in Occidental- Nice, small redwood forest. Dogs allowed on-leash and tolerated off-leash.

**Point Reyes National Seashore** 45 min away, but stunning coastal National Park. The Bear Valley trail and Estero trails are awesome. Shell, Hearts Desire and Kehoe are the best beaches. Dogs only allowed leashed on Kehoe, Limantour and Great beaches. Dogs are not allowed on any trails.

**BIKING:** Scenic roads: Westside road, Sweetwater Springs road (!), Armstrong woods/Austin creek park, Cazadero/Austin creek rd, Old Cazadero Road, Coleman Valley Road, 116 near the coast. There are tons of beautiful places to ride in Occidental, Freestone, Graton, Bodega, Bloomfield, Valley Ford, etc... River Road nearby sucks: fast cars/no shoulder. The roads into the little towns along the river are very short and dead end into canyons. There are some good places to mountain bike, like Willow Creek road, People powered park (goes to the coast), Kortum and others. You can rent bikes (by distance): Russian River Bikes, Spoke Folk, Sebastopol Bike and Bike partners. Bike tours available too.

**NOTE TO BIKERS-** WESTSIDE ROAD IS CLOSED DUE TO A LANDSLIDE SO I THINK THAT YOU CAN NOW BIKE COMFORTABLY ON IT!!! The slide was partial so I think that bikes can get past it. The closure is from Sunset Ave. (yeah, that one) to Wohler Bridge. Only open for residents and there are very few. This is a great opportunity. It is pretty gorgeous.

**DOGS:**

Sonoma County is good for leashed dogs but unfriendly to off-leash dogs. There is literally no park, beach nor trail where dogs are officially allowed off-leash. However, there exists a combination of lack of enforcement and unofficial tolerance which de facto allows responsible dog owners to let our dogs act like real animals. See Hiking and Beaches sections for more info.

Please do not let dogs off-leash in parks, beaches and trails on summer weekends due to crowds and increased enforcement. Enforcement typically results in a warning- but if you are unlucky or an asshole, it can result in a very large fine (\$400-ish). I have never been fined in 6 years of regularly yet responsibly flouting the rules. No matter where you go, **pick up poop**, keep your dogs under complete voice control, keep them away from other people, dogs, wildlife and unpicked-up poop. There is a one nice enclosed dog play area at Ragle Park in Sebastopol where a nice group of pooches hang out, wrestle, play fetch and lament the lack of off-leash options elsewhere. There's nice little Laguna trail just behind dog run. There is a very small enclosed dog play area in quirky redwood covered Rio Nido on Canyon 7 Road. In Santa Rosa, there is a very large suburban park with a very large enclosed dog park. Also, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery is beautiful, very old, wooded and huge. It seems to allow (or completely tolerates) off-leash dogs. Note that it is not rural, it is suburban, but very cool. Many Many wineries (and brew pubs) are dog friendly. See **Wineries** above.

## **PADDLING/FLOATING ON THE RIVER: OPTIONS:**

1. The simplest option is to start at Cosmo beach and paddle up river, then turn around and paddle back downstream back to Cosmo. I suggest paddling upriver first, tire yourself out, eat a picnic by picnicking on someone else's beach - yes it's 100% legal (Karma applies), then float back home.  
**NOTE- DON'T paddle upstream through dangerous bottlenecks or crosscurrents (or super shallow stretches of river) if you are a novice, weak paddler, drunk, or under the influence.** If you are an experienced paddler, going upstream is pretty easy except at frequent bottlenecks. Brute force will get you where you need to go only if you know what you are doing. There are also numerous super shallow sections which make paddling difficult. The typical solution is to navigate through deeper waters, but in certain spots this can be tricky/dangerous too. The hardest thing by far are bottlenecks where the river narrows sharply and severely. This creates powerful crosscurrents that are difficult to maneuver. These bottlenecks can be dangerous if you don't know what you are doing. The crosscurrent wants to capsize you and push you into the riverbank. If you are an experienced paddler you know that you must always remain parallel to the current. If you go perpendicular, then you are fucked. The moral of the story is **DON'T paddle upstream through bottlenecks or crosscurrents (or super shallow stretches of river) if you are a novice, weak paddler, drunk, or under the influence.** The alternative for novices, weaklings or fearful types is when heading upstream, stop and paddle ashore before the bottleneck, then get out and portage (carry the damn boat) past the bottlenecks and difficult stretches. Then it is total smooth sailing. **PADDLE AT YOUR OWN RISK!** Note that you can reverse the course (go downstream then upstream), but note that the stretch upriver from home is less populated and quieter than downstream.
2. Go to Burke's (707-887-1222), Soar (dogs allowed) (707-433-5599) or SUP Odyssey (415-497-0179) and rent boats to take on a self guided trip. Each place has different length trips, boats and rules. They will pick you up at the end of your journey and take you back to their facilities where your car and a beverage concession awaits. Try to reserve in advance on Summer weekends and holidays.
3. Two cars are typically needed (or one car plus Uber, Shuttle, taxi for you, but not your boat): Drive one car and park it at one of the upstream launch points and paddle back to Cosmo, get your drink on, then use your second car (or get a ride) to drive back to the launch point to retrieve your first car. Actually go get your car first then drink (hosts don't let guests drive drunk). Launching your boat at Steelhead Beach makes for the shortest trip possible. It is about a 2 hour paddle to Cosmo (or as little as 1 hour if you paddle like you mean it). You can launch even further upstream, like Healdsburg, Del Rio Woods, Wohler Bridge **(CLOSED)**, etc. However the distances between launch points are greater upriver.
4. Two cars needed (or one car + shuttle or taxi, Uber): Drive one car and park it at one of the launch points on the river downstream in Guerneville. Drive (or get a ride) back to Cosmo and put on a hat and sunscreen. Paddle from Cosmo to one of the launch points downstream on the river (ideally the one your car is parked at). The closest pull out spot is Johnson's beach in Guerneville, which is a 4-5 hr trip. Monte Rio, Willow Creek and the Pacific ocean are even further. Toss the boats on top of your waiting car, drive back to Cosmo, **LOCK UP THE BOATS**, then get your drink on and your BBQ on if you haven't already.
5. Explore distant stretches of river and paddle in that area. A great spot is out at the mouth of the river where it meets the ocean. The river is very wide and slow. The flora and fauna are very different from here due to the ocean water and its climate influence. I think that you can launch at Willow Creek beach (next to the environmental campgrounds). You can do a loop, or take out at the Sonoma State Visitors Center in Jenner. You can alternatively reverse the trip, but watch out for high tide and/or heavy winds- Both will forcefully push you Eastward/inland/towards Cosmo. **ONCE AGAIN, PADDLE AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

<https://www.sonomacounty.com/articles/boat-launches-sonoma-county-regional-parks> <https://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Play/Boating-and-Paddling/Paddling-in-the-Parks/>

Note that while you are on the river, you are allowed, by law ([Public Trust Doctrine](#)) to stop on ANY beach to rest, eat, drink, sun worship or drink more. Along the river, you will see way scores of very ugly *Private Beach* and *No Trespassing* signs. (My pet peeve). Legally these are meaningless (but at least they look pretty!). Many beaches are privately owned (as is our beach), but the public is legally allowed to use ALL beaches per the Public Trust Doctrine. What you are not allowed to do is go from the beach up into people's private yards. The PTD is the reason that you are allowed to play fetch with your dog and do bong hits on Snoop Dog's private beach in Malibu. Do you see where I am going with this? Enjoy yourself but please be respectful; play no music, don't be noisy and leave no trash nor bodily discharges on or near the beach.

## **DANGERS AND ANNOYANCES:**

### **INSECTS/SPIDERS:**

There are bugs at the Russian River: Mostly spiders, carpenter bees (fat and slow, never sting) and hornets (docile and rarely ever sting). We regularly relocate the spiders from the house to the yard, but they're persistent out here in nature, so you will encounter some. 99% of them do not bite. We don't kill them, because they trap and eat most of the other insects. Thanks to the spiders and all the bay trees and the river, this blessed property has way fewer mosquitoes, ticks and other bugs than are typical in this area. If you go hiking, check yourself (and especially your dog) thoroughly for ticks. The tick problem has worsened the past few years and can be particularly bad in grassy.

**POISON OAK:** Should you go hiking or off-road anywhere in Northern California, here's the first thing you should know: poison oak is everywhere in Northern CA. The rash can be horribly itchy, painful, ugly and long lasting. The rash usually shows up a few days after exposure, so you might inadvertently spread it all over your body for a few days before you even know that you have it. Best to look it up and learn what it looks like, then avoid touching it. Look for three-leaf oak-leaf-shaped clusters usually in vine form (sometimes bushes). I can almost guarantee that my property has none. It doesn't grow in the riverbed, so you can explore the dense spooky soft willow jungle (behind the beach) without fear. If you go hiking anywhere, wear long socks or pants, and watch where you step. If you think you have been exposed (you probably were), at minimum wash thoroughly with cold water and dish detergent. If you want to be sure, wash with Tecnu or a similar product. We have a saying around here "Leaves of three, Let it be"

**MOUNTAIN LIONS:** There are also a few mountain lions in the area, but they manage to practically NEVER be seen or have interactions with humans- they want to see you even less than you want to see them. They are deer eaters, so JUST IN CASE you see one (odds are a million to one that you will) DON'T LOOK OR ACT LIKE A DEER. And don't act scared or run away. PREY acts scared and runs away, so you definitely don't want them to think that you are prey. ACT LIKE A PREDATOR YOURSELF: Make yourself look large, make lots of noise, throw things (not at the cat) and act very strong and confident. Do not look away and back away very very slowly. Oh and do not get in between a momma cat and her kittens! Mom will rip your face off if you touch her kittens. This isn't YouTube. I reiterate that nobody in the county has ever been attacked, so please calm the fuck down.

**OTHER DANGERS:** You are out in nature; things can get very slippery when it rains, the ground is uneven and there are rocks, branches, plants, grape vines, fruit, nuts, squirrels, beer cans, river debris and other things to slip on or trip over. Many of these things fall out of the sky, so keep watch both up and down. The most prevalent hazard are black walnuts on the backyard path and stairs. They are golf ball size and can cause slips/falls if you are not careful, so ummm, be careful. There are 3 giant walnut trees in the yard. We try to keep the path/stairs clear, but the walnuts just keep coming (mostly in the fall). Feel free to take some home. They are delicious, but slippery under your feet. Always watch your step.

## **DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **Trash and Recycling:**

~Trash and recycling bins are located next to the sliding entry gate. Glass, metal and paper can all go in the same blue recycling bin. Please put your trash in the bins before you check out. Trash pickup is on Wednesday, so the bins need to be moved across the street (on the edge the road) by Tuesday night, then brought back onto the property on Wednesday afternoon/evening. We try to take care of moving the cans in and out, but we sometimes can't. If you see the cans inside the gate on Tuesday, please do us a favor and move them across the street. Same if you see the cans on the street on Wednesday or Thursday. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

### **Housekeeping:**

All dishes should be washed and put away. Please leave dirty linens in a pile (separate pile for hot tub/beach towels away from other linens) and leave the house clean and orderly.

**~PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE HEATERS, A/C, GRILL, OVEN and COOKTOP AND FIRE PIT ARE TURNED COMPLETELY OFF!**

**~Lock all windows and doors.**

**~Finally, please sign the guestbook!**

~Oh and feel free to email me at [jay@kammen.com](mailto:jay@kammen.com) or text me at 415-252-0200 if you have any questions, or problems. I try to be available as much as possible. Please call (don't text) if it is urgent.

I really hope that you enjoy your stay. I don't have much of a life, so this is one of the few things that makes me happy. Thank you!

Jay

ps. WILLIS, The most awesome cat in the world lived here for 10 years. Then he suddenly disappeared. He was loved by all- no kidding, just read the guestbook (it is full of cuddle testimonials and sketches of him). Dogs who visit now don't have him to chase, get their eyes scratched out or slept on anymore. He was one of the best parts of this little slice of paradise and he will be dearly missed.

pps. If you read this entire manual, then it is likely that you have no life. Even if you have a life, you must at least have a headache. Sorry that this is so long and/or that your stay is so short.

## A U D I O + V I D E O

### MAIN ROOM

#### TO PLAY YOUR MUSIC FROM Your Device IN THE MAIN ROOM VIA BLUETOOTH:

Use Wyred 4 Sound **bLINK bluetooth receiver** (small black square box with antenna and W squiggle graphic on top). To pair, Press/hold "**PAIR**" button (will blink slowly). Press again (blinks fast). To reconnect press 2x. Try again, if needed, it'll work eventually.

**Your device:** "**Wyred4Sound**" should appear on your bluetooth list.

**Linn Unidisk gray remote:** SOURCE TO "**DIG 4**" (Source displayed on grey Linn Unidisk box). Use Linn remote for volume.

#### TO PLAY MUSIC FROM Your Device IN THE MAIN ROOM VIA APPLE AIRPLAY:

**iTunes Speaker Select on your device:** "**MAIN**".

**Linn Unidisk gray remote:** SOURCE TO "**DIG 3**" (Source displayed on the grey unidisk box). Use Linn remote for volume.

#### TO PLAY DVD's or CD's IN THE MAIN ROOM: (sound is via the audio system)

**Roku TCL TV remote:** (DVDs only) POWER TO "**ON**" then SELECT "**DVD**" ICON (using Roku remote).

**Arcam Player:** POWER "**ON**", then load DVD (or CD). Control DVD with Arcam remote.

**Linn Unidisk gray remote:** SOURCE TO "**AUX 1**" (Source displayed on grey unidisk box). Use Linn remote for volume.

#### TO WATCH STREAMING TV (HBO, Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, Youtube TV). These are FREE, please **DON'T SIGN OUT!**.

**Roku TCL TV remote:** POWER "**ON**" then SELECT desired network ICON. (Sound is via the audio system)

If you are prompted, select user "**COSMO**." If you want to stream SHOWTIME, VUDU, ESPN, etc, you will need your own account.

**Linn Unidisk remote:** SOURCE TO "**TV**" (Source on unidisk box). (Control volume with Linn **AND/OR** Roku remotes).

#### TO CHROMECAST FROM Your Device TO THE TV (Sound is via the audio system).

**Roku TCL TV remote:** POWER "**ON**" then SELECT "**CHROMECAST**" ICON.

**Linn Unidisk remote:** SOURCE TO "**TV**" (Source on unidisk box). (Control volume with Linn **AND/OR** Roku remotes).

### BEDROOM

#### TO PLAY CASSETTE TAPES IN THE BEDROOM:

**Marantz Receiver:** Press "**ON**" and "**TAPE MONITOR 1**" button (control volume/etc. with Marantz).

**Nakamichi Cassete Deck:** Cassette tapes are in the top right drawer of the desk in the main room.

#### TO PLAY YOUR FROM Your Device VIA BLUETOOTH IN THE BEDROOM:

**Marantz Receiver:** Press "**ON**" and "**TAPE MONITOR 2**" button (control volume/etc. with Marantz).

**AURIS BLUME Bluetooth receiver:** Pair it with your device. You may have to do the standard unplug/re-plug protocol.

#### TO PLAY MUSIC FROM Your Device VIA APPLE AIRPLAY IN THE BEDROOM:

**Marantz Receiver:** Press "**ON**" and turn selector clockwise knob to "**AUX**" (both Tape Monitor buttons should be OFF).

**iTunes Speaker Select on your device:** "**BEDROOM**".

#### TO PLAY MUSIC FROM Your Device VIA BLUETOOTH IN THE SHOWER

**JBL CLIP:** Press "**ON**" button on the side of the speaker. Pair it with your device. Control volume using +/- buttons on the front of the speaker. To enhance your experience, try listening to the **PSYCHO** film soundtrack while showering.

SEE NOTES ON NEXT PAGE...

## **AUDIO + VIDEO NOTES:**

1. **Don't touch buttons on grey Linn Unidisk box. Big No No. Seriously, only use Linn remote.**
2. To set **SOURCE** on gray Linn remote- use little teeny tiny buttons labelled (SRC+) and (SRC-).
3. When watching TV if there is no sound, try adjusting volume using buttons on the side of the Roku remote.
4. The grey Linn Unidisk is a fantastic pre-amplifier. It is also a fantastic DAC (Digital Analog Converter). It also is a broken CD/DVD player. There is another disc player, so no worries.
5. The amplifier and Unidisk are always on, so there is no need to touch them. They sleep when not in use.
6. To select Airplay or Chromecast on your device, don't ask me. It's different on every device. When using Chrome, click on the the 3 vertical dots on the top right of the browser window and select "**Cast**". Apple music uses the same icon for Airplay that is used for bluetooth. It is concentric circles emanating from a loud triangle. Airplay can be routed to either the main room stereo or the bedroom stereo.
7. To use Airplay, you must be connected to wi-fi network "TWO." Airplay sounds better and is simpler than Bluetooth
8. For best sound quality, set volume on your device to near maximum then adjust volume with Linn remote.
9. bLink Bluetooth will disconnect when you leave home. To reconnect, press/hold the pair button for a few seconds. The pairing function doesn't work nearly as well as \$10 earbuds, but this thing costs more than most wedding rings.
10. In the unlikely event that you didn't bring your own, my vintage tape collection is in the top right drawer of the desk in the main room. "Cassettes" were an ancient recording media used by your grandparents in the mid-20th century. Research by scientists proved that cassettes enhances the *experience* of psychedelic drugs and blacklight posters.
11. There are numerous HDMI cables in the coffee table drawer which can connect your device to the TV. I don't know squat about video, but supposedly/hopefully all of your cable gear needs covered by this kit.
12. Sorry that this is so damn complicated. Hopefully the sultry sound quality makes it worth it for you.

## House Rules

A. All Sonoma County, State of California and Federal Health regulations apply to guest's stay. Guests agree to be responsible for compliance. Regardless of regulations, Guests are highly urged to take all public health precautions (Shelter-in-Place, socially distance, wear masks and shop/gas up and shop at home before traveling to Sonoma County)

B. Guests should not book if they have any reason to believe that there is even the slightest chance that the guest could be a potential health risk to others. The house is not allowed to be used for quarantining.

C. The house will be professionally cleaned and disinfected prior to guests arrival. However obviously there is no guarantee that every square inch has been sanitized. Guests are encouraged to thoroughly wash hands often, and to disinfect surfaces regularly for extra safety and piece of mind.

D. Anything in the house that guests use or touch that comes out of a drawer or cabinet must be washed or disinfected before put away. This includes pillows, blankets, small appliances, cooking utensils, dishware, spices, condiments, pencils, cleaning supplies, lighters, etc. If guests cannot clean them, they should leave them out so the housekeeper knows that they need to be cleaned/sanitized.

1. No cats or other animals are allowed in the house, with the exception of dogs. Exceptions might be made on a case by case basis.

2. No Smoking in the house. If you smoke outside, please clean up and dispose of all of your butts in the trash can across the street. Do not bring your cigarette butts into, on to or under the house.

3. No parties. No more than 6 people are allowed on the property at any time.

4. GENERAL: The guest is responsible for all other occupants using the premises and agrees not to have any more than 4 people staying overnight. No more than 6 people are allowed on the property at any time.

5. CLEANING: The property will be inspected and cleaned after your departure. Please leave the property in the same general condition that you received it by making sure that the kitchen and bathroom are left clean, the house is neat/orderly and all trash/recycling has been taken out to the cans on the street.

6. SPA/HOT TUB: The Spa is regularly maintained. All guests must shower before entering and after exiting the spa. Please do not wear clothing/swimwear in the spa. Only use towels designated for spa/beach use (they are stored under the bathroom sink) Guest is liable for bleach damage to house contents from spa water.

7. GUESTS' LIABILITY: Guest agrees to accept full liability for any damages, loss or injury to the owner's or other persons property caused by the guest (or the guests of guests, children or pets). Guests indemnifies owner from any liability for damages, loss or injuries (or the guests of guests, children or pets). If damages or losses to the property are in excess of the security deposit being held, guest agrees to reimburse the owner for costs incurred to repair or replace damaged or missing items.

8. PET LIABILITY: Guest agrees to accept full liability for any injuries, damages or loss involving the guest's pet. Guest indemnifies owner from any liability for any injuries, damages or loss involving the guest's pet.

9. SLEEPING CAPACITY / DISTURBANCES: Guests and all other occupants will be required to vacate the premises and forfeit all monies paid for any of the following: A: Occupancy exceeding the sleeping capacity of 4 people. B: Using the premises for any illegal activity. C: Causing damage to the property or to any of the neighboring properties. D: Any other acts which interferes with the neighbors' right to quiet enjoyment of their property.

10. GUESTS' RESPONSIBILITY: Guest is responsible for locking all doors and windows upon every temporary or permanent departure. Guest is responsible for returning all boats to their original place of origin and locking them after each usage.

11. **HOLD HARMLESS:** The owner does not assume any liability for loss, damage or injury to any persons (guests, guests of guests, children or pets) to any personal property or to any animals. Guest agrees to hold harmless the owner for any loss or damage caused by weather conditions, natural disasters, acts of God, or other reasons beyond their control.

12. **HOT TUB AND PATIOS:** The guest accepts and assumes all risks involved in or related to the use of the hot tub and surrounding areas.

13. **BOATS AND SWIMMING:** Guest agrees that they are fully aware that swimming and the usage of boats can be dangerous. The property does provide paddle boats but does not provide any floating water toys (innertubes, inflatable rafts, noodles, etc). However, sometimes water toys are left by other on the beach on or off the property. Guest hereby holds harmless the owner of above said property for any and all claims, demands and causes of action by reason of any injury or whatever nature which has or have occurred, or may occur to the guest, or any of his/her guests as a result of, or in connection with swimming, wading and/or the usage of any boats or any water toys used by the guest. All adults and children **MUST** use life vests. **ALWAYS LOCK THE BOATS WHEN NOT IN USE.** You will be responsible for replacement costs if they are stolen. **SWIM AND USE THE BOATS AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

14. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Strict per Airbnb, VRBO and Flipkey policies. Travellers insurance for guests is highly recommended to cover unforeseen weather, natural disasters, pandemics or public or personal emergencies. These unpredictable events are a known and clear and present danger in life and specifically in the immediate area of the property. Cancellations due to these unpredictable events, including official travel prohibitions, vacation rental prohibitions, evacuation orders, curfews, lockdowns or airport/road closures will not result in any refunds above and beyond the standard strict refund policies of the booking websites/services above.

15. **WEATHER/DISASTER POLICY:** The Russian River floods on occasion. Northern CA burns on occasion. California shakes on occasion. The weather sucks on occasion. No refunds will be given for cancellations (before or after check-in) due to bad weather, natural disasters or closing of roads/airports anywhere for any reason. Travellers insurance for guests is highly recommended to cover this sort of uncontrollable event.

16. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The guest, for himself/herself, his/her heirs, assignors, executors, and administrators, fully releases and discharges Owner of above said property from any and all claims, demands and causes of action by reason of any injury or whatever nature which has or have occurred, or may occur to the guest, or any of his/her guests as a result of, or in connection with, the occupancy of the premises and agrees to hold the Owner free and harmless of any claim or suit arising therefrom. In any action concerning the rights, duties or liabilities of the parties to this agreement, their principals, agents, successors, or assignees the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs.

17. By booking this rental, The guest hereby acknowledges and agrees to the terms above.

18. **MOST IMPORTANTLY-** Have fun, relax and enjoy yourself! And don't be freaked out by the fine print. We are not hard asses. No guest has ever had their deposit withheld or asked to pay any compensation for anything.