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Dutch Flat Hotel



Just a few minutes after taking the Dutch Flat exit off I-80, visitors are driving through the peaceful streets of Dutch Flat and finding the restful seclusion they were after without having to drive far. The hilly, forested landscape naturally cuts off the noise of civilization.

Once Dutch Flat was one of the richest gold mining towns in the state and was an important stagecoach stop, which is why it's a registered California Historic Landmark. Nowadays, this quiet community has a small population of permanent residents who choose to live here for the slower pace of life, and there are also several vacation homes.

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At the heart of this historic community is the Dutch Flat Hotel and Event Center. The first floor of this 3-story, gold country bed and breakfast was built in 1852, and it operated as a hotel until it was abandoned in the 1970s. It didn't lose its charm, however, and current owners Sussy and Tom were inspired to buy and renovate the hotel in 2004.



Modern convenience now meets historical authenticity in the Dutch Flat Hotel. All new electrical wiring, plumbing, septic tank, water fixtures, heating system, pillowtop mattresses and support beams make this Old West hotel feel like home -- plus it's now ADA compliant. The wooden floors are original, as are all other elements that could be salvaged. The hotel's decor brings together the rough, Old West feel with the softer Victorian touch. Every corner of the building features antiques and art prints that are included in the purchase price.

After two years of hard work, investment and community support, the Dutch Flat Hotel reopened in 2007, just before the nation's economic downturn. Despite an overall decrease in the tourism industry, the Dutch Flat Hotel was popular with those who did stay. Happy guests shared rave reviews on TripAdvisor, and it has been featured in several magazines including *Sunset* and *Sierra Alive*. While in operation, the B&B was the destination for several weddings, corporate retreats, craft retreats, dinner parties, and performances.



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Welcoming Lobby and Bar

Stepping into the hotel for the first time, guests walk across the original hardwood floors and enter the lobby. The open fireplace warms the toes of new arrivals and is a gathering place in the evenings. The cozy atmosphere naturally brings people together, whether someone plays vintage sheet music at the upright piano next to the bar or light food and drinks are served from the adjacent kitchen to the cafe-style tables.



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Commercial Kitchen

As part of the renovations, the Dutch Flat Hotel is now equipped with a full commercial kitchen that is ready to serve guests and community members. The modern setup includes two ovens, a commercial pizza oven, a large flat griddle, 6 stove top burners, three separate sinks, ample shelving and cabinet storage, and modular counter space. The kitchen is adjacent to all dining areas, making it simple to serve meals and hors d'oeuvres. Natural light floods into the kitchen from two large windows.



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Dining Room and Sunroom

Breakfast is typically served in the comfortable elegant dining room, creating a cozy place for guests to start their day. The warmly colored floral carpeting complements the classic art prints and the wooden tables and chairs. Two bathrooms are nearby for the convenience of guests. Just next to the dining room is a more casually decorated sunroom. Three paintings of the Dutch Flat Hotel hang here amongst powder blue paper lanterns. Guests can sip tea at the cafe-style tables while they take in the sunshine streaming through the windows.



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6 Guest Rooms

The Dutch Flat Hotel has six guest rooms available, each with its own bathroom. All rooms have new Sterns and Foster pillow-top mattresses, ceiling fans and modern bathroom fixtures, and all but the Blue Sky room have clawfoot tubs with shower heads.



Blue Sky is the only room on the first floor and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. So called for its sky blue walls, this room features a daybed, a Queen bed and a mirrored vanity with drawers. The bathroom includes all the requisite bar handles, along with a floor drain and adjustable seat for the shower. This is the only room with an entrance from the porch.



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The Golden Drift room is named after the former gold mine in Dutch Flat. The art prints and antiques in this room feature images of cowboys, fishermen and hunters. Antiques in this room include the double bed's decorative wooden frame, a writing desk, and a large vanity.



The Mountain Top room offers the best view of the mountain peaks. Prints of nature and cowboys give this room a rustic feel. The antiques complementing this room include the double bed frame, a cushioned bench, two lamps, a large bureau, a vanity with a rounded mirror.



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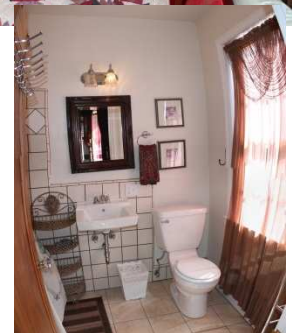


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Decades before, what is now called the Bordello Room was where a catwalk extended from this building to the hotel across the street. Wooden shutters allow you to adjust the light from the windows behind the writing desk. An antique wooden wardrobe with a large mirror provides storage for guests, and the art prints in this room tend toward the risque.



The Puccini Room was so named because of the owner's love of opera, particularly operas by Italian composer Giacomo Puccini. There are two beds in antique, wooden frames -- one queen and one double -- and natural light comes in from the windows (but wooden shutters help block out the sun for late risers). Framed posters for Puccini operas are on display in this room, as well as other pieces tied to the opera theme including a bust of Puccini.



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The Family Suite can comfortably fit six guests, ideal for families and those traveling with a group. The two-room suite has a single queen bed in one room with a writing desk and vanity. The adjoining room has 4 beds.



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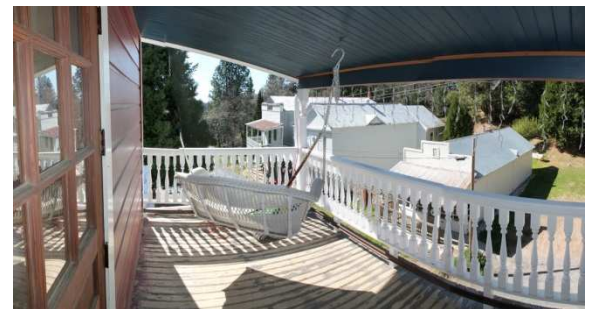
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3rd Floor Rooms

On the third floor are two private bedrooms and a game room with a TV and pool table. Intended to become the innkeeper's quarters, the plumbing is installed for a small kitchen in the game room, making it simple to convert. With adjustments to the hand railing on the third-floor porch, guests could also make use of this space.



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Exterior

All three floors open onto porches with handrails. The first floor porch wraps around to the back and excellent view of the grounds. The tiered backyard is a popular spot for wedding ceremonies, receptions, performances and barbecues. The stairwell from the porch goes to a paved, raised platform before continuing down into the grass. A wooden stage was recently built in the back with 150-year-old grape vines draped across the top. The soft bubbling of the goldfish pond and the quiet nature of the neighborhood make it a relaxing spot on non-event days.



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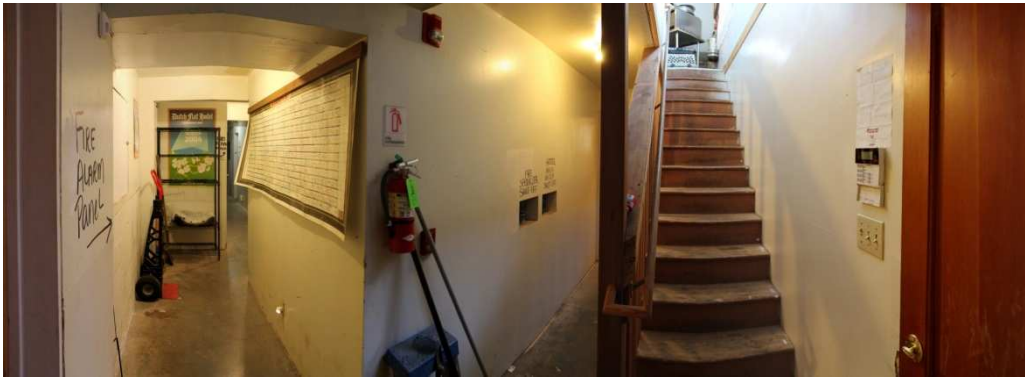
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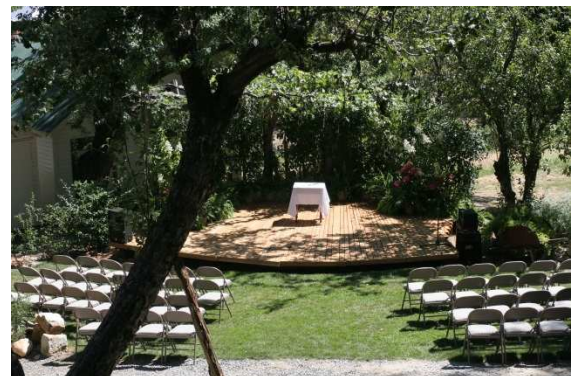


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Storage Shed, Septic and Utilities

The rebuilt walk-out basement not only provides a solid foundation for the hotel, but also houses the laundry, a workshop, dry storage for guests' ski equipment, and tons of storage. The double doors out onto the lawn make it easy to set up and take down chairs and tables for outdoor events and weddings. When renovations began, there was no plumbing or septic system for the property. Now there is a new septic system to match the new plumbing in the B&B. A storage shed near the cabin has room for tools and other equipment, plus space for a fireplace.



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Cabin

Near the main building is a small cabin. Last used as the innkeeper's quarters, the interior is recently renovated and includes a modern, gourmet kitchen. The two ovens and 6 stovetop burners are in excellent condition.



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