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lmost 50 years after the coastal Sea Ranch community was first conceptualized along Sonoma's rugged cliffs, its iconic Lodge reopens this October after an extensive revitalization by a collection of designers including Mithun, Terremoto and The Office of Charles de Lisle, with a standing invitation for visitors to stop by and experience this jaw-dropping setting firsthand.

Public spaces within the 10,000-square-foot structure have been restored and reconfigured in keeping with the original developer and architects' vision of living lightly on the land, stewarding it for future generations. Architectural design firm Mithun took visual cues from the windsculpted coastline and traditional barns, emphasizing rough, natural materials inside and out and reorienting venues to focus on the Lodge's main amenities: bluff-top Pacific Ocean vistas, the sound of crashing waves and views of native wildlife wandering across the property's rambling meadows.

The Lodge's oceanfront dining room, overseen by executive chef Eric Piacentine (previously of Big Sur Bakery), specializes in elevated comfort food such as homemade pappardelle with foraged mushrooms and Sonoma duck with wild rice, beets and huckleberries. A cozy fireside bar and lounge with a solarium, a new artisanal cafe and mercantile general store and 500,000 square feet of oceanfront land for events round out the facilities and will host cultural programming.

The Lodge, set on 53 acres of coastal landscaping, has long been a hub for the wider 7,000-acre Sea Ranch community, envisioned in 1964 by its developer and a group of architects including Al Boeke, Lawrence Halprin and MLTW to embody Californian ideals of optimism, creativity and a desire to live in harmony with nature and the surrounding landscape. The Ranch stretches 10 miles





along the Pacific's coastal shelf to incorporate 2,224 private homes framed by cypress hedgerows, rolling hills and meadows, and forests of redwood and Douglas fir connected by hiking trails to Gualala Point Regional Park. 60 Sea Walk Drive, The Sea Ranch; thesearanchlodge.com. G.Z.P.

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