



# *Tallman Hotel*

## *Upper Lake, CA*

**C**onstructed in 1890, the Tallman Hotel is truly a historic landmark. In the early days the property was frequented by gun-toting cowboys, and visitors who came to take the waters at the nearby hot springs. Over the years the hotel changed names and ownership a number of times, before it was abandoned and fell into disrepair. Enter Bernie and Lynne Butcher who bought the property, renovated it and welcomed their first guests in 2005. Today this boutique property boasts modern-day luxuries, but retains the charm of yesteryear.

### *Access Details*

Located on Main Street, the Tallman Hotel features accessible parking in front, and access to the main lobby through the blue gate on the right. The accessible Farmhouse Suite (Room 13) is located behind the main building, and is connected to the rest of the complex by a level garden pathway. There is additional accessible parking in the lot behind the hotel, which is located just a few steps from the Farmhouse Suite.

The suite itself is very spacious with a bedroom, bathroom,

kitchenette and living area. There is barrier-free access throughout the suite and the vinyl floors and low pile carpeting make wheeling a snap. The bedroom includes a king-sized bed and there is also a fold-out sleeper sofa in the living room.

The bathroom features a full five-foot turning radius, a roll-under sink and a tub/shower combination with grab bars and a hand-held showerhead. Toilet grab bars are located on the back and left walls (as seated), and a portable shower bench is available upon request.

There is barrier-free access to the public areas of the hotel, including accessible pathways through the garden and level access to the pool and spa area. A pool lift is also available. A Continental breakfast is served in the dining room in the main building; however you can also request to have it delivered to your room. Even though the dining room is accessible, breakfast in your room is a more intimate and relaxing affair.

### *Candy's Take*

Twenty years ago it was difficult to find a historic property that also had wheelchair access. Gladly that's not the case today, and the Tallman Hotel is a prime example of the changing tide. When the Butcher's made renovations to the property they planned for access, but they were also able to retain many historic features. For example, the front facade, with several steps up to the porch, was retained, while an alternate accessible

*Living room in the Farmhouse Suite at the Tallman Hotel*





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pathway was added. The result is the best of both worlds, and it's nice to do business with people who go the extra mile to make their property accessible to everyone.

### *Best Fit*

There's plenty of space to maneuver a wheelchair in the Farmhouse Suite, so this property is a good choice for wheelchair-users and slow walkers who can use an accessible tub/shower combination. Because of the sleeper-sofa, it's also suitable for a small family or someone traveling with an attendant. History buffs will simply love the property, and since it's just over two hours from San Francisco, it makes a good weekend getaway or an add-on to a west coast trip. Wine lovers will also enjoy the unpretentious tasting rooms that dot the county.

### *Nearby*

The Blue Wing Saloon (which was also renovated by the Butcher's) is located next door, and is open for lunch and dinner. The menu features California comfort foods, microbrews and local wines. There is ramped access to the front entrance and plenty of room to maneuver inside. Save some time to meander along Main Street too. It's not very busy and there are curb-cuts on most corners and level access to most of the businesses. It's just a pleasant place to stroll.

If you like wine, then Lake County is the place for you. Billed as California's newest wine region, it's home to a plethora of small wineries, many of which are accessible. At the top of the list is the Wildhurst Vineyards ([www.wildhurst.com](http://www.wildhurst.com)) tasting room in the old IOOF hall in downtown Kelseyville. It has a ramped entrance with barrier-free pathways inside, and a very accommodating staff.

For a change of pace check out the Lakeport Historic Courthouse Museum (the first floor is accessible), or pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the accessible picnic area in Clear Lake State Park. Alternatively, you can always enjoy a scenic drive around the lake. Truly you can do as little or as much as you want to in Lake County, which makes for a very relaxing getaway.

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### **GPS Coordinates**

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*Bathroom in the Farmhouse Suite at the Tallman Hotel*

