

‘Sea Ranch classic with a magical oceanfront setting’

By Jordan Guinn

Sea Ranch stands out as one of Northern California’s architectural jewels, and architect Charles Moore helped make it happen.

He was one of the four original architects behind the design of the oceanfront community about 100 miles north of San Francisco — and one of his whimsical creations now awaits a new owner.

“It’s a Sea Ranch classic with a magical oceanfront setting,” said Jean Pral of Pacific Union Real Estate, who is listing 37711 Breaker Reach Road for \$2.875 million. “This classic from 1971 is unlike any other and never to be duplicated.”

The hillside three-bedroom embodies that flowing indoor-outdoor living synonymous with Sea Ranch. Knotty natural wood paneling dominates the interior, and picture windows face the ocean.

Residents of this residence enjoy even more privacy than Sea Ranch’s typical denizens. Because it’s in front of the community’s common-access bluff trail, hikers don’t walk in front of the windows. It’s a subtle, yet crucial, distinction separating this home from its neighbors.

Many of Moore’s design influences — like the chess board concealed beneath a long cushion in the living room and a triangular mirror above the fireplace — remain untouched.

The kitchen, however, has changed to keep up with the times. Though the layout is the same as it was, a stainless steel range proves the design isn’t rigidly bound by tradition. A

skylight and dimmable track lights finish the cooking space, which is set in the lower portion of the split-level home.

For more than half a century, architects, designers, vacationers and residents have flocked to Sea Ranch, an unincorporated community along Sonoma County’s coastline. Hiking trails and cypress trees pepper the roughly 16-square-mile swath overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Moore’s architectural fingerprints are found across the nation. Locally, his portfolio

includes UC Berkeley’s Haas School and Kresge College at UC Santa Cruz. The Michigan native also designed the post-modern Piazza d’Italia in New Orleans, Washington State History Museum and Williams College Museum of Art in Massachusetts.

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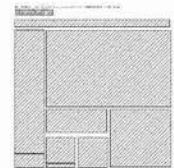
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Details

Address: 37711 Breaker Reach Road, Sea Ranch.

Price: \$2.875 million.

Features: Designed by postmodern architect Charles Moore, this three-bedroom at Sea Ranch offers ocean views in every room except the bathrooms. Sited on a flag lot, the hillside home features original finishes like the natural wood walls, tile floors and retro countertops. The master suite tower faces the sunset and includes a private deck and hot tub.





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Above: The dining room at 37711 Breaker Reach Road in Sea Ranch offers ocean views and patio access. Below: Architect Charles Moore designed the three-bedroom home in Sea Ranch in 1971. All of the rooms, except for the bathrooms, offer ocean views.