

Community Comment
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This is Erin Dunn of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce with a Community Comment.

This past weekend I had a Staycation here in Humboldt County. I shared a house with my partner and two other couples in Trinidad. We each had our own daily agendas and then came together for meals and game playing.

I went to the house in Trinidad with the idea that I was going to sleep. I was going to nap, have snacks, nap, play a few games, have dinner and then go to sleep. I stayed in my pjs for the majority of the time, enjoyed the wild scenery through the large picture window and shared ideas with friends that I don't have a chance to see much anymore. That was my idea of the perfect weekend away.

My partner Ross talked with friends about local history—his sort of hobby—played games, re-bonded with people we haven't had the opportunity to spend time with lately.

In the group we had a Scrabble virgin who was shocked to learn that qi—Q I—is a legal word in the game. I watched him go through the process of setting aside an ego that wanted to make long, impressive words, in favor of short words for more points. I went through the same process when first playing words with friends so I felt his pain.

Another friend had a completely relaxing weekend mixed in with lots of laughter and great food.

Yet another friend enjoyed walking the beach trails and watching football. In other words, getting to do whatever he wanted to do.

One night we played “Heads Up” – the Ellen Degeneres game where you put the clues on your head and the rest of the people give you clues.

A note to those who will be playing any time soon and want to win – pick Dynamic Duos and stay away from Hey Mr. DJ.

Trinidad is a great Staycation destination. Our money stayed local, including in Fortuna where we bought our groceries.

Sharing a house is great fun—big enough to do what you want and small enough to get together when you prefer to do that.

I've had the same experience in Willow Creek at CoHo Cottages. A disclaimer is that my partner's brother owns them, but anyone who has stayed there will agree with me that there is no conflict of interest in me saying the experience at the Cottages is top rate and only about an hour away from almost everywhere (except Southern Humboldt).

The Benbow Inn offers the same experience to the South. Many staycations have taken place there. The River offers lots of opportunities for recreation, and the golf course is a great amenity. The restaurant and the back patio are amazing.

Weekends with no agenda are rare gifts for me this year. To spend it only an hour away from home was priceless.

To learn more about what to do in Humboldt County for a Staycation, check out radio 980 AM locally or go to Eureka Radio backslash destination radio.

This has been Erin Dunn with a Community Comment.