

Home tour house description notes

Background Information

Owner name(s): Jay and Betsy Peterson

Description

This charming cottage has an amazing location on the creek, within easy walking distance to the shops and restaurants in downtown Sutter Creek. It was originally built in the 1870's as a 500 square foot home, likely in association with the Knight Foundry which was established at that time. Over the years, the home has been lovingly expanded and remodeled, transforming it from a tiny one-bedroom cottage into a comfortable family retreat.

The front door opens to a living area, which was - combined with the guest bedroom nearby - the original footprint of the home. It is thought that this front room also included a rustic original kitchen as well. Now, the open floor plan features hardwood flooring, and an expansive gathering area. A much later renovation added the wood staircase leading upstairs to a loft which offers an additional sleeping area and bonus room.

Just off the living area is a small guest bedroom, which would have been the lone bedroom in the 1870's home. The bathroom was added much later, likely in the early 1900s, whereas previously the only toilet was located in the home's basement.

In a later addition, the open kitchen and dining spaces were converted from what was likely a back porch. Subsequent remodeling brought the kitchen up to modern standards, with a nod to traditional design. Featuring beadboard cabinets, tractor-seat bar stools, the kitchen includes a number of vintage treasures and collectibles. The kitchen has access to two lovely outdoor areas: outside the side door is access to a lovely Creekside terrace and garden, and off the dining space is a cantilevered deck for outdoor dining that directly overlooks Sutter Creek.

The cozy primary suite was a later addition and features a high cedar-clad ceiling with small dormer windows that let in light. Windows facing the creek allow the owners to fall asleep to the sounds of the creek. A small ensuite bathroom, also recently remodeled, completes this inviting retreat.

Back outside the front door, there is another large outdoor gathering space, charmingly furnished by The Antique Gardner in Sutter Creek.