



**RAILTOWN 1897**  
State Historic Park  
Jamestown, California

*"The Movie Railroad"*

## *Calendar of Events*

*Current as of 2/3/09*

*(Located at the Corner of Fifth Avenue & Reservoir Road, Jamestown)*

**(209)984-3953**

**[www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)**

### **January-March**

Park open daily (winter hours, 10 a.m.-3 p.m are in effect). Excursion trains do NOT operate. Our experienced guides are available to lead visitors on tours of our operating steam roundhouse, where maintenance activities are conducted as they have been for over a century. Visitors get an up-close look at our historic locomotives and gain insight into the challenges of maintaining industrial-age equipment in a modern world.

### **February 18 & March 18**

11 AM. "Behind-the-Scenes Tour" of the restoration of Sierra Railway steam locomotive No. 3. Park staff will present a 90-minute program including a shop tour, and discuss the progress being made on the restoration of Sierra No. 3, the famous "Movie Star" locomotive. \$5, advanced reservations may be made by calling 209-984-3953. Space is limited.

### **February 21**

New Volunteer Open House, 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Potential volunteers are invited to take an inside look at the many volunteer opportunities. Current volunteers are available to share their experiences and answer questions about available positions.

### **March 7 & 21**

If you enjoy sharing your love of Railtown with park visitors, and have a minimum of 8 hours a month to spare, you may just who we are looking for! Previous experience is not required, our training program, which begins on March 7th, will prepare you to succeed as a car host, tour guide, ticket agent, or fire chase. Applicants of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applications are available by calling (209) 984-4408 or at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org). Be sure to get your application in soon, to allow time for pre-training interview and orientation.

### **April 4-5**

Opening Weekend for Railtown's regular 2009 Steam Train Operating Season! Join us for train rides departing on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days, plus music, roundhouse tours, and more! This weekend only Calaveras and Tuolumne County residents ride trains for free (proof of residency required). Come see what's new at Railtown for 2009!

**New at Railtown for 2009:** Have you ever wondered what it takes to prepare a steam engine for a day of work? Early-birds who arrive at the park at 7:30am will be able to enter the Roundhouse and observe as our cab crew prepare Sierra No. 28 for the first day of the season. Our experienced guides will be available to narrate as the crew goes through their routine.

### **April 11**

The Easter Bunny visits Railtown one day early! Come join our Fluffy Friend at Railtown 1897 on the Saturday before Easter, with music and an Easter egg hunt for children at 11:30 a.m. on the Roundhouse lawn.

### **April 18 and May 2**

Special afternoon Wildflower Train departs at 4:30 p.m. from the Railtown 1897 Depot on these two Saturdays only! Prior to boarding the train, passengers will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with wildflowers of the Sierra Nevada foothills. Once aboard the train, specialists will answer questions and point out wildflower groupings along the way. En route, a stop will be made to allow guests to spread wildflower seeds along the tracks! Tickets are \$10 adults, \$4 youth (ages 6-17), ages 5 and under ride free. Train capacity is limited, and reservations are suggested. Regular steam-powered excursion trains also depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this day.

### **May 10 (Mother's Day)**

Bring a picnic, and enjoy a relaxing Mother's Day at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. Enjoy children's games and activities on the lawn. All Moms ride free aboard regular steam-powered excursion trains when accompanied by a child. Regular steam powered excursion trains depart on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **May 7, 14, 21, 28**

For four Thursdays in May, special diesel-powered School Days Excursion Trains depart on-the-hour 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for prescheduled school groups. A walking tour of the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse is available to round out your school group's visit. Bring your school or classroom to Railtown for a unique and enjoyable learning experience! Reservations required. Nominal per-person fees apply. To make reservations for your class, call ReserveAmerica at (866) 240-4655.

### **May 23-25 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

Regular steam-powered excursion trains depart Saturday, Sunday, and Monday over the holiday weekend, on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. all three days.

### **June 21**

Father's Day at Railtown! Come spend a relaxing day at Railtown on the shady lawn! All Dads ride free aboard regular steam-powered excursion trains when accompanied by a child. Activities and entertainment are provided throughout the day.

### **July 4 & 5 (4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend)**

Regular steam-powered excursion trains operate for the Independence Day Holiday weekend. Spend time with family and friends at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park while you ride, tour, and experience steam trains, authentic railroad facilities, mechanical and engineering ingenuity, and Hollywood film and television heritage—things uniquely American! Trains depart hourly 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Roundhouse Tours available; regular Park operating hours in effect.

### **September 5-7 (Labor Day Weekend)**

Regular steam-powered excursion train rides depart on the hour 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday over the holiday weekend.

### **September 19**

Don't miss the Fifth Annual Wine & Cheese Benefit at Railtown 1897, benefiting improvements related to this State Historic Park. Highlights of this late afternoon/early evening event include tasting of delicious California cheeses and fine wines from selected Sierra Foothills vintners, guided tours, a silent auction, music, and rides aboard a steam-powered Wine & Cheese Train! Reservations are suggested: (209) 984-3953.

### **October 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31 & November 1- Harvest Haunt Express-Autumn Festival**

Climb aboard Railtown's answer to Halloween: the Harvest Haunt Express, with our "Skeleton Crew" aboard, and fun harvest-themed games and activities. Specially decorated steam-powered excursion trains depart on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., filled with fun for the whole family! On **October 10<sup>th</sup>** is Members Day, with handcar rides and special demonstrations.

### **November-December**

Park open daily (Winter Hours, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in effect); guided Roundhouse Tours available. Excursion trains do not operate, except as noted below.

### **November 27-29 (Thanksgiving Weekend)**

Santa visits Railtown the weekend after Thanksgiving! Climb aboard our steam-powered excursion train, departing on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and ride along with the Jolly Gentleman! Regular ticket prices apply.

### **November 21-December 19**

For five weekends starting the week before Thanksgiving, browse through a unique selection of old-fashioned hand made crafts, and try your hand at some yourself. The Holiday Boutique has been a long tradition at Railtown, and all items are created locally with proceeds supporting park programs.

### **December 19 & 20**

Santa visits Railtown again this weekend, with just slightly over a week to go before Christmas! Climb aboard our steam-powered excursion train, departing on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days, and ride along with the Jolly Gentleman! Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the Carriage Room. Regular ticket prices apply.

## ONGOING

Depot Store and Interpretive Center open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (daily April-October)

*(Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day)*

Winter Season Hours (November-March): daily 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tours of the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse available daily

*See historic locomotives and passenger cars, shop facilities, and movie and TV props*

Roundhouse tour tickets: \$2 adults, \$1 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under free\*

Steam-Powered Excursion Trains operate weekends April-October

*(Railtown Members enjoy free regular Excursion Train rides year-round)*

Train Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 youths ages 6-17, children ages 5 and under free\*

Trains also operate selected Special Event weekends November-December

*(Ticket prices for special trains and events may be higher)*

See listings above for dates and additional details

**School Group Reservations** (ReserveAmerica): Toll Free (866) 240-4655

*Reservations are required for School Days programs in May*

For additional information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953

**Railtown 1897 State Historic Park Offices and General Information:** (209) 984-3953

**Railtown 1897 Membership Information:** (916) 445-5995

**Facility & Event Rentals (including special train charters:** (209) 984-3953

**Website:** [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)

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