



# SUTTER'S FORT

## STATE HISTORIC PARK

*"If these walls could talk..."*

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## *Winter-Spring 2009 Calendar of Events*

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*Current as of January 09, 2009*

\*NOTE: All ticket prices, events and times subject to change without notice.

*Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.*

### **January 17**

**Your Credit Counts: Trade and Commerce in California** - Relive the daily activities of early emigrants and pioneers in the 1840s when agriculture and frontier lifestyles defined what is today California. At Sutter's Fort State Historic Park experience the lives of these hearty and adventurous people as docents demonstrate crafts and activities of the past. Visitors may experience militia drill, smell food cooking in the historic kitchen and bakery, see the blacksmith at his anvil, and the carpenter in his shop. This frontier outpost was the center of life in the Sacramento Valley before the Gold Rush. This event will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **February 7**

The 11th annual **Sacramento Museum Day** takes place in the Capital City, presented by the Sacramento Association of Museums (SAM). Twenty-five participating museums will be open free of charge this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admissions at 4 p.m.). For detailed information about participating sites and more, visit [www.sacmuseums.org](http://www.sacmuseums.org).

### **March 7**

**"Never Done: The Frontier Housewife"** - The pioneers who came to California before the Gold Rush were not strictly men. The immigrants who arrived at Sutter's Fort were couples, families and individuals. Some women came willingly; some would rather have stayed in the east. Here on the frontier women did their best to keep their families healthy, fed, and clothed.

Women cooked over open fires, sewed clothes by hand, dipped candles, and wondered what their future would bring. This event will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **March 21**

**“Avast Ye Swabs: Captain Sutter’s Connection to the Sea”** - Relive the daily activities of early emigrants and pioneers in the 1840s when agriculture and frontier lifestyles defined what is today California. At Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park experience the lives of these hearty and adventurous people as docents demonstrate crafts and activities of the past. Visitors may experience militia drill, smell food cooking in the historic kitchen and bakery, see the blacksmith at his anvil, and the carpenter in his shop. This frontier outpost was the center of life in the Sacramento Valley before the Gold Rush. This event will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **April 4**

**“Spring Plans & Dreams”** - John Sutter’s Fort was the center of an agricultural empire. Sutter had large herds of cattle, sheep and other livestock. His workers planted hundreds of acres of wheat, corn and even “millions of onions,” according to Sutter. The pioneers who arrived from the east had to learn what would grow on their new farms and how to deal with California’s different climate. Would the seeds they had brought grow here? How would they get water to their crops when there was no rain through the summer? Many turned to Sutter and other old California hands for advice. This event will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **April 17-19**

**“Traders’ Faire”** - Shop like An Early California Pioneer!

Experience shopping the way the early California Pioneers did! In a unique program, vendors of merchandise of the kind found during the 1800's will set up their tents inside the Fort walls. Shoppers will find clothing, house wares, toys, beads, knives and more for sale during this three-day event. Visitors can also witness demonstrations of crafts and skills of the era presented by costumed docents and volunteers. This event will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **May 16**

**“Westward Ho the Wagons: Making Tracks to Sutter’s Fort”** - Relive the daily activities of early emigrants and pioneers in the 1840s when agriculture and frontier lifestyles defined what is today California. At Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park experience the lives of these hearty and adventurous people as docents demonstrate crafts and activities of the past. Visitors may experience militia drill, smell food cooking in the historic kitchen and bakery, see the blacksmith at his anvil, and the carpenter in his shop. This frontier outpost was the center of life in the Sacramento Valley before the Gold Rush. This event will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Fort offers special events and living history programs throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first non-Indian settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort).*

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