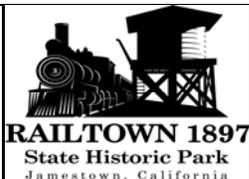


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Railtown 1897 Offers a Hoppin' Good Time With Train Rides & Egg Hunt on Easter Weekend

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown has a variety of special activities planned for Easter weekend, April 7 & 8, 2012. Sharing the spotlight with the famous “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3, the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance arriving in rail-related style aboard a locomotive on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Then at 10:30 a.m., kids of all ages can participate in a fun-filled egg hunt on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn. Departing hourly from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. behind Sierra No. 3 on both Saturday and Sunday, steam-powered excursion train rides offer a memorable six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip experience along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad,” passing through California’s scenic Gold Country. In addition, the Park will be open as usual all weekend long with Roundhouse tours and steam train excursion rides available on both Saturday and Easter Sunday. Visitors from near and far are welcome and encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and spend time relaxing and enjoying the holiday weekend at Railtown 1897 SHP.

Normal Park admission prices are in effect during Easter weekend, \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. There is no additional charge for children interested in participating in the egg hunt on Saturday. Tickets for the steam train excursion rides aboard “mountain observation cars” (open-sided cars that allow for visitors to enjoy the spring weather) are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are now available for advance purchase at www.railtown1897.org as well as at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride (based on availability).

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. As of 1/2/12, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open Thursdays through Mondays (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org