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Railtown 1897 Offers Live Music & Excursion Train Rides All Labor Day Weekend With Special Rides Behind Sierra No. 3 on Monday

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – With train rides, live music and more, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown is the place to be this Labor Day Weekend. Popular excursion train rides will be available all three days (September 3-5) that include special rides behind the famous “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 on Monday only. Live vintage jazz music by the Starlight Serenaders will also be offered from noon to 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, and fiddler Dave Rainwater will offer live musical entertainment aboard the trains all three days. In addition to the special holiday activities, visitors are encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP with picnic and barbecue areas available on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn.

For those interested in memorable excursion train rides through the scenic Gold Country behind the Shay (also known as the “Sidewinder Express”) or Sierra No. 3 (Monday only), they depart hourly between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Excursion train rides include a six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip ride along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad.” All tickets for the excursion train rides aboard “mountain observation cars” are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-17, and kids five and under are free. All tickets include Park admission and are available on a first-come, first served basis at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For Monday train rides behind Sierra No. 3, advance online reservations are recommended by visiting www.railtown1897.org.

Regular Park admission prices apply -- \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17, and is free for children five and under. Guided tours are also available and are included free with paid admission or excursion train ticket.

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. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day, 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

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