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All Aboard!

Railtown 1897 Offers Excursion Train Rides & Live Music Over Labor Day Weekend *Saturday, August 30 through Monday, September 1*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – To celebrate the holiday in rail-related style, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown will offer popular excursion train rides all three days of the upcoming Labor Day weekend. On Saturday and Sunday, rides behind the famous “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 are available; then on Labor Day Monday, vintage diesel train rides are available for interested Park visitors. As another special treat, singer/banjoist James Nelson of the Black Irish Band will entertain guests all three days while performing live on the platform under the tulip tree.

Tapping into America’s love affair with trains and westerns, the iconic Sierra No. 3 became known as the “Movie Star Locomotive” after starring in more than 100 Hollywood movies and television productions alongside world-famous celebrities beginning in the early 1900s. In addition to its impressive Hollywood film credentials, Sierra No. 3 is one of the oldest operating steam locomotives in the United States and Railtown 1897 SHP in Jamestown is home to one of just two remaining, fully intact and still functioning steam-era shortline railroad roundhouse complexes in the United States.

Excursion train rides depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, delighting visitors from near and far during a six-mile, 45-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad,” passing through California’s scenic Gold Country. Visitors to Railtown 1897 SHP are also encouraged to bring picnic items to enjoy under the sprawling oak trees.

Tickets for excursion train rides during the holiday weekend are \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are now available for advance purchase online as well as at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride (based on availability). For more information, call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

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 on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 2 through August 27, 2014 (with special trains on select dates in 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. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (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

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