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With Train Rides, Chocolate Bars & More, Railtown 1897 Gives Moms the Star Treatment on Mother's Day!

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) plans to treat moms extra special this Mother's Day -- on Sunday, May 10 -- by offering excursion train rides, giving away complimentary commemorative Belgian chocolate bars to all mothers who take a train ride (while supplies last), and more.

With beautiful wildflowers still in bloom on Mother's Day, the six-mile, 45-minute roundtrip ride takes passengers through the rolling Gold Country foothills, passing through meadows and along grassy hillsides covered with ancient oak trees. For those wanting to treat mom extra special on Mother's Day, there will be a first-class train ride available as well.

In addition to the relaxing train rides, there are lots of fun, interactive and interpretive-related activities happening at the Park, including:

- The Depot Store, historic Roundhouse & Shops, Interpretive Center and grounds are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with guided tours available;
- Hands on History boxes on the deck where volunteers conduct "show and tell" activities and allow visitors to touch and learn about riveting, railroad signaling, track laying and more;
- Historic caboose visits where guests can climb aboard a historic wooden caboose -- the very same one from *Little House on the Prairie* and *Back to the Future III* – to get a sense of what it was like to be a brakeman on the railroad;
- Visits inside the locomotive cab are available to get new and interesting perspectives of the Park and railroading in general;
- Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on-site on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn.

With train ride departures at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Mother's Day, capacity is limited and visitors are encouraged to arrive early. Train ride tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are 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). Park admission costs are \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under.

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