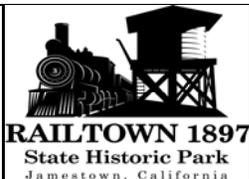


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Celebrate Spring Aboard Railtown's Wildflower Train Behind the Famous Sierra No. 3! *Tickets on Sale Now for Two Saturdays Only: April 14 & 28*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – On two upcoming Saturdays -- April 14 & 28 -- Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) will provide guests with a unique opportunity to experience spring wildflowers from onboard a train pulled by the "Movie Star Locomotive" Sierra No. 3! The special afternoon wildflower trains will depart from the Railtown Depot promptly at 4:30 p.m. Prior to boarding the train, passengers will have the opportunity to learn about the wildflowers of California's Sierra Nevada foothills.

Railtown's popular Wildflower Trains feature Interpretive Park Rangers from the nearby Bureau of Reclamation's New Melones Lake, answering questions and pointing out flower groupings along the way. Wildflower Trains take guests on a six-mile, one-hour roundtrip ride through the scenic, rolling landscapes of California's Gold Country. Along the way, trains encounter meadows and rolling hills, with such local flora as "meadow foam," "gold fields" and other colorful flowers typically in bloom. Train capacity is limited, and advance reservations are suggested. Wildflower train tickets aboard the "mountain observation cars" (open-sided cars that allow for visitors to enjoy the spring weather) are available online now at www.railtown1897.org and cost \$21 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 6-17, and children five and under ride free.

Railtown's regular excursion trains are operating on these two Saturdays as well with departures on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for steam train excursion rides 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

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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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