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**SCHOOL TRAIN RIDE ONLY** (Tour B)

There is a per-passenger charge. Teachers ride free.

This tour is perfect for younger students. Students learn what it was like to travel by train during the 1920s. The ride on vintage railroad cars takes 40 minutes and is supervised by knowledgeable docents.

**TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD: FROM HORSES TO HORSEPOWER!** (Tour C)

4th-6th grades only. There is a per-group charge.

This is a 30-minute hands-on interactive program, which traces the development of the Transcontinental Railroad. It begins with Theodore Judah’s dream of a railway that connected the nation from coast to coast; its construction, completion and its consequences, as it impacted not only California, but the whole country.

**INTERPRETIVE HANDCAR PROGRAM** (Tour D)

4th-6th grades only. There is a per-group charge.

This hands-on program gives students the opportunity to experience the trials, tribulations, and hardships associated with the heavy labor performed by maintenance workers. It is designed to provide school children with a safe experience in the operation of the most basic of railroad equipment.

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**PETALUMA ADOBE SHP**

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- Self-guided Tour

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Bookstore on site. For specific information on the history of Sonoma State Historic Park, students may get to put their faces into pictures with cutouts and “become” characters in history. This program helps students integrate their classroom learning with what they experience when they visit the park. The eras from the Native American period up to the Gold Rush/Statehood time, circa 1850 are covered. This program is wheelchair accessible. A per class charge is payable upon arrival at San Juan Bautista. Check in at front desk of the Plaza Hotel. (1 hr - Program)

**RAILTOWN 1897**

Located in Jamestown, this one-of-a-kind attraction combines industrial heritage and railroad history with the lore of Hollywood’s film industry.

The Railtown 1897 Interpretive Center, the authentic Roundhouse and shops and the Depot Store (a railroad specialty gift shop) are among the Park’s unique year-round offerings. Steam train rides are offered weekends during the spring, summer, and fall. For more information, check: [www.csrmf.org/railtown/doc.asp](http://www.csrmf.org/railtown/doc.asp).