



School Tour Information

Fall 2018/ Spring 2019

Thank you for your interest in Sonoma State Historic Park. Last year, over 16,000 fourth grade students investigated the impacts on the peoples and the Sonoma Valley region in the 1800's after the Missions, Ranchos, and the Mexican War for Independence.

Attention: the tour schedule has changed for Fall 2018 to align; school tours, the Environmental Studies Program (ESP) and the Environmental Learning Program (ELP).

There are three sites within Sonoma State Historic Park and one within Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park to visit and tour August through May.

Mission San Francisco Solano (Sonoma Mission)

School tours are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at three separate times: 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 45-55 minutes in duration.

Environmental Studies Program (ESP) is a day program offered Thursdays from 9am to 2pm and includes hands on activity stations. Visit

<http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/479/files/esp%20definition.pdf> or call 707-938-9560 to inquire.

General Vallejo's Home

School tours are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at three separate times: 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 45-55 minutes in duration.

Sonoma Barracks

Schools may self-guide in conjunction with the general public during regular business hours and do NOT require a reservation or additional fee.

Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park

(25 minute drive from Sonoma) solely or in conjunction with Sonoma State Historic Park.

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Environmental Learning Program (ELP) is an overnight program offered Thursdays from 9am to Friday at 10am. Visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27194 or call 707-762-4871 to inquire.

Reservations

School Tours are scheduled by telephone through ReserveCalifornia at (866) 240-4655. Reservations can be made up to six (6) months in advance or at least fourteen (14) days in advance.

This site is OPEN to the general public daily from 10-4:30 p.m. EXCEPT Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Tour and cost examples:

1:30 p.m. Mission tour = \$40.00

10:30 a.m. Mission tour + 11:45 a.m. Vallejo Home tour = \$50.00

10:30 a.m. Mission tour + 11:45 a.m. Vallejo Home tour + 1:30 p.m. Rancho Petaluma tour = \$60.00

Tours for all sites are NOT available on the following (blackout days):

January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day
March 30, 2018 – Good Friday
November 22, 2018 – Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2018 – Christmas Day

January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day
April 21, 2019 – Good Friday
November 28, 2019 – Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2019 – Christmas Day

Tour Notes:

Sonoma and Petaluma State Historic Park School Tour Policies and Procedures

Single Tour is open to ONLY ONE Group.

45 person maximum per tour = 40 students and five parent chaperones including one teacher; one adult chaperone for every 8 students is requested and must stay with students at all times.

Tours run 45-55 minutes.

Park staff reserves the right to cancel reservations for groups arriving more than 10 minutes after their scheduled arrival time.

For same day (or within 24 hours) cancellations, please call the park at (707) 938-9560. If you are unable to attend a scheduled visit, please be considerate of park staffing needs and cancel your reservation **as soon as possible**.

NO SHOWS - Groups who fail to show for a reserved site without cancelling will be invoiced by DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION a \$25.00 fee for the day.

Teacher is responsible for group behavior in a museum setting.

Please notify tour staff upon arrival of students with special needs.

Cell phone, tablet and questionnaire use during tour is dependent upon tour guide.

Food, drink and gum are NOT allowed.

Fee Waivers/Scholarships – not at this time.

While we strive to provide a guided tour for each reservation by a trained staff member, there are instances when unexpected staffing changes or staff trainings affect our ability to provide a tour guide. In these cases, you will be provided a self-guided tour pamphlet. The group reservation fee WILL NOT be waived.

Visit www.parks.ca.gov/sonomashp or www.parks.ca.gov/petalumaadobeshp for school tour and park information. (Some teachers allow their students to visit the Barracks Gift Shop if time allows; \$5 and under mementos are available).

Example Confirmation Letter: School Tours

READ TOUR NOTES AT THE END OF THE CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR LATEST UPDATES.

Thank you for using ReserveCalifornia's Reservation System!

Read your confirmation letter carefully. If any reservation information is incorrect, contact ReserveCalifornia at (866) 240-4655, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

IMPORTANT: THE NET AMOUNT OWING does not reflect the amount due upon arrival for your tour. Reserve California only makes reservations; it does not collect money (thus the "0" balance). Please read below and be prepared to pay upon arrival.

Reservations and Cancellations:

Fees will be collected upon arrival, please bring confirmation letter. If touring the mission, fees for all sites visited that day will be collected at the mission all together (including Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park).

A \$40.00 flat fee per group is paid on day of school tour by cash or check made out to DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. Additional tours booked at General Vallejo's Home or Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park for the same day visit will be charged a flat fee of \$10.00 per location. Single Tour is open to ONLY ONE Group.

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Driving Directions:

Sonoma State Historic Park to Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park

- South on Broadway/HWY 12 (1.1 miles)
- Turn right onto Leveroni Road at stoplight (1.8 miles)
- Turn left onto Arnold Drive at stoplight (1.4 miles)
- Turn right onto Highway 116/Stage Gulch Road at stoplight, continue (3.2 miles)
- Turn right onto Adobe Road at stop sign
- Park Entrance is approximately 0.2 miles on right

Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park to Sonoma State Historic Park

- Turn left from park entrance driveway
- Turn left onto Stage Gulch Road at stop sign (0.2 miles) – Continue (3.2 miles)
- Turn left onto Arnold Drive at stoplight (1.4 miles)
- Turn right onto Leveroni Road at stoplight (1.8 miles)
- Turn left onto Broadway/HWY 12 at stop sign (1.1 miles)
- Broadway ends at the Sonoma Plaza. Turn right from Broadway to Napa St.

Turn left at First Street East, and continue through Spain Street.
Public Parking lot is off First Street East behind the Barracks building.

Thank you for visiting California State Parks

Petaluma Adobe - 3325 Adobe Road Petaluma, CA 94954 (707) 762-4871
(Building closes at 4:30pm)

Mission San Francisco Solano - 114 East Spain Street Sonoma, CA 95476 (707) 938-9560

Sonoma Barracks - 36 East Spain Street Sonoma, CA 95476

General Vallejo's Home - 363 Third Street West Sonoma, CA (707) 938-9559
(Bus and other vehicle parking is at the end of the long driveway to the right.)