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SONOMA SHP
Founded in 1823, Mission San Francisco de Solano was the last San Francisco mission established in Alta California.
Today, part of the original priest’s quarters and a chapel dating from 1841-42 are left to mark the mission’s site. Secularized in 1834, the mission served as the parish church of Sonoma until 1881. For information regarding this site, call (707) 938-9560. (45 min - Guided Tour)

GENERAL VALLEJO’S HOME
Site of General Vallejo’s second home in Sonoma. Built in 1847 and known as Lachyama Montis, an American-style Victorian home. Visitor center and museum are housed in the Swiss chalet, a Tudor-style structure that once served as a storage house and granary. For information regarding this site, call (707) 938-9559. (45 min - Guided Tour)

SONOMA BARRACKS
Mexican garrison and scene of the Bear Flag Revolt of 1846. Self-guided tour of the soldiers living quarters and museum of California history. Self-playing video of the history of Sonoma State Historic Park. Bookstore on site. For specific information regarding this site, call (707) 938-9560. (45 min - Self-guided Tour)

PETALUMA ADOBE SHP
Once part of General Mariano Vallejo’s vast agricultural empire, this restored adobe displays examples of early California rancho furnishings and equipment. Made from adobe brick and redwood, its design is typical of Hispanic architecture. For information regarding this site, call (707) 762-4871. (45 min - Guided Tour)

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA SHP
San Juan Bautista State Historic Park, in the city of San Juan Bautista, is part of a nationally recognized Historic District and fronts the old Historic Plaza and Mission San Juan Bautista, which has operated as a working church since its founding. The surrounding architecture represents both Spanish and Mexican style adobe structures from the first half of the 1800s, as well as American-period styled buildings from the second half of the same century.
There are four main buildings within San Juan Bautista SHP: The Plaza Hotel, the Castro-Breen Adobe, the Plaza Hall/Zanetta House, and the Plaza Stables, which can be visited while in the park. San Juan Bautista is a very popular destination for 4th grade school classes studying California History. Many educators bring students to visit the neighboring mission but come to the park for quality interpretive programs led by park staff. For specific information, please visit www.parks.ca.gov. For Mission reservations and questions, please call (831) 623-4528.
The following programs are available at San Juan Bautista SHP with reservations:

CALIFORNIA OVER TIME
A park interpreter will, in an historic setting, take a class through the different time periods and cultures, in California, relevant to 4th grade curriculum. Selected 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)

MISSION GAME
This program focuses on the Mission period of time. A class broken down into small groups of about five students each will “design” a mission using clues and information given by the interpreter. This is a hands-on activity, which encourages critical thinking while learning about the background behind the creation of the Mission system in California. 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)