



State of California
Department of Parks Recreation
Order No. 683-21-016

Tour and Photography Protocols
Sierra District

During guided tours in historic buildings and within historic grounds at **Empire Mine SHP, Bodie SHP, Malakoff Diggins SHP, Plumas-Eureka SP, Emerald Bay SP, Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point SP, Bodie SHP, and South Yuba River SP**, visitors shall remain with the designated guide and no person shall depart from the route of the tour as described by the guide, without permission of such guide or his/her superiors into areas prohibited to visitors and so marked.

Additionally:

- No person other than officers, employees of the Department, or other authorized tour guides in the course of duty shall touch, handle, or move any object or exhibit, nor modify any exhibit space, including accumulated dust on artifacts at Bodie SHP.
- No person shall smoke in any building or during any tour or interpretive program.
- No person shall possess or consume food or beverage on any tour or in any building.
- No photography is to interfere with scheduled tours, and the time limits allotted them. No photographer is to leave the tour route, use any kind of artificial light, tripod, or set any equipment on any surface without permission from an employee of the Department. Flash photography is expressly prohibited within the Donner Memorial SP museum, Vikingsholm, and the Ehrman Mansion (Pine Lodge).
- No person shall possess or consume food or beverages in that portion of Empire Mine State Historic Park known as the Historic Grounds area, including all buildings and maintained, irrigated or landscaped grounds. Exceptions to this closure order are hereby granted as follows to all groups who have obtained in advance an approved DPR 246-Special Event Permit through the Sierra Gold Sector Superintendent or designee.
 1. All guests of the Empire Mine Park Association for all regularly scheduled interpretive luncheons at the Empire Clubhouse.
 2. The Empire Country Club for all regularly scheduled functions at the Empire Clubhouse.
 3. The general public at approved special events conducted in the Empire Clubhouse, Historic Grounds, and Warehouse 34B (Docent Building).
 4. State Park Volunteers and staff functions conducted for park business.

The District Superintendent, or his/her designee, may grant exceptions to this order as determined to be necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees and resources. All exceptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the Sierra District Superintendent, Sierra District, P.O. Box 266, Tahoma, CA 96142.

