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*Make your 4<sup>th</sup> of July a Celebration to Remember!*

## **1800s Independence Celebration Old Town San Diego State Historic Park**

Have you seen an anvil firing? The sounds of anvil firings were part of early San Diego celebrations. The boom of the anvil and cannon firings will punctuate the other activities of a real Old Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Experience activities for the whole family including a pie eating contest, a patriotic parade, a cake walk, games, crafts, and other fun-filled activities!

Participate in one of the most historically authentic and affordable events in San Diego. The free family event starts at 11:30 a.m. and includes free admission to museums and free parking.

Bring your family and friends to participate in the parade around the plaza along with horses, wagons, Ramona Marching Band, and people in historical costumes. The parade is scheduled to follow the raising of the 28 star flag at noon. Children 12 years and under may enter the patriotic hat making contest and proudly wear their creation in the parade. Registration for the contest starts at 10 a.m. in front of the visitor information center.

Following the parade there will be games, contests, and demonstrations that represent the fun activities enjoyed by the early settlers of San Diego. Hop on the popular wagon rides that circle the plaza. You can also relax and picnic in the grassy area in front of the stage filled with free entertainment such as historic dancing, vignettes, and patriotic music.

Make your 4<sup>th</sup> of July a memorable one and help Boosters of Old Town (a non-profit cooperating association) fund the interpretation and educational programs and activities in one of the most popular state parks in California.

The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service.

For more information, go to [www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego)