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Railtown 1897 Announces Diesel Train Rides on Wednesdays June 21 through August 9 *Plus, Popular Story Time & Jr. Ranger Activities are Available for Kids*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Back by popular demand, California State Parks and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown will offer two diesel train rides on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. starting June 21 through August 9, 2017. In addition, young guests can enjoy popular and fun *Story Time* reading activities in the Caboose happening at 10 a.m. and noon. Children ages 7-12 can participate in the hands-on Jr. Rangers program – that engages children with railroad history in an authentic setting and hands on track building with replica kid-sized track equipment – at noon and 2 p.m. on Wednesdays during “Diesel Days.”

All excursion train ride passengers will be treated to a six-mile, 45-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad,” passing through California’s scenic Gold Country where scenes from many Hollywood movies were filmed. Guests are encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP by touring the Park and learning more about its authentic railroad facilities and fascinating role in the Hollywood and television industry. Midweek is a perfect time for Park guests to catch glimpses of important work being done inside the historic Roundhouse. Also, guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn while enjoying the day.

The Park is open daily and, in addition to the Wednesday diesel train rides and special activities, excursion train rides are also offered on weekends, holidays and special occasions. Tickets for regular excursion train rides include Park admission and cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. Advance train ride tickets are available online or at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the train ride on a first-come, first-served basis depending on availability. Advance train ride tickets are available at www.railtown1897.org and more information about excursion train rides or Railtown 1897 SHP in general is available by calling 209-984-3953.

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