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Railtown 1897 Offers "Harvest Haunt Express" Train Rides Every Weekend in October

Special Train Rides Pulled by the Famous Sierra No. 3® on Saturdays

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – California State Parks, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation are proud to offer family-friendly "Harvest Haunt Express" train rides on all four weekends in October 2017. With the train whimsically decorated for Halloween and staffed by a "skeleton crew," the popular train rides take place aboard an excursion train that departs at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturdays, the excursion train will be pulled by Sierra No. 3® (the "Movie Star Locomotive") and on Sundays by a vintage diesel locomotive. Train ride guests are encouraged to get in the spirit and dress up according to these fun weekly themes: Critters & Creatures (October 7-8), Superheroes & Villains (October 14-15), Pirates & Princesses (October 21-22) and Witches & Wizards (October 28-29).

Located in the heart of California's Gold Country, Railtown 1897 SHP combines railroad heritage, local history and the lure of Hollywood and is one of only two authentic and still-operating steam-era railroad roundhouse complexes in the entire country. The Park is home to the famous "Movie Star Locomotive" Sierra No. 3[™], which has an impressive history of starring in more than 200 film and television productions such as "High Noon," "Back to the Future 3" and "Petticoat Junction."

Tickets for "Harvest Haunt Express" train rides (which include Park admission) are \$15 adults, \$10 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under are free. To make advance online reservations, visit www.railtown1897.org or call 209-984-3953 for more information.

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