## Empire Mine

The Empire Mine State Historic Park is the site of one of the oldest, largest, and richest hardrock gold mines in California. From 1850 when gold was discovered here, until its closure in 1956, an estimated 5.8 million ounces of gold were extracted from the 367 miles of underground passages.

"The Cottage" was the summer residence of William & Agnes Bourn, the owners of the Empire Mine from 1877-1929. The Bourns enjoyed a rich and active social life as evidenced by the lovely gardens, residences, tennis court and clubhouse. The Bourn Cottage is now a popular wedding site and offers a beautiful and unique setting for your event within a California State Historic Park.

## Mission Statement

*The Mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.*

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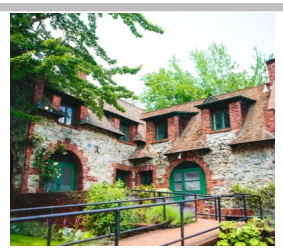

Empire Mine State Historic Park is the perfect outdoor setting for your special day. Nestled in the serene Sierra Nevada foothills, you and your guests will be surrounded by both beauty and history.

Our grounds are available for weddings from the first weekend in May through the first weekend in October, on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Reservations can be made beginning April 15 for the following year's wedding season. Priority bookings on Saturdays will be given to those requesting both a Ceremony / Reception.

## Ceremony

- Bridal Changing Room
- 200 white fan chairs: Set up and break down of ceremony chairs included
- Shuttle for guests with disabilities
- Delivery of bride to the wedding site
- Exclusive use of selected areas of the park after 5:00 pm & use of grounds for photos
- Rehearsal on site for one hour on the day before the event

## Reception

- Use of round tables & white chairs for up to 200 guests
- Use of commissary kitchen for your choice of professional caterer
- Beer & wine permitted* with designated bar-tender
- Amplified music permitted until 10:30 pm
- Tear down and clean up 10:30 pm to midnight

* Additional fee

## Event Pricing

Ceremony (up to 50 guests) ..... $500

Ceremony (51-200 guests) .....$1,000

Ceremony & Reception .....$3,150

+ Alcohol Fee .....$350