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Columbia State Historic Park celebrates 160 years!

COLUMBIA – Join us on Saturday, March 27, from 12 – 4 pm to celebrate Columbia’s birthday.

Bring your family and friends to view live reenactments of the discovery of gold, costumed docents in venues throughout town and special town tours highlighting the town’s beginning. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by Friends of Columbia State Historic Park.

The town of Columbia became instantly famous when a party of men uncovered a rich gold deposit in 1850. This discovery changed the land forever when thousands of people came to the area to “strike it rich”. Come help us commemorate this monumental event in Columbia’s history and celebrate with us as we remember why the town exists and how it grew into one of the richest Gold Rush era towns in California’s history.

Columbia State Historic Park, located in Tuolumne County, is designated as a National Historic Landmark District, and has been preserved to tell the story of the towns which arose during the California Gold Rush to serve the needs of miners. California State Parks has restored and continues to preserve over 30 of the original brick buildings along the town’s Main Street.

Friends of Columbia State Historic Park raise funds to support the educational and Interpretive Programs at Columbia State Historic Park.

Columbia State Historic Park annually hosts over 600,000 visitors, and is a major tourist destination in Tuolumne County. Its many historic-style stores and restaurants are run by over 20 concessionaires whose businesses, along with park staff and volunteers, help recreate the experience of the California Gold Rush for visitors from around the world.

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