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Moms Ride Railtown 1897's Excursion Trains FREE On Mother's Day!

JAMESTOWN, CALIF. – On Sunday, May 13, 2007, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park will recognize Mother's Day with a special offer for moms and their families. This day only, all mothers accompanied by one or more children will ride Railtown's regular Steam Trains for free!

Railtown's regular steam-powered excursion trains will depart this day from the Railtown Depot, on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip ride takes passengers through the rolling Gold Country foothills, passing through meadows and along grassy hillsides covered with stately oak trees. In addition to a free steam train ride, each mom will be offered a complimentary flower, in recognition of the special role that mothers play in raising their families. Mom and the whole family will enjoy this special Gold Country outing.

An old-fashioned Ice Cream Social will be under way this day, offering kids of all ages the opportunity to enjoy a refreshing treat while socializing with their families and friends. For guests desiring an in-depth look at Railtown's fascinating railroad heritage, guided tours of the Historic Jamestown Shops and Roundhouse (including vintage trains and movie props) will also be available. Roundhouse Tours are \$2 adults, \$1 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under tour free.

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park's Depot Store, Interpretive Center, and grounds are open daily April-October from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Guided Roundhouse Tours are available daily. Railtown's regular steam trains operate every weekend April through October (plus selected special event dates November-December). Trains depart hourly 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from the Railtown Depot; regular train tickets are \$8 adults, \$3 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under ride free. Step aboard Saturdays and Sunday for a six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip ride through scenic Gold Country.

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Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, near Sonora. Railtown 1897 and Jamestown are located just minutes from Columbia State Historic Park, widely considered California's best-preserved Gold Rush town.

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers tours of year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, just off highways 49/108. For more information, call (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org.

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