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RAILTOWN 1897
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Join Santa on Holiday Steam Trains at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County:

Santa is taking some time out of his busy schedule to make special appearances at Railtown this holiday season.

Steam-powered trains with Santa aboard will operate over the three-day Thanksgiving Weekend plus Saturday and Sunday, December 19 & 20.

New this year! Santa's Starlight Express

On one night only, Saturday, November 28th at 5:30 PM, bundle up and join Santa and his musical friends for a lighted Christmas train. This special train, filled with the music and magic of Christmas, will get you in the holiday spirit as you ride along in the lighted train, caroling as you go.

Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$9 for youth, and free for children 5 and under traveling with an adult. (Advanced tickets are recommended for all riders, as space is limited. Reservations can be made by calling 209-984-3953).

Santa by Daylight

Steam-powered Santa's Express Trains also continue this year during daylight hours, on November 27th, 28th, & 29th, and December 19th & 20th. Trains run each day at 11, 12, 1, 2 & 3pm. Santa will be on board to greet visitors, and will be accompanied by Railtown's Roving Fiddler, Dave Rainwater. Ticket prices are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youth, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets are available at the depot.

Toy Train Central

The Depot Store at Railtown has a wide selection of toy trains and train related books and gifts for the train fans young and old. Open everyday except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers 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. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth and Reservoir in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org.

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