

# News Release



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## **Celebrate Spring Aboard Railtown's Wildflower Train!** *Two Saturdays Only: April 24 & May 1*

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – On two upcoming Saturdays -- April 24 & May 1 -- Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) will provide guests with a unique opportunity to experience spring wildflowers from onboard a train! The special afternoon wildflower trains will depart from the Railtown Depot promptly at 4:30 p.m. Prior to boarding the train, passengers will have the opportunity to learn about the wildflowers of California's Sierra Nevada foothills.

Railtown's popular Wildflower Trains feature Interpretive Park Rangers from the nearby New Melones Recreation Resource Center, answering questions and pointing out flower groupings along the way. Wildflower Trains take guests on a six-mile, one-hour roundtrip ride through the scenic, rolling landscapes of California's Gold Country. Along the way, trains encounter meadows and rolling hills, with such local flora as "meadow foam," "gold fields" and other colorful flowers typically in bloom. Weather permitting, a stop along the route will provide passengers with the opportunity to distribute wildflower seeds, too! Train capacity is limited, and reservations are suggested. Wildflower train tickets are \$21 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 6-17, and children five and under ride free.

Railtown's regular excursion trains are operating on these two Saturdays as well with departures on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for steam train excursion rides aboard "mountain observation cars" are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. First class tickets are also available for those who would like to ride in the comfort of a 1901 first-class observation car; cost is \$21 for adults and \$9 for youths. All tickets include park admission and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m.

### **About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park**

*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 Tuesday-Sunday 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](http://www.railtown1897.org)*