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Celebrate Spring Aboard Railtown 1897's Wildly Popular & Fun Wildflower Train Rides *Tickets on Sale Now for Two Weekends Only: April 9-10 & 16-17*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – California State Parks, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation are proud and excited to offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience wildflower fun from aboard a historic train. With limited availability, Wildflower Trains are available on two weekends – April 9-10 & 16-17, 2022 – and sell out quickly. Train rides depart from the Depot promptly at 3:30 p.m. each day. Operating in compliance with TSA's (Transportation Security Administration) COVID-19 guidelines, masks are currently required on all excursion train rides.

During the picturesque train ride experience, local naturalist experts and/or interpretive staff at Railtown 1897 will answer questions and point out flower groupings along the way. Wildflower Trains take guests on a six-mile, one-hour roundtrip ride through the scenic landscapes of California's Gold Country. Since wildflower viewing is dependent on annual rainfall and weather conditions, we cannot guarantee the abundance of wildflowers, but trains usually encounter meadows and rolling hills, with such local flora as "meadowfoam," "goldfields" and other colorful flowers typically in bloom. Train ride guests receive a checklist, wildflower booklet and poppy seed packet, and more.

Popular Wildflower Train tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth ages 6-17 and children five and under ride free. Plus, qualifying memberships receive a \$5 discount. With limited seating available, train ride tickets are available online in advance via this [link](#) or at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride (based on availability). Tickets include Park admission, capacity is limited, and advance reservations are strongly suggested.

In addition to the special Wildflower Trains in the afternoon, Railtown 1897's regular excursion trains are operating on these four dates with departures at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m. Regular weekend excursion ride tickets are available online or at the Depot Store, on a first-come, first-served basis. All regular weekend excursion train ride tickets include Park admission and cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 6-17, and are free for children five and under.

The excursion train ride schedule is subject to change with expanded service offered on most holiday weekends. For more information about Railtown 1897 SHP, visitors are encouraged to call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

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About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum.