



Visiting the California State Railroad Museum

A Social Narrative

Today I am going to the California State Railroad Museum.
I will get to see many different types of trains and learn railroad history.



If I see this icon, it may be a good time for me to wear headphones if I want.

When I get to the Railroad Museum, there may be a line.
I will need to wait to enter with my family or group.



The Museum may be loud and crowded, but that is okay because this is a Sensory Inclusive™ location.



Before I start my visit, I will need to purchase admission at the front desk.



I will also need to finish all food and drinks before leaving the lobby.
Water bottles are ok, though.

I can borrow a KultureCity® Sensory Bag from the staff at the front desk.
I can also request a weighted lap blanket to borrow.



There are items in the KultureCity® Sensory Bag that will help me feel calm.



I can use the noise-cancelling headphones and the fidget tools in my sensory bag to help me stay calm and enjoy the Museum with my group or family.

As I walk around the Museum, I will see staff or volunteers that can help me with my visit.



Most staff wear a tan-colored State Parks uniform, and volunteers wear a name tag over their uniform of white shirt with black pants.

I can explore the Museum on a self-guided tour.
The main part of the Museum is on the first floor, where
I will see many large locomotives and train cars.



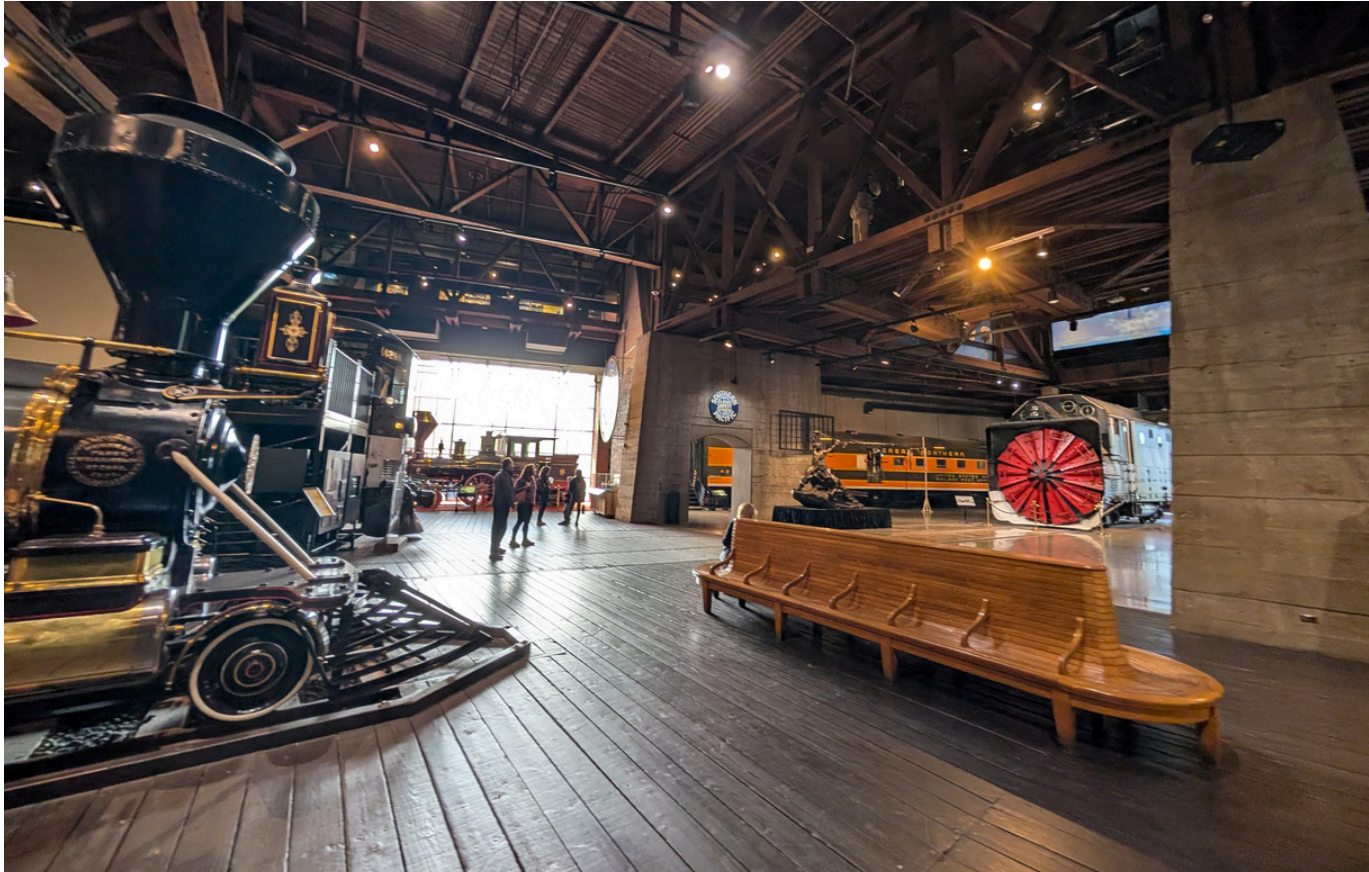


There are train noises playing that can be heard through many parts of the Museum.



Keep an eye out for the Headphone Zone signs to let me know that this would be a good place to wear my headphones.

There are lots of different displays to look at!



And a number of them I can even go inside of, like the Cab Forward locomotive, the refrigerated Fruit Growers Express car, the Cochiti Dining Car, and the RPO (mail) car.



The St. Hyacinth sleeper car is another one I can walk through. This car has a rocking motion, flashing lights, and dinging noises inside.



If I would prefer to skip this car, I can enter the dining car by going up the stairs just past the benches. These historic cars are not wheelchair accessible.

A Quiet Area is located in the waiting room of the telegraph station, and in the NMRA exhibit on the 3rd floor.



The second floor of the Museum has hands-on activities for all ages, including a chalkboard, design planks, and large pieces to build and create with.



The third floor of the Museum has exhibits about toy trains and a play area for children under 6 years old.



The NMRA exhibit about model railroading on the 3rd floor is another quieter area of the Museum.



Restrooms are available on all three floors of the Museum, near the elevators.



There is also a restroom on the main floor by the sleeper car which is wheelchair accessible.

No food or drinks except water are allowed in the Museum.
If I get hungry, I can eat a small snack in the lobby before
returning to the exhibits.



I can also leave the Museum and return on the same day
by showing the front desk staff my receipt.

As I am leaving the Museum, I can stop by the Museum Store.
There are items I can buy to remember my time at the
California State Railroad Museum.



I had a great day at the California State Railroad Museum.
Knowing what to expect made it fun and easy.
I can't wait to go back!

