

Plumas Eureka State Park

Activities



All programs are FREE and available to the public!

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www.plumas-eureka.org



Junior Ranger programs are for children ages 7-12 Dogs are not allowed at programs

Monday, June 25, 2018 – Sunday, July 1, 2018

Every Day

Visit the Museum where a made-to-scale, working model of the Stamp Mill is on display along with many other interesting items depicting the history of gold mining and details of life a century ago. You can also take an easy hike around Madora Lake and view the abundant bird life, or enjoy a self-guided tour of our Historic Mining Area. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

NOW SHOWING in The Basement Theater!

The California Gold Rush:

How The Discovery Of Gold In California Changed A Nation

See rare photos; hear excerpts from actual letters and watch stunning footage in this award-winning film. The California Gold Rush was a global event. But how did it change America? What happened when the gold ran out? Come and learn the answers to these questions and much more about this historic event. **The Basement Theater** is located in The Museum.

Monday, June 25th

- All Day **Mining Complex & Museum**
Enjoy a self-guided tour of our historic Mining Complex. Visit the Museum to learn about our rich gold mining history and details of life a century ago.
- 10 – 1 pm **Blacksmith Shop** **John Work & Tim Kurdupski**
Watch a real blacksmith demonstrate how the ‘smiths’ of the past worked iron to make the tools for mining and everyday living.
- 11am– 2pm **Assay Office** **Fred Seifert**
Visit the office where miners determined how much gold was in the rock they mined, and learn how gold was extracted from the ore.

Tuesday, June 26th

- 9:30-12noon **Waterfall Walk** **Pat O’Reilly**
Join us on this moderate hike to some of the Park’s most beautiful waterfalls! We will keep our eyes open for wildlife and take note of some of the wild flowers now in bloom. Be sure to bring some water, a snack and sun protection for this two-mile walk. Wear walking/hiking shoes, but bring water shoes (no flip-flops please). Meet at the entrance to the Campground.
- 10am - 2pm **Assay Office** **Rich Clemons**
Visit the Assay office where miners determined how much gold was in the rock they mined, and learn how gold was extracted from ore.
- 2 - 3 pm **Junior Rangers - Metamorphic Rocks** **Pat O’Reilly & Emma Sautter**
Learn about the major forces that created this beautiful park, and the three different types of rock you will find here. At the end we will make our own “metamorphic” candy rocks! Meet at the Museum.

Wednesday, June 27th

- 8-10 am **Bird Watching On La Porte Road** **Pat O'Reilly**
Come and take this easy walk and view some of the parks beautiful avian inhabitants. Meet at the campground entrance. Some binoculars are available for loan.
- 10am –1pm **Blacksmith Shop** **Don Homer**
Watch a real blacksmith demonstrate how the ‘smiths’ of the past worked iron to make the tools for mining and everyday living.
- 12noon–1pm **Junior Rangers - Knots** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
Knots you really do *Knot* need to *Knot* know! Learn how to tie helpful knots. Meet at the Museum.
- 1:30-2:30pm **Moriarty House** **Carol Tretten**
Tour the house in which a miner and his family lived over a hundred years ago. Space is limited to eight people per tour, so please sign up at the museum.
- 3 – 4 pm **Junior Rangers - Nature Journaling** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
This is for the older, more contemplative Junior Ranger. We will write poems, songs and learn what John Muir meant when he said, “When you pull on a plant, you’ll find it hitched to everything else in the universe.” Meet at the Museum.

Thursday, June 28st

- 9 – 11:30am **Hike to the Gold Discovery Site** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
Explore the site where gold was first discovered. Meet at Eureka Lake. Wear sturdy shoes, bring sunscreen and water. Meet at Eureka Lake.
- 11am–12 noon **Junior Rangers – “Going Batty”** **Carol Tretten**
Come and learn about these fascinating but often misunderstood mammals of the night! Hold a real bat skull. Meet at the Museum. Limited to children ages 7-12.
- 11 – 1:30 pm **Assay Office** **Cliff Romig**
Visit the Assay office where miners determined how much gold was in the rock they mined, and learn how gold was extracted from the ore.
- 3 – 4 pm **Junior Rangers – Fort Building** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
How would you survive a cold night in the wilderness? Learn how to build shelters out of natural materials. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants! Meet at campsite #54.

Friday, June 29th

- 10 – 11 am **Junior Rangers – Nature Games & Activities** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
Learn about nature while playing fun games! Meet at the Museum.
- 12:30–2 pm **Junior Rangers– Topo Maps** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
This program is geared towards the older Junior Rangers. You will learn to read and draw topographical maps, and then you will build your own mountain! Meet at the Museum.
- 8 – 9 pm **Campfire – Living History** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
Come meet John C. Fremont as portrayed by Stephen Hale (. Fremont played a role in many American political & military events of the mid-19th Century. Fremont explored, described & meticulously mapped the routes that thousands of Americans, including the California gold rush 49ers, would follow to settle the West. Meet at the Campfire Center located next to site #70.

Saturday, June 30th

- 8:30-11:30am **Hike to Grass Lake** **Pat O'Reilly & Emma Sautter**
Many beautiful vistas and wildflowers await you on this moderate 2.5 (round trip) hike. Wear a hat, bring sunscreen, insect repellent and wear good hiking shoes. Meet next to campsite #54.
- 10am & 11am **Junior Rangers - Owl Pellet Investigation** **Brenda Ross**
Learn the secret of the owl's 'silent flight' and probe owl pellets to uncover what they eat! Meet at the tables next to the Blacksmith Shop.
- 10am & 11am **Junior Rangers – Candle Making** **Betsy Barnes**
Come and learn all about how important candles were in the lives of the miners and make a candle of your own to take home! Sign up at the front desk in The Museum. Participation is limited to ages 7-12.
- 10 – 2 pm **Blacksmith Shop** **Dennis Black**
Watch a real blacksmith demonstrate how the 'smiths' of the past worked iron to make the tools for mining and everyday living.
- 11 - 2 pm **Assay Office** **Curt Clarkson**
Visit the Assay office where miners determined how much gold was in the rock they mined, and learn how gold was extracted from ore.
- 11am & 12noon **Moriarty House** **Tim Hardie**
Tour the house in which a miner and his family lived over a hundred years ago. Space is limited to eight people per tour, so please sign up at the museum.
- Dusk **Aerial Fireworks Display**
Drive down the hill to Graeagle to view the Mohawk Valley Independence Day fireworks display at the Graeagle Mill Pond. (about 9:30 pm).

Sunday, July 1st

- All Day **Mining Complex & Museum**
Enjoy a self-guided tour of our historic Mining Complex. Visit the Museum to learn about our rich gold mining history and details of life a century ago.
- 1 – 2 pm **Graeagle Independence Day Parade**
46th Annual Parade in downtown Graeagle.

