



DISCOVER MALAKOFF!

DISCOVER MALAKOFF! HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR

MARCH 24, 2018

1:30-3:30 pm

MALAKOFF DIGGINS STATE HISTORIC PARK

Join Chris Ward, author of *Cemeteries of the Western Sierra*, as he guides us through the historic North Bloomfield cemetery, regaling us with stories and snippets of history extracted from the headstones and markers remaining in the still-operating cemetery. Established in the mid-1800's, this plot of land is dedicated to the enduring stories and memories surrounding the early settlement of this hub of exploration and innovation.

"Cemeteries are more than final resting places for the dead; they are gateways to an area's shared history. Every hand-carved granite or marble monument, every faded wooden marker, holds a clue. Western Sierra populations boomed with the discovery of gold and often dwindled as gold fever waned. Cemeteries of the Western Sierra uses the lens of the cemetery to glimpse a rich and disappearing history. Displaced indigenous populations, miners, dueling newspaper magnates, Chinese pioneers: all are part of the mosaic of history represented in a historical cemetery. From solitary graves in the forest to almost forgotten graveyards near the center of a town, cemeteries tell a story not just of who may have died but also of who lived and what was meaningful in their time."

FAQs

Cost: Free for the tour; \$5 state park day use fee

Transportation

Car pooling is encouraged. We will meet at the museum/park headquarters. It is a short walk from there to the cemetery. There is parking for 15 cars at the cemetery, if inclement weather or the distance from the visitor center is too daunting. Accessing the park from Tyler Foote Road is recommended, as the shortest route via North Bloomfield Road is very rough, and unpaved from Edwards Crossing.

What to bring

Bring your camera, picnic lunch, if you wish to eat before the tour, water bottle, and dress in layers, to accommodate the changeable spring weather. Hats, gloves, umbrellas, and scarves can help make a chilly day enjoyable. Bring a small backpack to store your un-used articles. Please leave your dogs at home for this event.

More Information

- ◆ This **free** event is limited to 25 participants and requires pre-registration RSVP. ◆

Event registration link: <https://discovermalakoffcemeterytour.eventbrite.com>

Please do RSVP, and update, if you need to change your plans. We will maintain a wait list.

Learn more about Malakoff:

<http://malakoffdigginsstatepark.org/> and https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=494

DATE AND TIME FOR DISCOVER MALAKOFF! HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR

Saturday, March 24, 2018

1:30 PM–3:30 PM

Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

23579 North Bloomfield Road

Nevada City, CA 95959

Presented by the Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins and

California State Parks Sierra Gold Sector

For more information call (530) 273-7714 or email lauren.wilson@parks.ca.gov

Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins Mission:

We enhance the interpretive experience for visitors, promote park-based education for learners of all ages, and support and preserve the natural and cultural resources of Malakoff Diggins SHP. We also assist other cooperative associations and the State Park System mission for the benefit of the public.

