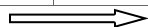


DATE	LOCATION
January 7	El Dorado Station
January 14	Shingle Springs Depot
January 21	El Dorado Station
January 28	Shingle Springs Depot
February 4	El Dorado Station
February 11	Shingle Springs Depot
February 18	El Dorado Station
February 25	Shingle Springs Depot
March 4	El Dorado Station
March 11	Shingle Springs Depot
March 18	El Dorado Station
March 25	Shingle Springs Depot
April 1	El Dorado Station (Easter Sunday)
April 8	Shingle Springs Depot
April 15	El Dorado Station
April 22	Shingle Springs Depot
April 29*	<i>Special Extended Ride</i>
May 6	El Dorado Station
May 13	Shingle Springs Depot
May 20	El Dorado Station
May 27	Shingle Springs Depot
June 3	El Dorado Station
June 10	Shingle Springs Depot
June 17	<i>Closed for County Fair</i>
June 24	Shingle Springs Depot
July 1	El Dorado Station
July 8	Shingle Springs Depot
July 15	El Dorado Station
July 22	Shingle Springs Depot
July 29*	<i>Special Extended Ride</i>
August 5	El Dorado Station
August 12	Shingle Springs Depot
August 19	El Dorado Station
August 26	Shingle Springs Depot
Sept. 2	El Dorado Station
Sept. 9	Shingle Springs Depot
Sept. 16	El Dorado Station
Sept. 23	Shingle Springs Depot
Sept. 30*	<i>Special Extended Ride</i>
October 7	El Dorado Station
October 14	Shingle Springs Depot
October 21	El Dorado Station
October 28	Shingle Springs Depot
November 4	El Dorado Station
November 11	Shingle Springs Depot
November 18	El Dorado Station



Every Sunday

(weather permitting)

10 AM — 2 PM

**Rides leave on the hour:
10am, 11am, 12pm, 1 pm**

2018 SCHEDULE



EL DORADO WESTERN RAILROAD

Call (530) 663-3581 for information and to confirm departure times
Visit us online at <http://museum.edcgov.us/el-dorado-railroad/> and at
[facebook.com/ElDoradoWesternRailroad](https://www.facebook.com/ElDoradoWesternRailroad) for more information

Ride Schedule (Weather Permitting)

Great Family Fun for all Ages!

1st & 3rd Sundays board in El Dorado

2nd & 4th Sundays board in Shingle Springs

Special extended rides scheduled on 5th Sundays of the month

Please call (530) 663-3581 to make your reservations

- First ride leaves no sooner than 10:00, last ride leaves no later than 1:00
- Tickets sold on first-come-first-served basis
- Limited number of seats available on each ride
- Regular Sunday rides are about 45 minutes long and round trip
- Riders under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Schedule subject to some variation due to weather and volunteer staffing
- No animals are allowed on board

\$8.00 donation for ages 9 and up

\$3.00 donation for ages 3 - 8

Reservations for groups are available on Sundays at 8:30 am
Call (530) 663-3581 for more information

All donations & sales help keep the Railroad running—thank you for your support!

<i>Schedule continues...</i>	
November 25	Shingle Springs Depot
December 2	El Dorado Station
December 9	Shingle Springs Depot
December 16	El Dorado Station
Closed December 23 & 30	
<i>Next Schedule Starts January 6, 2019</i>	

Boarding in El Dorado (4650 Oriental St.) GPS Coordinates: N38°41'01", W120°51'02" Located next to the El Dorado Community Hall in the town of El Dorado. Take Hwy 49 to Pleasant Valley Road to the town of El Dorado. Then take Oriental Street (across from the Post Office) and keep left at the "Y" to the end of the road, then turn left to reach the station.
Boarding in Shingle Springs (4241 Mother Lode Dr.) Take Hwy 50 to Ponderosa Road exit and take Mother Lode Drive East (on the south side of Hwy 50) to the Historic Freight Depot on the left side of the road

Would you like to Volunteer? *The El Dorado Western Railroad is operated and maintained by Museum Volunteers. Ask one of our volunteers about how to get started, or go to the website- <http://museum.edcgov.us/volunteers>*



The Mission of the El Dorado Western Railroad is to preserve the county's railroading history by providing the El Dorado County Historical Museum a dynamic living history railroad experience for the public, and by maintaining and operating on the historic Placerville Branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

RAILROADS have been an important part of EL DORADO COUNTY'S HISTORY. After gold was discovered in 1848, the Gold Rush brought thousands of people to Northern California and with them, the idea of building a railroad from Sacramento to the Gold Fields. By 1853 the Sacramento Valley Railroad was begun, reaching Folsom in 1856.

When the Comstock Lode was discovered in Virginia City, NV the Placerville-Lake Tahoe Wagon Road became busy and crowded. Placerville residents pushed to continue the rail line from Folsom. The track was laid to Latrobe in 1864 and to Shingle Springs by 1865. It took another 23 years to complete the rail line to Placerville. The Southern Pacific Railroad's "Placerville Branch" opened for business in 1888, and hauled lumber, fruit, butter and other produce to Sacramento until 1986. There was also a thriving passenger service to and from Sacramento until the mid-20th century.

In addition to the Southern Pacific Railroad Placerville Branch, there were narrow gauge logging railroads connecting the vast stands of timber to lumber mills. What eventually became the Michigan-California Lumber Company built an extensive network of narrow gauge rail, including a cable which carried rail cars of lumber across the American River Canyon from the mill in Pino Grande on the north side of the river to the mill in Camino. Their standard gauge railroad, the Camino, Placerville & Lake Tahoe Railroad brought lumber to Placerville where it was loaded onto the Placerville Branch railroad line. The Camino, Placerville & Lake Tahoe railroad right-of-way is now part of the El Dorado Trail. Another logging railroad was put in by the Diamond & Caldor Lumber Company. Their network of narrow gauge rail was east of Grizzly Flat with a lumber mill in Caldor and another in Diamond Springs. Much of their lumber was loaded onto the Placerville Branch in Diamond Springs.

The EL DORADO WESTERN RAILROAD currently operates its excursion railroad program on the Placerville Branch between Shingle Springs and Missouri Flat Road. Originally there were five combined freight and passenger depots, built to standard Southern Pacific Railroad designs in Latrobe, Shingle Springs, El Dorado, Diamond Springs and Placerville. The only existing structure is a portion of the Shingle Springs freight warehouse, built after a devastating 1896 fire burned the original 1865 station. The town of El Dorado now has a scaled version of the El Dorado Station through the generosity of volunteers and donors.

Additional historical information and photographs are at the El Dorado County Historical Museum, 104 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA 95667. Early railroad history is used courtesy of Doug Noble from his series published in the Mountain Democrat in 2007. For more information, visit the Museum website at <http://museum.edcgov.us/county-history>.

Speeder Cars—also known as "Gang Cars," "Inspection Cars" or "A-Cars"—were rail vehicles used to transport maintenance workers, track inspectors and assorted railroad ruffians for over 100 years from the late 1880s to the early 1990s. Unique in their own right, the gasoline-powered Speeder Cars have developed quite a following of devoted fans.



Future plans for the El Dorado Western Railroad include a full-size excursion train. Work is on-going to restore historical railroad equipment and the Southern Pacific Railroad Tracks.

In addition, the Railroad History Center will be located in El Dorado including county-based narrow gauge logging railroad artifacts.

The historic Shingle Springs Turntable and a railroad maintenance yard near the historic Diamond Springs Station are currently in the planning stages.



This 1912 photo shows the El Dorado Depot, built in 1888. It served both passengers and freight on the Placerville Branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The El Dorado School, a one room schoolhouse and now the El Dorado Community Hall, is seen at the left edge of the photo.

*The El Dorado Western Railroad is the Living History Program of the El Dorado County Historical Museum
104 Placerville Drive
Placerville, CA 95667
Visit the website at <http://museum.edcgov.us>
Email: museum@edcgov.us, (530) 621-5865*



12/1/2017