

## Kingsburg Historic Depot Living History Tour

Welcome to the Kingsburg Historic Depot. We are providing you with ideas and information to make your tour more educational. Depots helped the state of California by providing transportation and movement of goods from one place to another.

1. The Patio Meeting Place - When you come to the depot meet the station master – Andrew Miller on the patio in front of the depot by the benches and baggage wagon. The station master will lead you through the depot where you can interact with the actors. Some passengers will meet you on the patio and even possibly Dr. Flora Smith, the first women doctor in Kingsburg.
2. The waiting room. There will be passengers, a unique clock, telephone, and suitcases and trunks. Each student will get a ticket at the ticket counter. (Restrooms are in the waiting room.)
3. The main office is Railway Station Agent or Clerk. The Agent will explain how things were shipped to the depot and from the depot. He will also explain how mail was handled.
4. Western Union window. There will be a town person ready to send a message. The telegrapher will explain about morse code and how messages were sent.
5. Baggage and Freight rooms: you will see freight workers moving crates and weighing them on the scale. The freight worker will explain how perishable and non-perishable items are shipped. You may meet two ladies from town looking for their purchases that should have arrived at the depot.
6. Locomotive- You will see the actual locomotive that would have run on these tracks.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Miller's apartment which is upstairs. Mrs. Miller will show you how people lived in 1923. One new feature was electricity and an indoor bathroom. The tub and toilet are original. The kitchen has been reconstructed to look just like the one that was originally there.

If you have anyone in your group, not able to go up the stairs they can go back to the office or waiting room with a chaperone.