

**WELCOME!** Gold was discovered at Bodie in 1859 on the native homelands of the Kootzaduka'a people, who still live in the region. By the 1880s, the population swelled to over 8,000. Bodie's hard-rock mining demand attracted workers from England (Cornwall), Wales, Ireland, Canada, Mexico, Germany, and China. Half the residents were immigrants, but only 10% were women. High wages spurred hotels, saloons, dance halls, and a red light district. A large Chinese population, banned from mining, ran essential services and opium dens. Declining mines and devastating fires in 1892 and 1932 crippled Bodie's infrastructure. By 1915, it was deemed a ghost town, a status sealed by the end of gold mining during World War II. In 1962, California State Parks acquired Bodie, pioneering a groundbreaking "arrested decay" approach to preservation, where historic buildings and artifacts offer a window into its rugged past.



**Bodie State Historic Park** 12515 Bodie Road Bridgeport, CA 93517 30-45 minutes from Hwy 395



**Day-Use Hours Memorial Day to Labor Day:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Off-season hours vary, check park website.



**Day-Use Entry Fees** (includes parking) Adult: \$8 **Ages 4-17:**\$5

**Ages under 4 years:** Free

















**California State Parks Passes Accepted:** Historian Passport and Distinguished Veteran Pass





California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park at (760) 647-6445. If you need this publication in an alternate format, contact (530) 525-7232.

## TIPS FOR VISITING

**Park Hours**—The Museum & Visitor Center is open from mid-May to mid-October. Park and museum hours vary seasonally depending on the weather. Park hours are strictly enforced to protect historic structures and artifacts.

**Tours**—Check in at the museum for more information about History Talks and Stamp Mill Tours, offered seasonally.

**Winter**—Winter visits require snow transportation. Four-wheel-drive vehicles often get stuck in snow that is deeper than it appears. Towing facilities are not available. Snowmobiles must stay on designated roads within the park and on surrounding public lands as posted.

**Restrooms**—Located at the parking lot and picnic area.

**Accessibility**—The park is generally accessible, but the protected historic structures, uneven surfaces, and highaltitude desert terrain may be a challenge for individuals with limited mobility or difficulty breathing. Access to window views for structures requires climbing stairs. Wheelchairs to help navigate sand are available upon request.

## PLEASE REMEMBER

You are responsible for following park rules and regulations. All rules and regulations are strictly enforced.

- The speed limit in the park is 15 mph.
- No commercial facilities (e.g. for food or fuel) exist in the park.
- Everything in the park is fully protected. Nothing may be collected or removed from the park.
- No metal detectors are allowed.
- Dogs are permitted in the park but must be on a maximum 6-foot leash at all times.
- Camping is prohibited in the park. Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests provide camping nearby.
- For safety reasons, certain unstable areas of the park are closed to visitors. These areas are posted as prohibited.
- Drones are prohibited within the park.
- Smoking is prohibited outside of the parking lot area.
- A California Film Commission permit is required for commercial filming/photography.

