

**Siskiyou County Historical Society**  
2021 Tentative Local Historic Tours

**Tour Schedule** ~ please contact the Historical Society to verify dates and time, due to Covid some changes may be required. Check our Facebook page, email us at: [SCHSmain@gmail.com](mailto:SCHSmain@gmail.com) or message at: (530) 572-1099. Below the tour schedule you will find additional information regarding the various tours. *Covid requirements will be in place for participants. Please wear a mask.* Tickets are available online at [www.sisqhistory.org](http://www.sisqhistory.org) or meet at tour location to purchase. Some tours may have limited numbers.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Tour Name</b> <b><u>Reservations suggested for all tours</u></b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Suggested Donation per person</b>
April 16	5:00 p.m.	Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tour	Cemetery is at end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka. Meet at flagpole in center of cemetery.	\$5
April 17	5:00 p.m.	Third Street Walking Tour	Corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and North Street, Yreka.	\$5
April 18	5:00 p.m.	St. Josephs Cemetery Walking Tour	Meet at St. Joseph's Cemetery, at the extreme end of East Miner Street, east of I-5	\$5
April 19	5:00 p.m.	Miner Street Walking Tour	Meet in front of the Franco-American Hotel, Miner Street, Yreka	\$5
May 2	4:00 p.m.	City Cemetery Walking Tour	Meet 100 yards east of Meeks Lumber, along North Foothill Drive, Yreka.	\$5
May 14	5:00 p.m.	City Ranch-Greenhorn Walking Tour	Meet at lower Greenhorn Park, at end of Ranch Lane, Yreka.	\$5
May 15	5:00 p.m.	Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tour	Cemetery is at end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka. Meet at flagpole in center of cemetery.	\$5
May 16	5:00 p.m.	Third Street Walking Tour	Corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and North Street, Yreka.	\$5
May 17	5:00 p.m.	Miner Street Walking Tour	Meet in front of the Franco-American Hotel,	\$5

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			Miner Street, Yreka	
May 18	1:30 p.m.	Memories of Hilt	Meet at the Hilt Church, off I-5 at Hilt, CA. Hilt is approximately 20 miles north of Yreka.	\$5
June 11	5:00 p.m.	Miner Street Walking Tour	Meet in front of the Franco-American Hotel, Miner Street, Yreka	\$5
June 12	5:00 p.m.	St. Josephs Cemetery Tour	Meet at St. Joseph's Cemetery, at the extreme end of East Miner Street, east of I-5	\$5
June 13	5:00 p.m.	Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tour	Cemetery is at end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka. Meet at flagpole in center of cemetery.	\$5
September 4	TBA	Gillis House Fundraiser Tour ~ further information to be provided	Gillis Mansion 223 North Oregon Street, Yreka	TBA
September 17	5:00 p.m.	Evergreen Cemetery Wagon Tour	Cemetery is at end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka. Meet at flagpole in center of cemetery.	\$5
September 18	5:00 p.m.	Third Street Wagon Tour	Corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and North Street, Yreka.	\$5
September 19	5:00 p.m.	City Ranch-Greenhorn Walking Tour	Meet at lower Greenhorn Park, at end of Ranch Lane, Yreka.	\$5
September 20	5:00 p.m.	Miner Street Walking Tour	Meet in front of the Franco-American Hotel, Miner Street, Yreka	\$5
October 15	5:00 p.m.	Third Street Wagon Tour	Corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and North Street, Yreka.	\$5
October 16	5:00 p.m.	Evergreen Cemetery Wagon Tour	Cemetery is at end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka. Meet at flagpole in	\$5

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			center of cemetery.	
October 17	5:00 p.m.	Miner Street Walking Tour	Meet in front of the Franco-American Hotel, Miner Street, Yreka	\$5
October 31	5:00 p.m.	HALLOWEEN Walking tour of Evergreen Cemetery	Cemetery is at end of Evergreen Ln., Yreka. Meet at flagpole in center of cemetery.	\$5
November 5	4:00 p.m.	Elks Building Walking Tour	Meet at the corner of Miner and Oregon Streets, Yreka	\$5
November 13	4:00 p.m.	Masonic Hall Walking Tour	Meet at the intersection of Miner and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Streets, Yreka.	\$5
November 19	4:00 p.m.	Firefighter's Museum Walking Tour ~ Fundraiser	Ley Fire Station, at intersection of Miner and Oregon Streets.	\$10

### Tour Descriptions:

**Evergreen Cemetery Walking Tours**—View the largest cemetery in Yreka along a ¼ mile stroll. Hear stories of interesting people buried here, the history of cemeteries worldwide, headstone symbolism and local tales. The terrain is flat, with some steps and irregular footing. There will also be a special Halloween event!

**Evergreen Cemetery Wagon Tours**—View the largest cemetery in Yreka by wagon! Hear stories of interesting people buried there, as well as the history of cemeteries worldwide, headstone symbolism and local history while riding in comfort.

**Third St. Historic Homes Walking Tour**—A ½-mile loop along 3<sup>rd</sup> and N. Oregon Streets., Yreka, showcases the beautiful Craftsman, Victorian and older homes and hear their stories! Learn how and when architectural changes occurred in American and clues to identify them in Yreka. Believe it or not, this residential area has a direct tie with the famous Modoc Indian War and its participants!

**Third St. Historic Homes Wagon Tour**—Take a wagon tour along 3<sup>rd</sup> and N. Oregon Street, Yreka. View beautiful Craftsman, Victorian and older homes and hear their stories! This residential area has a direct tie with the famous Modoc Indian War!

**Masonic Hall and History**—With cooperation with *Yreka's Masonic Order*, this tour delves into the interconnection between fraternal orders and the welfare of old-day communities. As an

extra attraction, participants will be able to view the beautiful Masonic “Temple”. (A stairway will need to be climbed, or arrive 15 minutes early to take the small elevator.)

**Yreka Volunteer Firefighting Museum**—Few know this museum exists, but it is a good one! Learn about the volunteers who fight Yreka’s fires and how it has been done through the years. In cooperation with the **Yreka Vol. Firefighters**.

**The Elks Club Building**—Another Miner Street gem--the Elks Club Building! Participants will glimpse a slice of Yreka history not seen by just walking through town. The bar is awesome and has a great history. Don’t miss the bullet holes toward the back!

**St. Joseph’s Cemetery Walking Tour**—This is the final resting place for the who’s-who of the local Portuguese, Italian and Irish communities. The headstones tell a fascinating story of the cultural richness these ethnic groups added to the Siskiyou region. **2021 is the inaugural year for this tour!**

**Gillis House**—Visit Yreka’s iconic Victorian home and hear its tales! It has been years since this home has been open to visitors, so do not miss this special event. This tour will only occur once in 2021 and will be a special SCHS fundraiser featuring hors d’oeuvres and drinks in the yard!

**Hilt Walking Tour—As Remembered by Kids That Knew It!**—Hear tales of growing up in this special place! Several people, children or teens when Hilt was still a thriving town, will describe what life was like at this mill town. If you have memories of this special community, bring them with you!

**City Cemetery**—View the oldest existing cemetery in Yreka over this ½ mile loop of flat but bumpy ground. Many of the **thousands** of burials have no headstones and the records have been destroyed, but docents will discuss the fascinating story of how its history is being reconstructed.

**Miner Street Walking Tour**—This ½ mile stroll through the heart and soul of Gold Rush town Yreka shows off fascinating history everywhere! Learn about the Chinese; the Modoc Indian War and the mining tunnels that crisscross under your feet!

**Greenhorn Mining/Casson (City) Ranch Walking Tour**—Greenhorn Park has a lot of history not apparent without some careful inspection and interpretation. Jerry Casson, who lived in that location before the park existed, has pieced together its mining and farming history. We will see the Big Ditch and where the notorious Greenhorn Water War was fought! The route involves irregular trails and will be over one mile in length. Consequently, the tour will last approximately 1.5 hour in length. **This will be the first year for this special tour.**