

Shasta State Historic Park Southside Ruins
Audio Tour, Interpretive Story
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Woman's Voice...Creating a State Park. In the 1930s, the historical preservation movement was beginning and Shasta was to be a part of it. People began coming to Shasta by automobile. The Native Sons of the Golden West, the Shasta Historical Society and a former Shasta resident, Mae Helene Bacon Boggs, believed in the importance of saving Shasta. They began what is now a nearly century-long effort to preserve Shasta. Mrs. Boggs, in particular, was instrumental in this story. She purchased land and structures and donated her valuable and extensive art collection. The California State Parks Commission acquired additional properties in nineteen thirty seven, and in nineteen fifty, the Courthouse Museum opened. Today, California State Parks and the Town of Shasta Interpretive Association work together to preserve and protect this important piece of California history.

We invite you to further explore the park. Stop by the restored Courthouse, now a museum with numerous exhibits including Mrs. Boggs' fine art collection. Visit the Litsch Store, the pioneer barn, and the cemeteries of this once glorious "Queen City."