

*Park*

Communications Storyline

*County*

[California State Railroad Museum](#)

U.S. Mail to California was transformed by transcontinental rail service; see esp. the Great Northern Railway Post Office Car No. 42.

Sacramento

[Old Sacramento SHP](#)

Before the railroad, U.S. Mail carried to Sacramento by steam-powered riverboats via the Isthmus of Panama, later Pony Express. See monument and riverboat wharf.

Sacramento

[Hearst San Simeon SHM](#)

Controversial William R. Hearst, a key figure in American journalism for 50 years, established a media empire that thrives today. Among his publishing companies were early pioneers into broadcast journalism, radio in the 1920's and television in the 1940's. His influence extended into politics, Hollywood, the art world and everyday American life.

San Luis Obispo

[Marconi Conference Center SHP](#)

Guglielmo Marconi shared the 1909 Nobel Prize in Physics, and is widely credited as the inventor of radio. Park is the site of Marconi's transoceanic long-wave Marshall Receiving Station. Early equipment; view historic photo collection -- available online.

Marin

[PORTS Programs: State Parks live videoconference](#)

PORTS programs help teachers and students take advantage of California's K-12 High Speed Network technology to connect with State Parks -- includes complete units of study in life sciences, earth sciences and history-social science. Lessons prepare students for the videoconference, and provide supporting materials and links to further resources.

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