

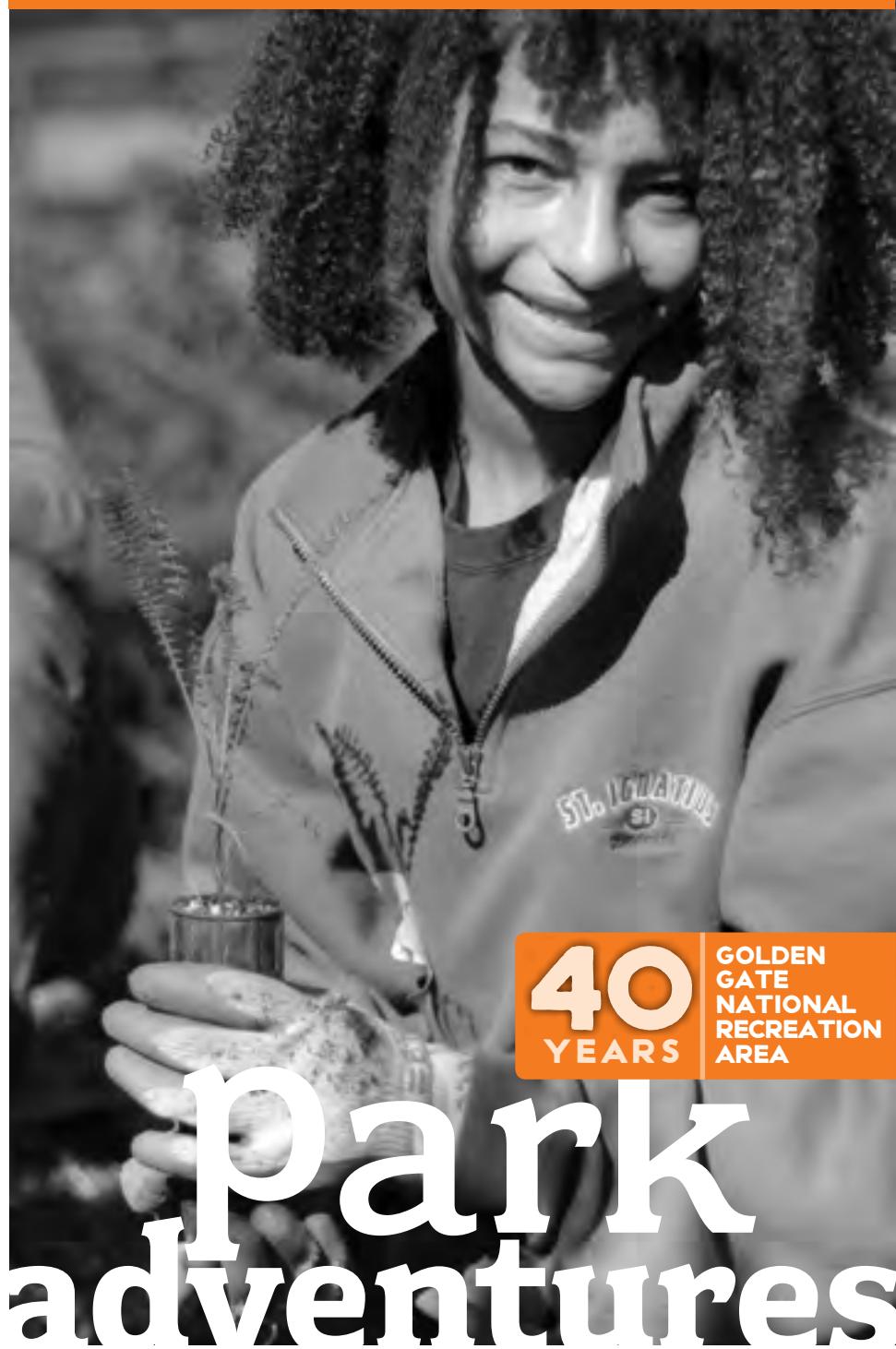
GOLDEN GATE
NATIONAL
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PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™



FALL calendar & events

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2012



40
YEARS

GOLDEN
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NATIONAL
RECREATION
AREA

park adventures

COMPASS POINTS

You're Invited: A 40th Birthday Party for Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Celebrate 40 years of the Golden Gate National Parks on October 27 (10:30 AM—2 PM) with a birthday bash at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Walk back in time with those who made history—by making a park! Join citizen activists and park rangers for a two-mile walk up Rodeo Valley to the Gerbode Valley, to relive the fight to protect open space and create a whole new kind of public land: a national park near an urban area.

Interpretive tour starts at 10:30 AM. Visitors can also enjoy birthday cake, browse exhibits and artifacts telling the story of the parklands, and take the whole family on a fun “treasure hunt.” Bring a lunch for picnicking at the Visitor Center or along the trail.

For more details, visit www.parksconservancy.org/calendar or www.nps.gov/goga, or call (415) 331-1540.

For more 40th Birthday hikes and activities, look for the **40** logo throughout Park Adventures.

Muir Woods Winter Solstice Update

After more than 33 years, Winter Solstice at Muir Woods has grown beyond the capacity of a little park to sustain, and the event has lost its former quality of a quaint and intimate gathering beneath the tall redwoods.

In an effort to reduce the commotion of a crowded park at night and offer a more meaningful and safe experience, look for changes in the Winter Solstice programming in the winter edition of *Park Adventures* or check our website at www.nps.gov/muwo for updates.

PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES**Bring the Kids: Crissy Field Evening Hike and Campfire**

Friday, September 21, 5—7 PM

Join Crissy Field Center's Community Programs team for an easy, family-friendly interpretive walk around the Crissy Field Marsh to explore this amazing revitalized habitat.

Stay for a campfire and s'mores! See Crissy Field section for more details.

Hawks and Butterflies

Thursday, October 11, 11 AM—2 PM

Join Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Director Allen Fish for an insider's view of the GGRO on this moderate hike up to Hawk Hill during peak raptor migration season. Also, learn

about restoration of habitat for the mission blue butterfly. See Marin Headlands section for details.

Hidden Coves, Shipwrecks, and Mystery Beaches

Saturday, November 10, 10 AM—Noon

Discover the best hidden beaches in San Francisco on this Lands End hike with historian John Martini.

We'll see tucked-away coves, the ruins of Sutro Baths, shipwrecks, and more! For more information, see Lands End section of this book.

Save the Date: Warming Hut**Members Discount Days**

Thursday, December 6, 5:30—8 PM

Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9

Parks Conservancy members enjoy 20% off at the Warming Hut on these special shopping days—just in time for the holidays. The December 6 event also features a Fort Point candlelight tour.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS EVENTS

Members Hiking Series events are free and open to Parks Conservancy members. Space is limited and hikes fill up fast. Priority will be given to those who have not attended the hike in the past. Registration is required; call (415) 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

Members events are designed by **M** in this book.

Become a Parks Conservancy member to enjoy these hikes and other great benefits; visit www.parksconservancy.org/membership.

DESTINATION

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA TURNS 40: A PARK FOUNDER LOOKS BACK

By Amy Meyer

ON OCTOBER 27, 1972, THE DREAM of a Golden Gate National Recreation Area came true when President Nixon signed the park's enabling legislation.

Our park, inspired by the iconic beauty, abundant natural resources, and history of these lands and waters, was a necessity. Army fortifications on the headlands of the Golden Gate were obsolete and the valuable land was ripe for development. East Fort Miley was to house a huge Federal Archives building and "Marincello," a city for 30,000 residents, was to fill Marin's Gerbode Valley.

Only a national park could preserve this land for public use in perpetuity. It was time "to bring national parks to the people, where the people are," said Interior Secretary Walter Hickel. Golden Gate is the largest of several national parks in urban areas that were authorized during the 1970s.

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area, championed by a bipartisan coalition led by Democratic Congressman Phillip Burton and Republican Congressman Bill Mailliard, needed evidence of broad public



Amy Meyer, walking on Baker Beach in 1973 (Photo courtesy of Park Archives)

support to get the votes in Congress. San Francisco had already saved most of its coastline between the Army forts, and Marin had substantial state parks between its three headlands forts and Point Reyes National Seashore.

Beginning in January 1971, a coalition of conservation- and civic-minded organizations and individuals worked to protect the connecting land. Dr. Edgar Wayburn and I led People For a Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which organized the campaign. Volunteer lawyers helped write the legislation. More volunteers testified in support of the park at city, state, and federal legislative and commission hearings.

Others led hikes to show the proposed park to the public, wrote newspaper and magazine articles, took photographs, published a newsletter, and gave talks at clubs and schools. Sierra Club supplied advice at the national level; Marin Conservation League helped get endorsements from Marin County, its towns, and ranchers; SPUR provided critical San Francisco political advice.

The original park encompassed 34,000 nearly contiguous acres in Marin and San Francisco counties, interrupted only at the Golden Gate. The Presidio, then an active Army post, was placed within the boundary to ensure its preservation, should it ever cease operations (it was transferred to the National Park Service in 1994).

Today Golden Gate National Recreation Area has more than 80,000 acres, with much of this increase coming in San Mateo County. Annually, over 16 million people enjoy the wonders of this park that is located within the Golden Gate Biosphere Reserve. For those who live nearby, this park is our national park next door. For those who come from afar, the visit is often the fulfillment of a lifetime dream.

Amy Meyer is the author of New Guardians for the Golden Gate: How America Got a Great National Park, a first-hand account of the creation of these parks.

SEPTEMBER

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HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES

Park Adventures features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust. Most programs are free (exceptions noted) and open to the public. The monthly calendar pages list programs by park site, date, and time. Program descriptions follow the calendar pages, are organized by park site, and include full contact and registration information.

Program locations, dates, and times are subject to change without notice; please call ahead to verify information.



Sept. 8 Sept. 15 Sept. 22 Sept. 29

indicates Parks Conservancy members event

MARIN HEADLANDS

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1–2 PM

MORI POINT

Mori Point Meander 1–4 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM

MUIR WOODS

Muir Woods After Hours 6:30–8:30 PM

PRESIDIO

Presidio Between the World Wars 11 AM–12:30 PM
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
Where's the Brr-brr-Bridge? 2–3:30 PM

FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

The Dangers of Bridging the Golden Gate 10–10:30 AM
The Mexican Presidio/El Presidio Mexicano 2–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Marine Science Sundays

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AT MULTIPLE SITES

National Day of Service and Remembrance

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FORT MASON

Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten! 11 AM–NOON

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AT MULTIPLE SITES

MUIR BEACH/STINSON BEACH

California Coastal Cleanup Day 9 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

Ridge to Bridge Ride 10 AM–2 PM

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Ride On Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

SWEENEY RIDGE

The Russians Are Coming! NOON–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD

Bring the Kids: Crissy Field Evening Hike and Campfire 5–7 PM

FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

LANDS END

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON
Great Scott! 1–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten! 2–3 PM

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PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:30–2:45 PM

AT MULTIPLE SITES

National Public Lands Day

FORT BAKER Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

MUIR WOODS

National Public Lands Day (Fee-Free Day) Volunteer Opportunity 9 AM–NOON
Service Learning Experience 9:30 AM–2:30 PM

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SUNDAY

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	MUIR WOODS Muir Woods After Hours 6–8 PM		ALCATRAZ 40 Years of Golden Gate 40 11 AM–12:30 PM		PRESIDIO Shuttle Through Time 1:30–2:45 PM	ALCATRAZ 40 Years of Golden Gate 40 11 AM–12:30 PM
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MARIN HEADLANDS
Lighthouses of S. F. Bay 11 AM–NOON
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Coastal Defenses of S. F. Bay 1–2 PM
MORI POINT
Mori Point Meander 1–4 PM
MUIR WOODS
Redwood Rendezvous 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES
Teens on Trails 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40**
11 AM–12:30 PM

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FORT MASON
Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawks and Butterflies **M** 11 AM–2 PM
PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten! 2–3 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40** 11 AM–12:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Three Flags of the Presidio 2–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Marine Science Sundays
MUIR WOODS
Redwood Creek Before the Storms 9:30 AM–2 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40**
11 AM–12:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Shuttle Through Time 1:30–2:45 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40** 11 AM–12:30 PM

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40 Years of Golden Gate **40** 11 AM–12:30 PM
CRISSY FIELD Crissy Marsh Walk/Paseo en la Ciénaga de Crissy 2–3 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40** 11 AM–12:30 PM
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
LANDS END Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

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MUIR WOODS Service Learning Experience 9:30 AM–2:30 PM
Owl Wars 4:30–7:30 PM
PRESIDIO Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands 10 AM–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Guns and Bridges 1–3 PM
RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA
Ride On Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40**
11 AM–12:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD
The GGNRA: A “People’s Park” at 40 **40** 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Let’s Move on Crissy Field! 1–3 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40** 11 AM–12:30 PM
AT MULTIPLE SITES Make A Difference Day **40**
CRISSY FIELD Golden Gate: A “People’s Park” at 40 **40** 10:30–11:15 AM and 1–1:45 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
40th Birthday for Golden Gate **40** 10:30 AM–2 PM
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON
Three Flags of the Presidio 2–3 PM

SAN MATEO COUNTY 360 Degrees 9/9:30 AM–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
GGRO Hawk Talk and Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten! 11 AM–NOON

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 5:30–7 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40**
11 AM–12:30 PM

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ALCATRAZ
40 Years of Golden Gate **40** 11 AM–12:30 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1–2 PM

MORI POINT

Mori Point Meander 1–4 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Marine Science Sundays

MUIR WOODS

Veterans Day Fee-Free Weekend
Muir Beach Stewardship Kickoff 9:30 AM–NOON
Welcome Back Salmon 1–3 PM

PRESIDIO

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten! 10–11 AM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

PRESIDIO

Patriotism and Prejudice 1–3 PM

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Ride On Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

SWEENEY RIDGE

The Russians Are Coming! NOON–3 PM

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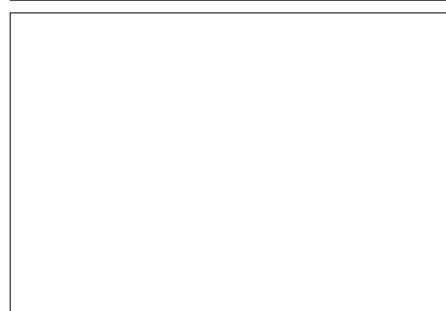
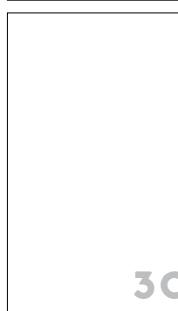
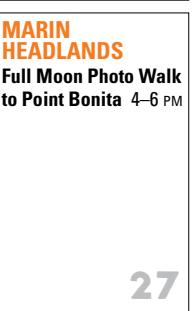
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PRESIDIO
Shuttle Through Time
1:30–2:45 PM
Day of the Dead
Evening Walk/Día de los Muertos: Paseo de Noche 6:30–8 PM

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FORT BAKER
Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM
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LANDS END Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
MUIR WOODS Gravity Car Hike 9 AM–1 PM
Service Learning Experience 9:30 AM–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
SWEENEY RIDGE San Francisco Bay Discovery Hike (Presentation: 10 AM; Hike: 11 AM)
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FORT MASON
Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
Shuttle Through Time
1:30–2:45 PM
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AT MULTIPLE SITES
Teens on Trails 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
FORT BAKER
Fort Baker Revealed 10 AM–NOON
FORT POINT
Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM
LANDS END
Hidden Coves, Shipwrecks  10 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS
Veterans Day Fee-Free Weekend
PRESIDIO Great Scott! 1–3 PM
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PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten!
10–11 AM
Shuttle Through Time
1:30–2:45 PM
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PRESIDIO
What If There Weren't Any Trees? 11 AM–12:30 PM
In the Footsteps of Anza 1–3 PM
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FORT POINT
Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM
PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON
Three Flags of the Presidio 2–3 PM
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MARIN HEADLANDS
Full Moon Photo Walk to Point Bonita 4–6 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 4:30–6 PM

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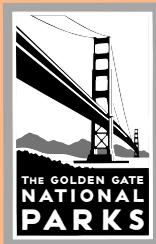
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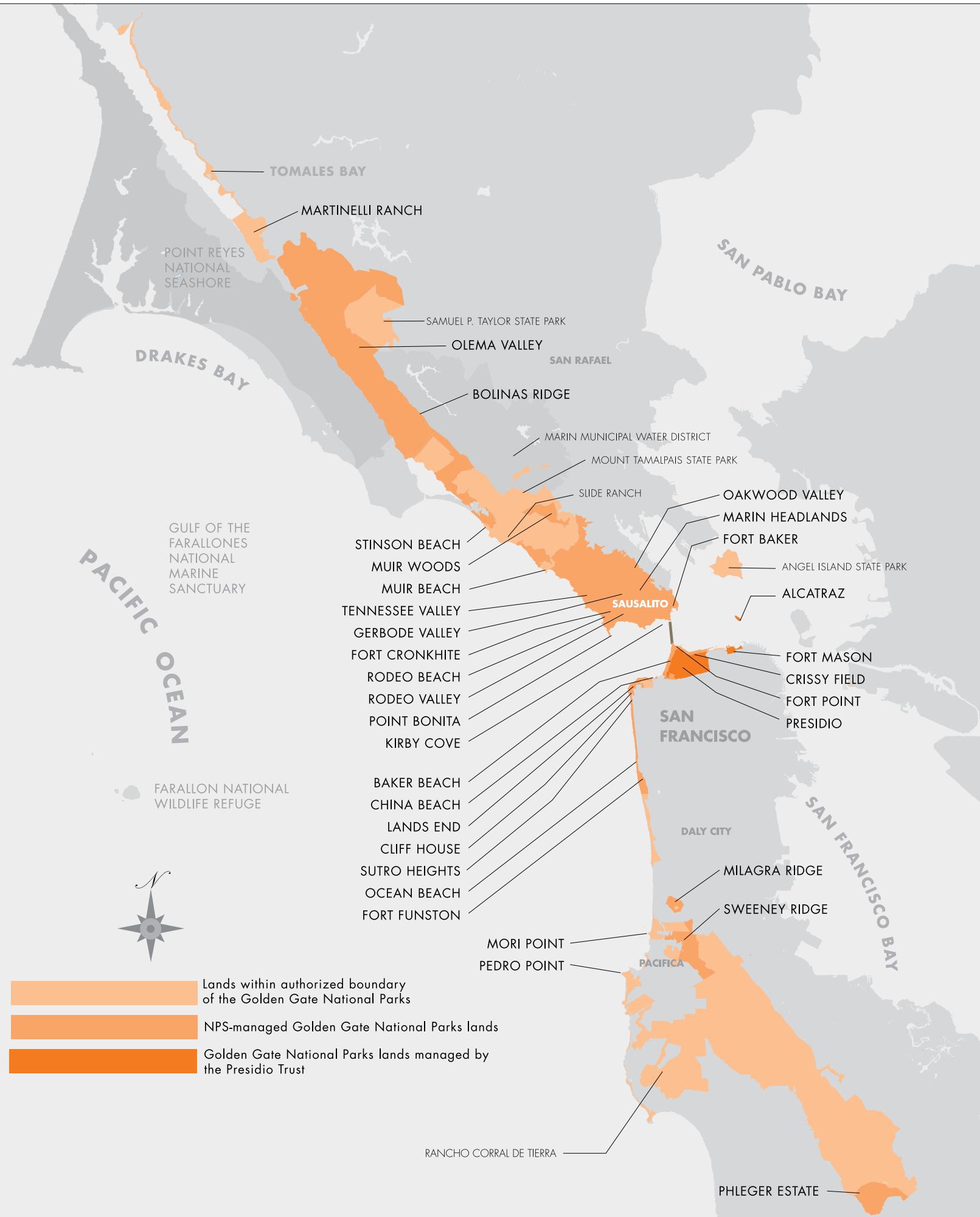
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Alcatraz Island
Baker Beach
Bolinas Ridge
China Beach
Cliff House
Crissy Field
Fort Baker
Fort Cronkhite
Fort Funston
Fort Mason
Fort Point
Gerbode Valley
Kirby Cove
Lands End

Marin Headlands
Martinelli Ranch
Milagra Ridge
Mori Point
Muir Beach
Muir Woods
Oakwood Valley
Ocean Beach
Olema Valley
Pedro Point
Phleger Estate
Point Bonita
Presidio
Rancho Corral de Tierra
Rodeo Beach
Rodeo Valley
Stinson Beach
Sutro Heights
Sweeney Ridge
Tennessee Valley



- Lands within authorized boundary of the Golden Gate National Parks
- NPS-managed Golden Gate National Parks lands
- Golden Gate National Parks lands managed by the Presidio Trust

PARK EVENTS

AT MULTIPLE SITES

ONGOING

Golden Gate Trail Crew

Third Saturdays (9 AM—Noon)

The weather's warming up for the fall so it's time to hit the trails with the Trails Forever Team and our Golden Gate Trail Crew! These work days take place every third Saturday of the month to help repair, maintain, and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteering on trails is fun, rewarding, and great exercise!

For project locations and details, contact us at 561-3068, volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

The Presidio Trail Crew meets second Tuesdays of the month, from 10 AM—1 PM.

Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team, established in 1988, engages community members in the management and enhancement of the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly at different locations to restore the parks' habitat by

removing invasive plants, transplanting natives, and seed collecting.

Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 289-1861 for locations, directions, and carpool availability, or call 289-1862 for work schedule.

Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2:30 PM)

The Invasive Plant Patrol hikes park trails to find new invasions of

exotic plants, and removes localized infestations before they become uncontrollable. You'll learn to identify both malicious and benign plants during these hikes that last approximately four hours. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and work dates are sometimes intermittent; phone 289-1861 to register.

For more information, call the hotline 289-1862.



Weed Watchers

Times vary, call ahead

Weed Watchers patrol national park trails in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin counties, detecting and mapping weeds as they first invade. If you enjoy leisurely hikes through the parks but also want to help protect natural resources, then this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Volunteers are trained in identification of priority invasive plants along with the methods to map and report their findings. After attending a training session, volunteers can join any of the weekly guided surveys or adopt their own trails. GPS

training is also provided for those interested. Appropriate for adults and teens. Registration required. For more information, call 331-5023 or e-mail eric_wrubel@nps.gov.

PROGRAMS

California Coastal Cleanup Day

9/15

Pitch in for California Coastal Clean-up Day throughout the Golden Gate National Parks and beyond! Cleanup and restoration activities will be happening in San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties. We need your helping hands to keep our neighborhoods, our national park, and our Pacific coastline healthy.

Help us conserve by "BYO" this year—limit waste by bringing your own reusable supplies (bags, bucket, gloves, water bottle, etc.). Join the tradition and make a difference! For details and registration, contact us at 561-3077 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Make A Difference Day **40**

10/27

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day

dedicated to the cause of helping others. And it just so happens that this year's event coincides with the 40th birthday party of our Golden Gate National Parks.

These parklands were protected through a grassroots effort led by people who believed in making a difference for future generations. Carry forward their legacy by volunteering!

For more information on volunteer opportunities on this special day, contact us at 561-3044 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

National Day of Service and Remembrance

9/11

Be part of the nationwide movement to remember 9/11 through service, taking a tragic day in our nation's history and making it an occasion for good. Lend a hand at Golden Gate, your local national park. You can help your community by repairing trails, restoring habitat, growing plants, cleaning beaches, and more.

Join one of our regular, ongoing programs or schedule a special group

Park Stewardship

- Marin County: Wednesdays, 1—4 PM; Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM
- San Francisco: Thursdays and Saturdays, 1—4 PM
- San Mateo County: Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

The Park Stewardship Program works to restore and maintain priority parklands within the Golden Gate National Parks. Whether protecting an endangered species, restoring a historic feature, or improving a trail, community support is the key to ensuring the long-term protection of these unique park sites.

Work day events include a combination of hands-on service and natural or cultural history lessons. Come out and lend a hand! For schedule details, contact us at 561-3044, volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

GOGA Maintenance/ San Francisco Shoreline

- Fort Mason: Tuesdays, 9 AM—Noon
- Sutro Heights: Wednesdays, 9 AM—Noon
- Presidio: Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 AM—Noon
- Ocean Beach: Fridays, 9 AM—Noon

Help keep the San Francisco shoreline beautiful! Volunteers are needed to help keep these popular public destinations well-maintained for visitors to use and enjoy. Projects include litter removal, weeding invasive plants, vegetation pruning, sand removal, painting, site improvements, and trail maintenance.

Project locations encompass historic and scenic sites such as Fort Mason, East Beach, Crissy Airfield, Golden Gate Promenade, West Bluffs, the historic batteries along Coastal Bluffs, Baker Beach, China Beach, Lobos Creek, Ocean Beach, and Sutro Heights.

For more information, call 793-6974 or e-mail laura_elze@nps.gov.

For additional dates and meeting locations, call the recorded hotline at 447-9376.

All phone numbers are area code (415) unless otherwise noted.

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National Public Lands Day

9/29

Celebrate our cherished open space on National Public Lands Day by lending a hand on projects that include trail work, habitat restoration, growing plants, beach cleanups, and more. Enjoy some time in the Golden Gate National Parks while giving back to the parklands that give us so much! Bring your family and friends.

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Teens on Trails

- Indigenous People's Day: 10/8 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)
- Veterans Day: 11/10 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Teens, turn your day off into a "day on" the trails! Have fun with friends in a beautiful park setting—and fulfill your volunteer requirements! For project locations and details,

call 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the compelling cellhouse audio tour.

A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the island theater. Exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM to 4 PM, for program and general information.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the cellhouse audio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit alcatracrcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as early as two weeks in advance. Visit the Alcatraz website at nps.gov/alcatraz.



PARK EVENTS

Accessibility Features

- The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under 14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.
- Ask at Pier 33 for the loan of an assistive listening device for the duration of your visit.
- Transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors.
- Ask about the visually accessible descriptor version of the audio tour.
- Braille versions of the cellhouse audio tour are available for vision-impaired visitors.
- Stationary ranger programs, provided at least once daily, are marked on the island's program board with a wheelchair symbol.
- Please ask about accommodations for any program given.

ONGOING

Alcatraz Historic Gardens

The historic gardens, once created by military and federal prison staff and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island, are being reclaimed

as a joint project of the Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service.

- **Open Garden and "Ask the Gardener":** Wednesdays (10 AM–2 PM)
- **Guided Docent Tours:** Fridays and Sundays (9:30 AM starting from Alcatraz dock; take 9:10 AM boat) This walking garden tour is free, but purchase of boat ticket is required.

- **Gardens Volunteers:** Wednesdays and Fridays (8:30 AM–12:30 PM)
Help join the effort and volunteer! Docents and gardeners needed. Visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for application and details. Please note that registration is required for this program.

Alcatraz Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Alcatraz Junior Rangers. Booklets are free and available in the Dock Office. Those who complete the booklet receive a Junior Ranger Badge.

Alcatraz Night Tour

Feel a chill run down your spine as you venture into dark corners of this old island prison! Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the

Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours. For more information, visit www.parksconservancy.org. Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

Audio Tour

An award-winning audio tour of the cell house is included in the price of the ferry ticket. Listen to the voices of inmates, guards, and their families as they tell their stories of living and growing up on the island.

Author Programs

The cellhouse store hosts authors who have written about their experience on the island. Authors include former inmates and guards and family members who grew up on the Rock, as well as historians who have researched the island's history. The program gives visitors an opportunity to meet and talk with these knowledgeable writers.

Daily Programs

National park rangers and volunteers present 15-minute talks



and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits. Typical programs include "Famous Inmates," "Great Escapes," "200 Years," "Birds of Alcatraz," "Alcatraz in Hollywood," "Myths of Alcatraz," and "Al Capone." Check the program board at the dock for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.

We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a highly publicized, 19-month occupation of Alcatraz

Island. This marked the beginning of a modern Indian movement of America's indigenous people. This award-winning, permanent exhibit features photographs, music, video clips, and contemporary interviews with former occupiers.

PROGRAMS

40 Years of Golden Gate: From Post to Parks 40

Wednesdays and Saturdays in October (11 AM–12:30 PM)

What really happened on Alcatraz

PARK EVENTS

CRISSY FIELD CENTER

The Crissy Field Center location at 603 Mason St. in the Presidio is closed during the Doyle Drive Replacement Project. Center programs and operations are now located in the interim Center at the eastern end of East Beach. The facility, a showcase of sustainable design and construction, features the Beach Hut café which is open to the public seven days a week, 9 AM to 5 PM.

A partnership of the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and Presidio Trust, the Crissy Field Center encourages new generations to be bold leaders for thriving parks, healthy communities, and a more environmentally just society.

The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including weekend workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events. For registration and scholarship information, call 561-7765 or visit the website www.crisyfieldcenter.org.

before it became a part of this national park 40 years ago? Are there really hidden tunnels, secret rooms, and doors to nowhere? Come and explore the "real" Alcatraz by joining this exciting ranger-led walk. Discover hidden mysteries and learn why this small island is truly a national treasure. Tour is free, but purchase of boat ticket is required.

CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces. The Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for

reservations. The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more information. Visit the website at www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm.

CRISSY FIELD

ONGOING

Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day, 9 AM–4 PM

Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5 to 10. Calling all seaside sleuths! Grab a

magnifying glass and get down to the Warming Hut, near the fishing pier at the western end of Crissy Field. Once there, you'll find a booklet that directs you down the Mystery Trail. There are nine secret plaques altogether, hidden along a one-mile trail—can you find them all? A prize awaits you if you can! Free.

PROGRAMS

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

10/6 (10 AM–NOON)

Explore Crissy Field and learn about its role in early aviation history on this easy, one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street.

Fully accessible

Crissy Marsh Walk

10/20 (2–3 PM)

Join a ranger on a fun nature walk at the Crissy Field Marsh! Use your senses as you explore the marsh and find out what lives in or visits the marsh during the fall.

All ages welcome; to make required reservation or for more information, please call 561-4323. Meet in front of the Beach Hut café, next to the East Beach parking area.

Fully accessible

Golden Gate: A "People's Park" at 40 40

10/25 (11:30 AM–12:30 PM)

10/27 (10:30–11:15 AM and 1–1:45 PM)

Join Park Ranger Marcus Combs in discovering the rich past of this unique urban national recreation area.

When thinking back to the establishment of the Golden Gate National Parks in 1972, ask yourself: was Golden Gate created for its historical or natural significance? The answer is: "yes" and more.

Meet in front of Crissy Field Center. To make reservations, call 561-4323.

Let's Move On Crissy Field!

10/26 (1–3 PM)



Grab your water bottle, sunscreen and hat! Join Ranger Marijose Alcantara on a "Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Park Prescriptions" walk to the Golden Gate Bridge and back, in your local national park. Wear comfortable shoes, dress in layers, and bring a fun stretch to share before our walk.

Meet in front of the Beach Hut, at the East Beach parking lot. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Bring the Kids: Crissy Field Evening Hike and Campfire M

9/21 (5–7 PM)

Join Crissy Field Center's Community Programs team for an easy, family-friendly interpretive walk around the Crissy Field Marsh to explore this amazing rehabilitated habitat. Learn what animals call the marsh their home, and discover how the Ohlone used many of the native plants that can be found around the marsh for food and healing. The hike will be followed by a campfire with ranger-led stories, songs, and s'mores. This program is designed to be fun and engaging for the entire family!

Free for Parks Conservancy members. **Required registration deadline: September 14.**

To register for this event, or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

PARK EVENTS



Hidden Coves, Shipwrecks, and Mystery Beaches

11/10 (10 AM NOON)

Discover the best hidden beaches in San Francisco on this Lands End hike with historian John Martini. We'll visit beautiful Mile Rocks Beach and pass a long-vanished beach called Naiai Cove. Along the way we'll also see the ruins of Sutro Baths, shipwrecks, a World War II gun battery, and the famous labyrinth on the tip of Lands End.

Free for Conservancy members. **Required registration deadline: November 2.**

To register for this hike, or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

Paseo en la Ciénaga de Crissy

10/20 (2–3 PM)

Sábado 20 de octubre 2012

Venga a conocer la naturaleza de Crissy Field con una guarda parque! Usando nuestros sentidos descubriremos los animales y plantas que vienen en la ciénaga durante el otoño.

Reunirse enfrente del Beach Hut Café, junto a la estacionamiento de East Beach. Para toda la familia; para registrarse o para más información llame al 561-4323.

 Fully accessible

FORT BAKER

Fort Baker Revealed

11/10 (10 AM–NOON)

Learn about nature and history at Fort Baker on a moderate two-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the kiosk in front of the Bay Area Discovery Museum, corner of Center and New Breitung roads. Reservations required; please call 331-1540.

Historic Fort Baker Tour

9/29, 11/3 (1–2 PM)

Come visit Fort Baker's historic Colonial Revival buildings and learn how this 1905 army post represented a new and improved standard of

living for the officers and soldiers stationed here. Meet architectural historian Kristin Baron at the Cavallo Point reception building, 601 Murray Circle. This easy, one-mile walk has one slightly steep hill climb. Program limited to 20 people; heavy rain cancels. For reservations and parking information, call 331-1540.

FORT FUNSTON

Fort Funston Nursery

Saturdays (9:30 AM–12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery, one of six native plant nurseries in the park, grows 25,000 plants per year. Volunteers participate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 652-2373 for information, registration, and directions. More details at www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

FORT MASON

Fort Mason Comes Alive

9/13, 10/11, 11/8 (10:30 AM–NOON)

Discover the history and secrets of Fort Mason, home to the headquar-

ters of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Join Park Ranger Al Blank on a moderate walking tour of Upper and Lower Fort Mason. Rain cancels. Wear comfortable shoes. Meet at Upper Fort Mason at the flagpole in front of park headquarters Building 201.

FORT POINT

Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours. For more information, visit the website at www.nps.gov/fopo.

ONGOING

“Building the Golden Gate Bridge”

Video made by Bethlehem Steel on the construction of this national engineering landmark.  

Cannon Loading Demonstrations

Discover how soldiers were taught to load and fire a Napoleon 12-pounder cannon as part of a typical Civil War artillery drill.

“Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day. 

The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort's entrance.

International Orange Art Exhibition

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, International Orange—named for the unique color of the span—presents new work by 16 artists responding to the bridge as icon, historic structure, and conceptual inspiration.

While the Bridge is the central focus of the exhibition, the artworks on view were developed specifically for installation at the fort, and the interplay between these two historic structures enriches the experience of the exhibition as a whole.

Free. Runs through October 28. More information online at: www.international-orange.org.



PARK EVENTS

PROGRAMS

Candlelight Tour

11/10, 11/24 (6:30–8 PM)

See Fort Point by the light of candles and stars on this evening tour. Reservations required; please call 556-1693.

Pier Crabbing

9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20 (10 AM–NOON)

Learn about crabbing in San Francisco Bay! We'll discuss bait, equipment, and regulations, then try your luck with our nets. Reservations required; phone 556-1693.

 Generally accessible—some visitors with disabilities may need assistance with performing the activities.

LANDS END

Experience the new Lands End Lookout visitor center, which opened in late April.

This “green” facility features fascinating exhibits, a park store, cafe, restrooms, and a beautiful space to come in from the cold.

It is open 9 AM to 5 PM every day. For more information, call 426-5240.

ONGOING

Park Stewardship: San Francisco

- Presidio Coastal Bluffs: Thursdays (1–4 PM)
- Lands End: Saturdays (1–4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems at Lands End and along the Presidio bluffs. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and winter planting. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun and hands-on education. Appropriate for all ages (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 730-6379 or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for more information.

PROGRAMS

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

9/22 (11 AM–NOON), 10/20 (10–11 AM), 11/3 (10–11 AM)

On a moderately strenuous hike, see and learn about some of the ships that perished on the rocky cliffs of the Golden Gate. Meet

docent Rich Harned at the USS San Francisco Memorial parking lot on El Camino del Mar, just north of 48th and Point Lobos avenues. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

MARIN HEADLANDS



The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. It is a great place to begin your park explorations or relax after a hike, while enjoying our award-winning exhibits. Please note the Visitor Center is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Visitors with limited mobility can navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheelchair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available for free, and can be checked out with advanced reservations at the Visitor Center; call 331-1540.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make

Hawk Talk and Raptor Banding Demonstrations

Saturdays and Sundays in September and October (Noon–2 PM)



Join the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory for a hawk's eye view of the fall migration over the Marin Headlands. A GGRO volunteer gives an hour-long talk about hawk monitoring, migration, and identification using photos and other props. Then at 1 PM a newly banded wild hawk is brought up

and shown to the crowd. After the docent explains the banding program, the hawk is released.

No registration necessary; meet on top of Hawk Hill at noon. Heavy fog or rain cancels. Call 331-0730 or visit www.parksconservancy.org/programs/ggro for more information.

reservations, phone the Visitor Center at 331-1540.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

9/2, 10/7, 11/4 (NOON–4 PM)

Open the first Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification. From 1940 to 1948, it mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers in an extensive network of underground tunnels.

Long closed to public access, Battery Townsley has been refurbished and the public is invited to visit and explore this fortification. This fall, the park is bringing to this site a 16-inch gun, from the USS Missouri.

The gun, identical to the one that was once mounted at Battery Townsley, helps tell the story of the coastal defense system that later gave rise to these parklands.

Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail approximately half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

PARK EVENTS

Marin Headlands Hostel

Hostelling International's Golden Gate Council Marin Headlands hostel offers an affordable outdoor environmental education program for youth ages 6–18, as well as a similar program tailored to adults. Please call 863-1444 for more details.

Marin Headlands

Junior Rangers

Calling all Junior Rangers! A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8–12, to explore the Marin Headlands is now available free from the visitor center. Pick up your booklet and take the day to learn the area's fascinating stories. Become a Junior Ranger on your next visit!



Marin Headlands Nursery

Wednesdays (1–4 PM),
Saturdays (9 AM–Noon)

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery!

Each year, we grow over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands.

The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and much more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 to RSVP and for information. Also visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Marine Mammal Center

Open daily (10 AM–5 PM)

Visit a living, breathing marine mammal hospital! Learn about

marine mammals and their ocean home, watch veterinary staff and volunteers at work, and view seal and sea lions patients from the observation deck.

Docent-led tours of the hospital are highly recommended and offered Monday and Friday at 1 PM and 3 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays at 11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM (small fee applies). For more information, visit www.marinemammalcenter.org/visiting-us.  

NatureBridge Family Programs

Connect with your family and the national park by participating in our family programs.

We offer a variety of activities throughout the fall, from observing the fall raptor migration to family night hikes and campfires. For more information and to register visit www.naturebridge.org/goldengatefamily.

NatureBridge Preschool Programs

Join us for a two-hour, hands-on program featuring techniques to help engage your children's sense of wonder and guide their natural curiosity during outdoor adven-

tures. Gain a deep understanding of inquiry-based experiential learning while participating in field activities designed to develop your preschoolers' observation skills. New themes each week.

For more information and to register visit www.naturebridge.org/goldengatefamily.

Nike Missile Site Open House

9/1, 10/6, 11/3 (12:30–3:30 PM)

Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome.



PARK EVENTS

For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Visit the Nike Missile website at www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm. 

and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; please call 289-1860. For more information, visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

PROGRAMS

40th Birthday for Golden Gate 40

10/27 (10:30 AM–2 PM)

The Golden Gate National Parks were established on this date in 1972. Forty years later, come celebrate this triumph of citizen action and conservation with some of the founders of the park. Meet some of the tenacious individuals and creative thinkers who stopped "Marincello," a proposed develop-

ment in the Marin Headlands, and thus saved a cornerstone of this national park.

Enjoy exhibits and artifacts telling the story of the parklands, have some 40th birthday cake, and embark on a family-friendly "scavenger hunt" to discover more of the park's cultural and natural history. Event begins at Marin Headlands Visitor Center; call 331-1540 for more details.

Beginning Birding

9/16, 10/14, 11/18 (9:30–11:30 AM)

Fall is a great time to experience the bird migration in the Marin Headlands. Volunteer Jane Haley will help you discover what birds come to spend the winter and which ones are en route to wintering grounds to the south. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Bring binoculars, field guides. For ages 8 and up; no pets. Rain cancels. For reservations call 331-1540.



Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

9/2, 10/7, 11/4 (1–2 PM)

The Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay have

played an important part in major historical events such as the end of the Mexican American war, the Gold Rush, California statehood, the Civil War, WWI, and WWII. Each event spurred further improvements to coastal defenses.

Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated presentation of the Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay, 1850 to 1950. We will be discussing the advancements and thinking behind the many attempts to provide this critical area with the best defenses of the day. For reservations, phone 331-1540. 

Full Moon Hike: Who is the Prey?

9/29 (5–8 PM)

Join Steffen Bartschat on this strenuous five-mile sunset hike to the top of a nearby ridge, where we will watch the full moon rise followed by a Pacific sunset.

Along the way we will make several stops to learn about our stealthiest visitor—the mountain lion. Topics include its range and activities, accounts of human encounters right here in the Marin Headlands, visitor safety tips, and a review of efforts aimed at preserving the species. Bring warm layers, binoculars,

snack, water, and flashlight. Meet at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. For reservations phone 331-1540.

Full Moon Photo Walk to Point Bonita

11/27 (4–6 PM)

Meet Al Greening at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead for a short but steep walk to the historic Point Bonita Lighthouse. Photograph the setting sun and rising full moon. Bring camera, tripod, and flashlight; dress warmly and wear comfortable walking shoes. Rain cancels. Phone 331-1540 for reservations.

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

9/2, 10/7, 11/4 (11 AM–Noon)

During the latter half of the 19th century, the men and women of the lighthouse service, aided by their light and fog signals, directed hundreds of ships to safe passage through the Golden Gate and often provided life-saving services. These services played a critical role in the growth of a new state. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540. 

PARK EVENTS

Marine Science Sundays

9/9, 10/14, 11/11

Come join The Marine Mammal Center on the second Sunday of the month for a fun-filled day of family-friendly tours, classroom activities, and more.

Themes range from Pupping Season to Ocean Trash. Learn more about specific themes and scheduled activities each month by visiting www.marinemammalcenter.org.



Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

9/29 (6:30–8:30 PM), 10/29 (5:30–7 PM), 11/28 (4:30–6 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 50 people; program fills quickly. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

MORI POINT

Mori Point Meander

9/2, 10/7, 11/4 (1–4 PM)

Join Pacifica historian Jerry Crow and hear the tales of Old Mori's

Tavern on a moderate stroll through restored habitat for the red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. Leashed dogs welcome.

Directions: Gather near the gate at the south end of Bradford Way (near the Moose Lodge) in Pacifica. Reservations recommended; call (415) 561-4323.

MUIR WOODS/ MUIR BEACH



Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. The entrance fee for Muir Woods is \$7 per person, ages 16 and up.

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program information and updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and program details.

All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for more information or follow us on Twitter @MuirWoodsNPS.

Plan your visit during National Public Lands Day, September 29, when entrance to all national parks is free.

Check out our programs to make the most of the long fall days, with the best weather of the year.

Purchase a copy of the Muir Woods Nature Trail Self-Guide and Watershed Hiking Map and see all of the possibilities of hiking coastal, forested, hillside, and canyon trails in Muir Woods and its surrounding neighbor, Mount Tamalpais State Park.

Or, if you're a history buff, read about the early conservation history of Muir Woods in the Muir Woods Historic Walking Tour. Both self-guides may be purchased for \$1 at the Visitor Center.

ONGOING

Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers present 15-minute Tree Talks and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits.

Check the program board at the entrance arch for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.



Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Children ages 6–12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers and learn about the coast redwoods. Free booklet available at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/muwo.

Park Stewardship: Marin (Drop-In Days at Muir Beach and Dias Ridge)

Wednesdays (1–4 PM), Saturdays (10 AM–1 PM)

Restore habitat for endangered coho salmon! Meet at the Muir

Beach parking lot. For information, e-mail Naomi LeBeau at nlebeau@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Redwood Creek Nursery

Wednesdays (10 AM–1 PM)

Grow and care for native plants and help maintain critical habitat. RSVP for meeting locations and directions; phone 383-4390 for the nursery manager.

More information online at www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

PARK EVENTS

Redwood Discovery: A Quest at Muir Woods

Children ages 6–12 can play a rhyming game of forest clues and riddles on their walk. Free booklet available at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/muwo.

PROGRAMS

California Coastal Cleanup Day

9/15 (9 AM–Noon)

Volunteers needed to clean Stinson and Muir Beach. Please call (800) COAST-4U (coast4u@coastal.ca.gov) to learn about opportunities to help at this statewide event.

Gravity Car Hike

11/3 (9 AM–1 PM)

Join Evelyn Rose on a moderate hike that traces the Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railway.

Meet at the Visitor Center. RSVP required; call 388-2596. Severe weather cancels.

Muir Beach Stewardship Kickoff

11/11 (9:30 AM–Noon)

Get ready for the coho run in Redwood Creek by pitching in on habitat enhancements.

Then at 1 PM, join us for Welcome Back Salmon. For information, call 561-3077 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

Muir Woods after Hours

9/1 (6:30–8:30 PM), 10/1 (6–8 PM)

Join us for an evening walk through the forest on an easy, two-mile paved trail.

Bring a flashlight. Children under 8 years not advised. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.



National Public Lands Day

9/29 (Fee-free all day, volunteer event 9 AM–Noon)

Visit Muir Woods on a Fee-Free Day. And give back to this national monument by volunteering to spiffy it up! Activities include sweeping, weeding and mulching, or covering up social trails. RSVP required; call 388-2596.

Redwood Creek Before the Storms

10/14 (9:30 AM–2 PM)

Explore the intricate life cycle of coho salmon and Redwood Creek on this easy, six-mile round-trip walk to Muir Beach. Bring lunch. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Redwood Rendezvous

10/7 (9–11 AM)

Take a leisurely fall walk on the Hillside Trail to look for signs of the season.

Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Reservations required, call 388-2596.

Service Learning Experience

9/29, 10/20, 11/3 (9:30 AM–2:30 PM)

Earn five service hours for school by working in habitat restora-

tion, flossing, sweeping, and more! Bring water and lunch, wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Owl Wars

10/20 (4:30–7:30 PM)

On this strenuous five-mile dusk hike, seek out the owls of Muir Woods. Meet Steffen Bartschat at the entrance. Reservations required; please call 388-2596. \$3 optional material fee.

Veterans Day Weekend

11/10–11/12

In honor of our country's veterans, enjoy these Fee-Free Days. Bring family and friends to spend time among the giant trees.

Welcome Back Salmon

11/11 (1–3 PM)

Meet us at Muir Beach where the creek meets the ocean, for a traditional salmon blessing by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. For information, call 388-2596. (For use of the beach chair, please call one week in advance.)

OCEAN BEACH

Ocean Beach Cleanup

Third Saturdays (10 AM–Noon)

The volunteer opportunity is an easy, team-building project that takes only a few hours and contributes to your community. Your help is needed now more than ever! The debris you pick up will not be washed out to sea to be ingested by sea life or added to the garbage patch in the central North Pacific.

For exact meeting location on Ocean Beach and more information, please e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or call 561-4751, or visit the website at www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

PRESIDIO

The Presidio Visitor Center is closed due to renovation work at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post). A temporary visitor center has been established on the Main Post, at 105 Montgomery Street (at Lincoln). The Visitor Center is open from Thursday through Sunday, 10 AM–4 PM. For updates on the Officers' Club, call 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

PARK EVENTS

ONGOING

Park Stewardship: San Francisco

- Presidio Coastal Bluffs: Thursdays (1–4 PM)
- Lands End: Saturdays (1–4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems along the Coastal Bluffs in the Presidio. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and planting.

Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun and hands-on education. Appropriate for all ages (chaperones suggested for youth under 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 730-6379 for information. Also visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Presidio Campground Stewards

First Tuesdays (10 AM–1 PM)

Help care for the Rob Hill Campground, the only campground in San Francisco. Activities include planting, spreading mulch, and removing overgrown vegetation. Meet at Inspiration Point Overlook in the Presidio. For more information: 561-5333 or volunteer@presidiotrust.gov.



Presidio Forestry

First and second Fridays (9 AM–Noon)

Help the Presidio Trust take care of young trees in the Presidio's reforestation areas. Volunteers assist with maintenance of these areas through weeding, mulching, and other stewardship activities.

Please join us for a fun and rewarding experience, and meet others, like you, who love the Presidio forest! For information: 561-5333 or volunteer@presidiotrust.gov.

Presidio Garden Stewards

Third Thursdays (9 AM–Noon)

Help Presidio Trust gardeners maintain and enhance the Presidio's historic gardens and landscaped areas.

Meet at Inspiration Point Overlook in the Presidio. For details, call 561-

5333 or e-mail volunteer@presidiotrust.gov.

Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (1–4 PM)

This nursery grows more than 60,000 plants per year! Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18).

Meet at the nursery, which is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 561-4826 or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays and Saturdays (9 AM–Noon); Sundays (10 AM–1 PM)

Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors in the Presidio of San Francisco while learning about dune and serpentine systems and working in diverse habitats.

Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones

EXHIBITS AT THE PRESIDIO

Secrets Revealed: The Presidio Project

This exhibit, at the Presidio Visitor Center, tells the WWII stories of Nisei former camp internees, including army enlistees, at the site of the US Army's first Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language school. These stories are brought to life in an interactive film kiosk.

This is a special "sneak preview" of more exciting exhibits and programs coming to the new MIS Historic Learning Center (Bldg. 640), scheduled to open in 2013. More details: www.njahs.org/programs/exhibits.php.

Before the Bridge: Sight and Sound at the Golden Gate

Take in a multi-sensory experience of the Golden Gate before the iconic Bridge was constructed. Images, shipwrecks, foghorns, and soldiers evoke the Golden Gate Strait and the Presidio's roles in defense and as a national park by the bay. Special program and detailed information at www.presidio.gov/ggb75.

Open through November 18 at Building 103 Montgomery Street; Wednesdays to Sundays, 11 AM–5 PM.

suggested for youth under age 18).

Meet 10 minutes prior to the start time at Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd. Phone 561-3044 to RSVP; for more information, visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1–4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals.

Work sites are in many of the Presidio's out-of-the-way areas.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18).

Meet at 12:50 PM at Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd.

RSVP requested; phone 561-3044. More details at www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

PARK EVENTS

Presidio Trail Crew

Second Tuesdays (10 AM–1 PM)

Help repair, maintain, and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat in the Presidio of San Francisco.

Your stewardship will help create and maintain a world-class trail system for years to come! Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up. For information, call 561-5333, e-mail volunteer@presidiotrust.gov, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

The Last Gun

9/1, 9/2, 10/6, 10/7, 11/3, 11/4 (11 AM–3 PM)

How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear?

Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an underground cartridge room.

In case of rain, call 561-4323 for schedule. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot.

Open 11 AM to 3 PM, first full weekend of each month.

PROGRAMS

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone But Not Forgotten!

9/14 (11 AM–Noon), 9/30 (2–3 PM), 10/12 (2–3 PM), 10/28 (11 AM–Noon), 11/11 (10–11 AM), 11/16 (10–11 AM)

Come and explore the story of the African American "Buffalo Soldiers," including their challenges and triumphs during a time of overt racism and prejudice.

Join Ranger Alejandra Iraheta for a leisurely stroll from the San Francisco National Cemetery to the Lombard Gate. Space is limited; meet at the National Cemetery entrance gate at the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Sheridan Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Day of the Dead Evening Walk

11/2 (6:30–8 PM)

Join Park Ranger Fátima Colindres in remembering our ancestors and the Presidio's past by visiting the San Francisco National Cemetery. On this easy family-friendly walk, you will hear stories of those who served their country with honor during the three different historical eras of the Presidio since 1776. All ages welcome; to register or for more information please call

561-4323. Meet at the Main Post flagpole. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Fully accessible

Día de Los Muertos: Paseo de Noche

11/2 (6:30–8 PM)

Viernes 2 de Noviembre 2012

Recordemos a nuestros ancestros y la historia del Presidio de San Francisco visitando el cementerio nacional de San Francisco con Guarda Parque Fátima Colindres.

En este paseo fácil para toda la familia, compartiremos historias sobre las personas que sirvieron su país con honor durante los tres períodos diferentes del Presidio de

San Francisco de 1776 hasta hoy. Reunirse por el asta de la bandera en el Main Post. Para toda la familia; para más información o para registrarse llame 561-4323.

Fully accessible

El Presidio Mexicano

9/8 (2–3 PM)

Sábado 8 de septiembre 2012

¡Regrese a la época del Presidio Español y Mexicano de San Francisco con Guarda Parque Fátima Colindres! Durante el paseo regresaremos a los años 1820–1821, cuando el Presidio estaba pasando por muchos cambios. Conozca las historias, alegrías y tristezas de los personajes que vivían en este lugar, mientras exploramos unos de los primeros asentamientos europeos de San Francisco.

Reunirse por el asta de la bandera en el Main Post. Para toda la familia; para registrarse o para más información llame 561-4323.

Fully accessible

Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands

10/20 (10 AM–3 PM)

Explore 200 million years of geologic history and learn the fascinating story told by the rocks at the Golden Gate.

Bring a lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat. Trip includes a short, but strenuous walk down and up 200-foot bluff.

Meet Ranger Will Elder in front of Fort Point. We will car pool to the Marin Headlands.

Reservations required; please phone 561-4323.

Great Scott!

9/22, 11/10 (1–3 PM)

Explore Fort Winfield Scott, the post-within-a-post once described as "the most beautifully located army post in the country," on an easy 1.5-mile walk.

Wear layered clothing. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at Merchant Road parking near Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza and Battery Boutelle.

Reservations required. Please call 561-4323.



PARK EVENTS

Guns and Bridges

10/21 (1–3 PM)

A yellow-and-black-striped Golden Gate Bridge? This is what the Navy proposed while the Bridge was constructed, 75 years ago. There is a checkered past between the forces charged with protecting the gate and the Bridge itself.

Hear stories and walk the Coastal Batteries with Ranger James Osborne on a two-mile loop. Meet at the Battery East Parking Lot on Lincoln Boulevard near the Bridge Plaza. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

In the Footsteps of Anza

11/17 (1–3 PM)

Follow Ranger Jose Roldan as we walk through the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail here in the Presidio and hear some of the stories of this trailblazing and inspirational expedition through treacherous and uncertain territory.

We'll walk 2.5 miles through sections of moderately strenuous terrain uphill; we'll see and hear how this historic landscape has changed over 200 years. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Presidio Landmark (Old Public Health Service Hospital),

Wedemeyer St. and 15th Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

National Cemetery Walk

9/6, 9/22, 10/11, 10/27, 11/8, 11/24 (10 AM–NOON)

Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep uphill climb. Rain cancels. Meet docent Galen Dillman at the cemetery entrance gate, corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Sheridan Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323.



Patriotism and Prejudice

11/18 (1–3 PM)

Seventy years ago, Japanese American soldiers completed training at the Presidio to defeat Japan, even as their families were moved to internment camps.

Learn about this poignant irony on an easy, half-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Presidio Transit Center, Lincoln Blvd. and Graham Street. Reservations required. Please call 561-4323.

Generally accessible—some visitors with disabilities may need assistance.

Presidio Between the World Wars

9/1 (11 AM–12:30 PM)

Hear of Army life and society in the Presidio during the Jazz Age of the 1920s through the 1930s Depression years of the "Forgotten Man." This is a 90-minute walk, with steep steps going up to the chapel.

Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Presidio Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga and Graham Streets.

Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Ridge to Bridge Ride

9/16 (10 AM–2 PM)

Experience the national parks straddling the Golden Gate as we cycle to the Marin Headlands and back on a strenuous 12-mile loop. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Visitor Center, 105 Montgomery St. at Lincoln Blvd. To make required reservation, call 561-4323.

Shuttle Through Time

9/7, 9/28, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 (1:30–2:45 PM)

Take the PresidiGo shuttle and travel through time as you hear stories spanning the centuries. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd.

Fully accessible

The Dangers of Bridging the Golden Gate

9/8 (10–10:30 AM)

Find out the dangers that Bridge engineers had to design for, above and below the sea surface. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Battery Godfrey parking area off of Langdon Court near Merchant Rd. and Lincoln Blvd. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. Fully accessible



The Mexican Presidio

9/8 (2–3 PM)

Walk back in time to the Spanish and Mexican Presidio of San Francisco with Park Ranger Fátima Colindres! We'll look back to the years 1820–1821 when the Presidio was going through many changes.

Hear stories of courage, joy, and struggle of the people who lived here as you explore one of the first European-settled sites of San Francisco. All ages welcome; for more information or to register, please call 561-4323. Meet at the Main Post flagpole. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Fully accessible

PARK EVENTS



Three Flags of the Presidio

10/13, 10/27, 11/24 (2–3 PM)

Take a short walk and hear stories of the Presidio while under the flags of Spain, Mexico, and the United States. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd.

Generally accessible—some visitors with disabilities may need assistance.

What If There Weren't Any Trees?

11/17 (11 AM–12:30 PM)

Imagine the Presidio without any trees! Get to know the various trees that shape the Presidio—and find out how they got here—on a short

hike along the Ecology Trail. All ages. Meet Ranger Mariajose Alcantara at the Main Post flag pole, near the corner of Moraga Avenue and Graham Street in the Presidio. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

Where's the Brr-brr-Bridge?

9/1 (2–3:30 PM)

Thousands come to see the world-famous Golden Gate Bridge, yet many don't find it through all the fog.

Take your chances and join Ranger Mariajose Alcantara on a walk to find the Golden Gate Bridge. Meet in front of the Warming Hut. Dress in layers! To make reservations, call 561-4323.

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Ride On Through to the Other Side

9/16, 10/21, 11/18 (10 AM–12:30 PM)

Join legendary mountain biker-turned-instructor Jim Sullivan on a moderate, 11-mile ride from Pacifica to Rancho Corral de Tierra and back. Learn basic mountain bike techniques and see how Rancho connects to other open space.

Directions: From Highway 1, turn east onto Linda Mar Boulevard in Pacifica. Turn right onto Peralta (3rd stoplight), following it to Rosita. Turn left on Rosita and park in front of Linda Mar School playground. Maximum 15 visitors. Reservations required as event details may change; phone (415) 561-4323 or e-mail ssulljm@gmail.com.

SAN MATEO COUNTY

ONGOING

Park Stewardship: San Mateo

Saturdays (10 AM–1 PM)

Help restore critical habitat at Milagra Ridge and Mori Point, a couple priority parklands within the Golden Gate National Parks. Your

support is key to the future of these parklands! Appropriate for all ages (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone (415) 561-3073 for information. Details online at www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

PROGRAM

360 Degrees of San Mateo

10/27 (9:30 AM–3 PM)

Take a grand tour of three national park sites in San Mateo County. Join Ranger George Durgerian on a 6.5-mile, fairly strenuous hike to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear stories of bombs, bootlegging, and beheaded bulldozers, and more. Bring lunch and water and wear good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma, Pacifica at 9 AM for breakfast or 9:30 AM for the hike. Reservations required; call (415) 561-4323.

SWEENEY RIDGE

San Francisco Bay Discovery Hike

11/3 (10 AM presentation, 11 AM hike)

How did Spanish explorers—lost, ail-

ing, and on foot—discover one of the greatest bays in the world? Join Park Ranger George Durgerian as we follow in the footsteps of Captain Gaspar de Portola's expedition to Sweeney Ridge. This program includes a presentation and a hike.

Directions: Presentation begins at 10 AM in Pacifica's Community Center on the corner of Highway 1 and Crespi in Pacifica. The hike begins at 11 AM at the far east end of Fassler Avenue in Pacifica. Leashed dogs welcome. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

The Russians Are Coming!

9/16, 11/18 (NOON–3 PM)

How did fear of the Russians shape Sweeney Ridge? Find out as you hike with one of the most knowledgeable guides in town. Nike Missile veteran David Bridgeman will show you how Russia indirectly changed the course of these parklands.

The moderately strenuous hike starts at the far west end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno; from Skyline Blvd., turn west and continue to the trailhead. One of the *Chronicle's* Top 10 hikes. Leashed pets welcome. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.



PARK PARTNERS



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The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future. We seek private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and work in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to improve park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide services and education programs for visitors and local communities, and engage diverse audiences in the national parks at the Golden Gate. To learn more about the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, visit our website, www.parksconservancy.org, or phone (415) 561-3000.

Sign up for Park E-ventures updates

Subscribe to our newly improved and redesigned monthly e-mail newsletter and be the first to find out about upcoming events, new items in our park stores, volunteer opportunities, and more. Your e-mail address will not be shared with other organizations, and you can easily unsubscribe at any time.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to membership@parksconservancy.org. Please include your name and membership number, if applicable.

Come Join Us!

When you join the Parks Conservancy, you'll be able to take advantage of our unique events and activities just for members and you'll be supporting your Golden Gate National Parks! Your tax-deductible gift will help us protect endangered species and their habitats, preserve landmarks, improve trails, enhance visitor amenities, develop education programs, and more. As a Parks Conservancy member, you'll enjoy special benefits and discover the best the parks have to offer!

There are three easy ways to join:

Phone: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: membership@parksconservancy.org

Online: www.parksconservancy.org/membership



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 396 other park units across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these parklands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/goga, or phone (415) 561-4700.



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

Responsible for the transformation of the Presidio from an historic Army post into a premier national park that is financially self-sustaining, the Trust is leading the nation's largest historic preservation project, restoring the park's buildings and landscapes, and creating innovative programs. For more information, visit www.presidio.gov, or call (415) 561-5300.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

PROGRAM	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
BEACHES: Cleanups & Beach Maintenance							
Ocean Beach Cleanup						10 AM–NOON (3RD SAT)	
HABITATS: Restore & Monitor Critical Habitat							
Marin Programs			10 AM–2:30 PM 1–4 PM			10 AM–1 PM	9:30 AM–2:30 PM
San Francisco Programs			9 AM–NOON	1–4 PM	1–4 PM	9 AM–NOON 1–4 PM	10 AM–1 PM
San Mateo Programs						10 AM–1 PM	
LANDSCAPES & HISTORIC SITES: Groundskeeping & Site Restoration							
Alcatraz Gardens*			8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:30 AM–12:30 PM		
GOGA Maintenance		9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	
Presidio Campground Stewards		10 AM–1 PM (1ST TUES)					
Presidio Forestry					9 AM–NOON (1ST & 2ND FRI)		
Presidio Garden Stewards				9 AM–NOON (3RD THUR)			
PLANT NURSERIES: Grow & Care for Plants							
Fort Funston Nursery (San Francisco)						9:30 AM–12:30 PM	
Marin Headlands Nursery			1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON	
Presidio Nursery			1–4 PM			1–4 PM	
Redwood Creek Nursery (Marin)			10 AM–1 PM				
Tennessee Valley Nursery (Marin)		10 AM–NOON 1–4 PM					
TRAILS: Repair, Construct, & Monitor Trails							
Golden Gate Trail Crew (Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo)						9 AM–NOON (3RD SAT, APR–OCT)	
Presidio Trail Crew			10 AM–1 PM (2ND TUES)				

VOLUNTEER AND FALL IN LOVE WITH THE PARKS

The glorious autumn season is the time to rekindle your love affair with the Golden Gate National Parks. And nothing ignites that passion quite like volunteering and giving back to these parklands.

Many of our weekly volunteer programs are drop-in opportunities, so it's easy to get started. To learn about programs listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this book, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Though most opportunities are drop-in, we recommend phoning ahead, as meeting locations, times, and projects may vary. For information, call (415) 561-3044, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

Tools and training are provided and no regular time commitment is required. Please wear closed-toe shoes, dress in layers (in clothes that you won't mind getting dirty), and bring water and a lunch or snack.

Volunteer programs are a cooperative, parkwide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

* Registration required

For registration and more information, call (415) 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within its boundaries are ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of hiking trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas. Take an hour, an afternoon, a day, or more and discover the national parks at our doorstep.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance 911

PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores (415) 561-4922

Alcatraz Ranger Station (415) 561-4900

Beach Hut at Crissy Field Center....(415) 561-7761

Crissy Field Warming Hut

Bookstore and Café.....(415) 561-3040

Fort Mason/Park Hdqrs.....(M-F)(415) 561-4700

.....TDD/V (415) 556-2766

Fort Point Visitor Center (Fri-Sun)...(415) 556-1693

..... TDD (415) 561-4399

Lands End Lookout Visitor Center...(415) 426-5240

Marin Headlands Visitor Center(415) 331-1540

Muir Woods Visitor Center.....(415) 388-2596

Muir Woods Nature Hotline(415) 388-2595

National Park Store at Pier 39(415) 433-7221

Presidio Visitor Center(415) 561-4323

..... TTY (415) 561-4314

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour(415) 561-4926

Alcatraz Program Information(415) 561-4900

Crissy Field Center(415) 561-7690

Fort Mason Center Info Line(415) 345-7544

Golden Gate Club(415) 561-2582

Beach Chalet Visitor Center,

Golden Gate Park(415) 751-2766

Habitat Restoration Team(415) 289-1861

Historic Nike Missile Site(415) 331-1453

Native Plant Nurseries

Fort Funston(415) 652-2373

Marin Headlands(415) 332-5193

Muir Woods (Redwood Creek) ..(415) 383-4390

Presidio(415) 561-4826

Tennessee Valley(415) 289-1860

Pacifica Visitor Center(650) 355-4122

Point Reyes National Seashore(415) 464-5100

Presidio Park Stewards(415) 561-3044

San Francisco Maritime

National Historical Park Museum...(415) 561-7100

Park Stewardship Program(415) 561-3073

Stinson Beach Weather(415) 868-1922

Volunteer Information(415) 561-4755

.....(415) 561-3077

Please call (415) 561-4700 (M-F)
for information about park sites
not listed on this page.

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE INTERNET

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

www.nps.gov/goga

ALCATRAZ www.nps.gov/alcatraz

FORT POINT www.nps.gov/fopo

MUIR WOODS www.nps.gov/muwo

PRESIDIO www.nps.gov/prsf

RELATED WEB SITES

CRISPY FIELD CENTER www.crispyfieldcenter.org

FORT MASON CENTER www.fortmason.org

GOLDEN GATE CLUB www.presidio.gov

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS VOLUNTEER SITE www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer

GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY www.ggro.org

GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL

MARINE SANCTUARY www.farallones.org

HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE

www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm

NATIONAL PARK SITE www.nps.gov

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

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