



Mountain
Lake Trail

Mountain Lake Trail traces the Presidio's southern border from the Pacific Ocean to the park's eastern gates. The trail cuts through neighborhoods, natural areas, playgrounds, and forest groves.

Length

2.6 miles (4.1 km)

Don't Miss

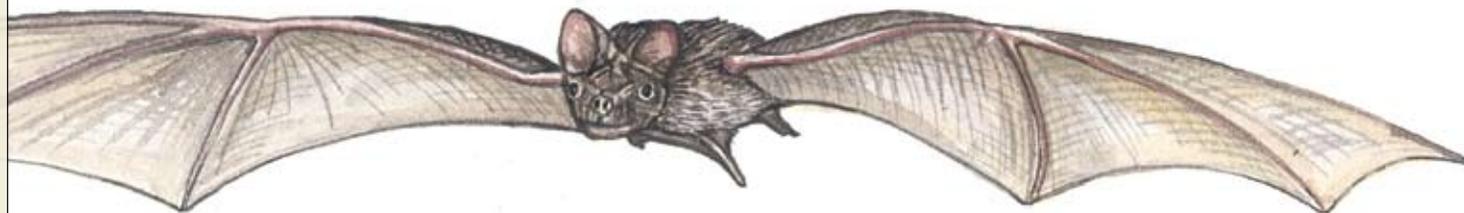
From Inspiration Point, catch views of Alcatraz, the Presidio forest, and the beautiful brick historic homes along Liggett Avenue.

For Kids

The public playgrounds at Mountain Lake Park and Julius Kahn Park are among the most popular in San Francisco.

Coming Soon

A Presidio Boulevard Overlook, to be located where Mountain Lake Trail and Lovers' Lane intersect, will offer a beautiful view into Tennessee Hollow.



Bat Diversity

At least six of the 13 bat species that can be seen in San Francisco live in the Presidio. These insect-eating bats inhabit the Mountain Lake area. The most common is the Mexican free-tailed bat. While other bats remain inactive for the winter months, Mexican free-tailed bats must feed every two weeks. They are also one of the fastest bats in the world, reaching flying speeds of 60 mph. **4**



Historic Golf Course

Founded in 1895, Presidio Golf Course is one of the oldest courses on the West Coast. Traditionally restricted to military officers, today the course and clubhouse are open to the public. **5**



Douglas Iris

Iris, which bloom in a wide range of colors, are named for the Greek goddess of the rainbow. The Douglas Iris, a Pacific coast native found in the Presidio, was named after a plant collector from England who sought plants in California that would thrive in the British climate. **1**

Historic Printing Press

The Presidio is home to Arion Press, the nation's largest fine printing establishment. It publishes limited-edition books, many of them printed by letterpress and illustrated by prominent artists. Arion Press is open to the public for gallery exhibitions, evening talks and readings by noted scholars and artists. **3**



Footsteps-of-Spring

One of the earliest wildflowers, footsteps-of-spring can be seen blooming as early as February in the Inspiration Point area. **6**



Dunes Again

As parts of an Army-era landfill near the former Public Health Service Hospital are addressed, the site will be covered with clean dune sand excavated from Golden Gate Park for the California Academy of Sciences and DeYoung Museum construction projects. This sand will support rare dune annuals including the endangered San Francisco Lessingia. **2**



The original Marine Hospital of San Francisco was established in 1875 to provide healthcare at no cost for maritime laborers from the world's ports. In 1902, the Marine Hospital became the Public Health Service Hospital.

From 1884 to 1912, a cemetery behind the hospital was the final resting place for about 500 sailors who died with no family or money to transport their bodies home. The Trust is researching the history of this cemetery so the stories of those buried can be commemorated. The following is excerpted from an 1896 article in the *San Francisco Call* entitled "Where Jack is at Rest." (author unknown)

"With all its wildness the mounds and white boards within [the cemetery's] rugged borders contain a romantic story. The story, however, in each instance is a buried romance of the sea. Every little hill marks the grave of a sailor....These dead sailors form a strange company as they lie side by side. They sailed to San Francisco in ships from every land under the sun....When the summons come for Jack to go aloft ... they place him...with his dress of the sea, which perhaps still savors the salt air and the unctuous pitch, into a plain stout redwood coffin....He is put under the sand with a board at his head, and, at least—he is with his mates. 3



West Pacific Grove

The effort to replace the faltering West Pacific Grove entered its third phase in 2007. To date, nearly 500 Monterey and Gowan cypress have been planted, some now reaching a height of more than 25 feet. 8



Playing Fields Update

The Presidio Trust held public workshops to explore the long-term vision for park playing fields. The Trust will increase the current number of playing fields (recognizing that some fields may need to be relocated); new fields will be placed in ecologically and historically appropriate areas. 9



Mountain Lake Enhancement

Neighbors, students, and park visitors continue to restore habitat at Mountain Lake during quarterly volunteer days. Recent years have seen a marked improvement in water quality. Planning continues for future restoration work along the eastern reach of the lake. 4



Rare and Resurgent

The Presidio clarkia, named for William Clark of the Lewis & Clark expedition, is an endangered wildflower that occurs in just three populations worldwide, one of which is Inspiration Point. For a decade, habitat enhancement has steadily increased its population. Throughout 2007, park staff tested methods, including fire control, to manage threatening invasive plants. 7



Beautifying the Arguello Gateway

In 2007, the Presidio Trust planted cypress, redbuds, olive and tea trees, and flowering ground cover to greet visitors at the Arguello Gate. Nearby more than one hundred young Monterey cypress were planted where the Bay Area Ridge Trail enters the Presidio forest. 6



Student Scientists and Volunteers

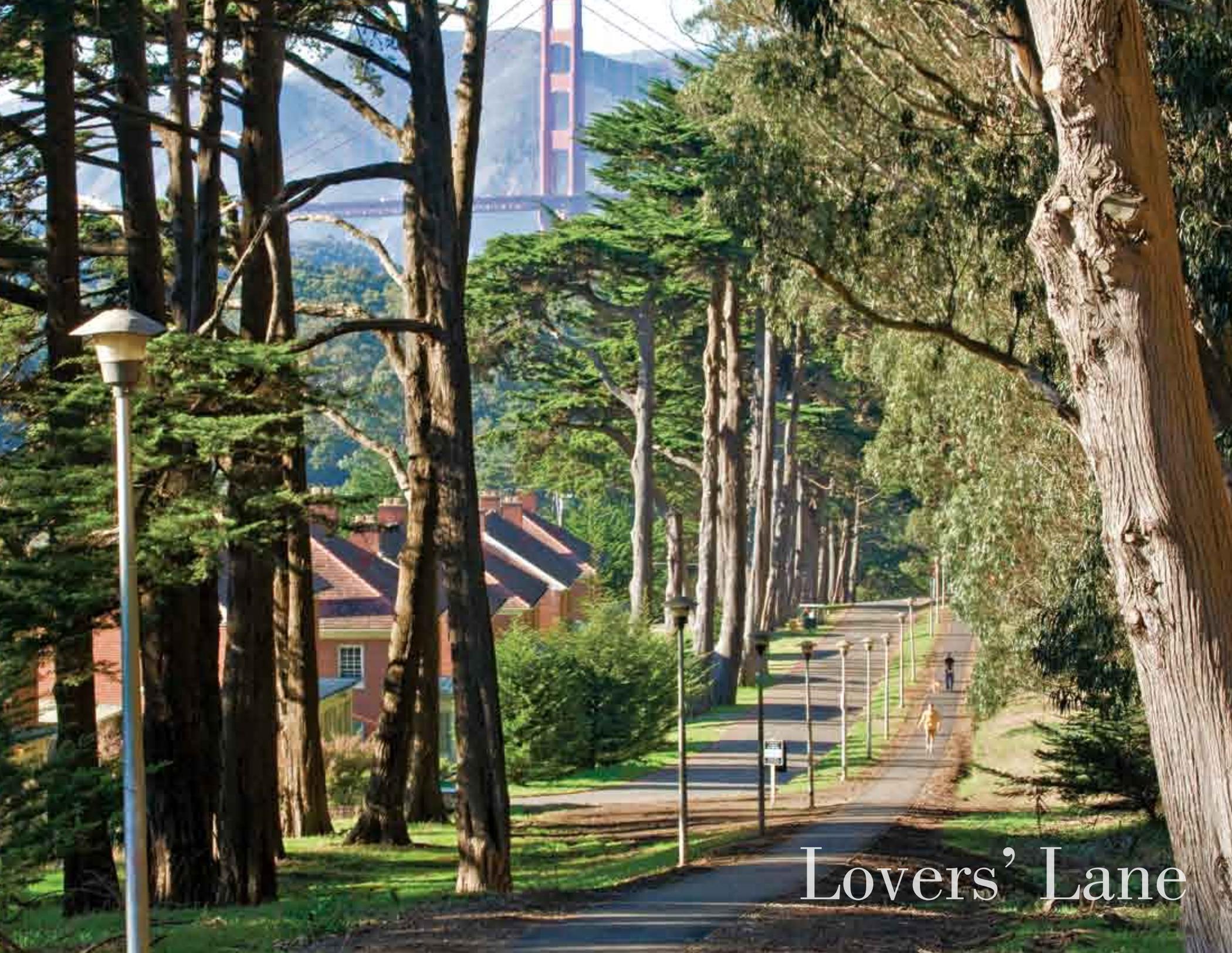
Through the California Academy of Sciences Mountain Lake Monitoring Project, kids from local schools observe reptiles and amphibians that live around Mountain Lake. Down the trail at the West Pacific Grove reforestation site, a 5th grade class weeded, planted, and picked up trash every week for an entire school year. 4



Public Health Service Hospital – Building a New Community

The presence of people in the Presidio is critical to its character. Nowhere is this more evident than at the Public Health Service Hospital district (PHSH), whose vacant buildings have been steadily deteriorating for more than 20 years. In May 2007, the Trust signed a Record of Decision to redevelop PHSH as a mixed-use community, and subsequently signed a development agreement with Forest City Development for the main hospital building, the park's largest historic building. Forest City will restore the buildings historic façade, and convert it into residential apartments. The Trust will rehabilitate the ancillary buildings and residences and undertake landscape and site improvements. A community trailhead in San Francisco's Richmond neighborhood invites people to the park via the PHSH site where many of the park's trails converge. Further trail improvements will establish PHSH as a principal entrance to the park. Construction begins in spring 2008 and the district should be ready for occupancy by 2011. The project will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, and rehabilitation of the main hospital building will also qualify for historic tax credits. 3





Lovers' Lane

Lovers' Lane is among the oldest trails in the Presidio. It was originally used by Spanish soldiers seeking romance in the nearby city. The footpath links the Main Post to the Presidio Gate through the Tennessee Hollow watershed. It passes by eucalyptus groves, willow woodland, a quaint 1930s neighborhood, and a brick footbridge over El Polin Springs.

Length

0.9 mile (1.4 km)

Don't Miss

Take a full-moon stroll and listen for the call of a great horned owl.

For Kids

Peek over Lovers' Lane Bridge (c. 1885) and watch the creek as it disappears into a culvert on its way to Crissy Field Marsh.

Coming Soon

In coming years, El Polin Springs and the adjacent picnic area will be a place where visitors can learn about the Presidio's Native American and colonial past. Trails throughout Tennessee Hollow will provide opportunities to introduce visitors to the rich connection between human and natural history. **5**

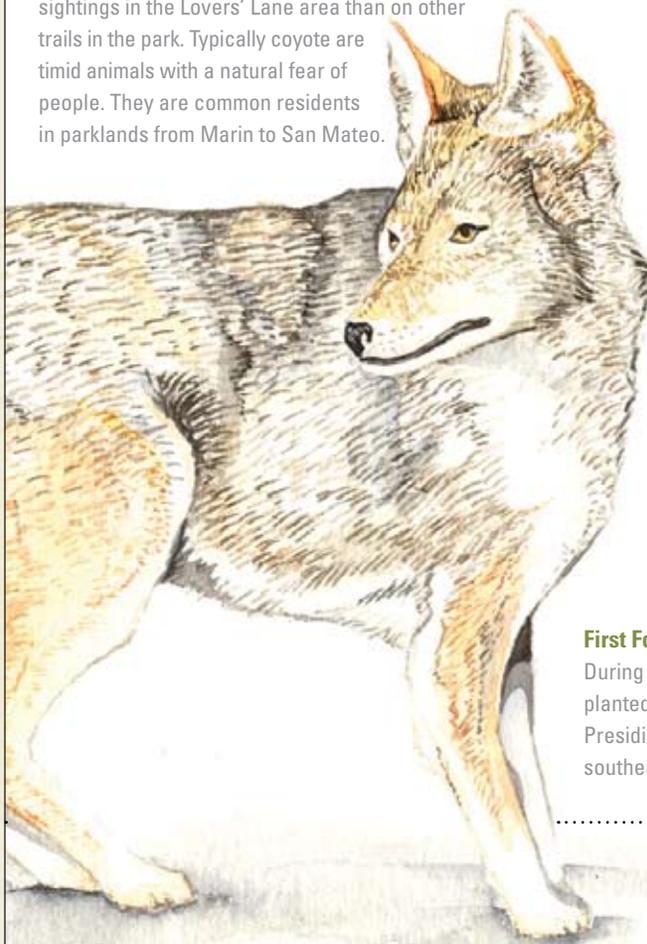


Historic Liggett Avenue

Built in 1939, the nine nearly identical brick duplexes along Liggett Avenue were originally constructed for just \$20,000 each. Their Georgian Revival architectural style was common in the 1930s. The homes are distinguished by their enclosed porches, hipped roofs, and Tuscan pilasters around the front doors. **3**

Coyote

In recent years, there have been more coyote sightings in the Lovers' Lane area than on other trails in the park. Typically coyote are timid animals with a natural fear of people. They are common residents in parklands from Marin to San Mateo.



Raptors in the Eucalyptus

Raptors like the Red-shouldered hawk nest in the tall Blue-gum Eucalyptus trees located between Lovers' Lane and Presidio Boulevard. The Golden Gate Raptor Observatory has completed a two-year study to determine where nests are located in the park. Approximately 78 raptors, including young fledglings, were found in the Presidio in 2007. **2**



Officers' Row and "The Alameda"

During the summer of 1862, a dozen officers' quarters were built on the east side of the new parade ground (now known as Funston Avenue). Today "officers' row" is considered the oldest streetscape in San Francisco. Mid-way along the row, the Army built a beautifully landscaped oval alameda to welcome visitors entering the Main Post from Presidio Boulevard. **8**

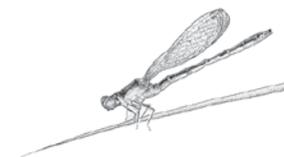
First Forest Grove

During California's first Arbor Day on November 26, 1886, school children planted 3,000 trees in the first mass-planting ever to take place at the Presidio. The trees, donated by mining magnate Adolph Sutro, are located southeast of the Main Post near Lovers' Lane.



Tributaries

Three creek branches flow through the Tennessee Hollow watershed. The eastern tributary has the most water and contains the longest stretch of riparian habitat, teeming with habitat for plants and wildlife. **5**



A Creek "Fly By"

Insects like dragonflies and damselflies depend on the freshwater from the creek fragments that stream through the Tennessee Hollow watershed.



Fresh water is central to the Presidio's history. An important part of the story unfolded at the springs west of Lovers' Lane. Fresh water here was important to native peoples and made it possible for Spanish soldiers to establish El Presidio (the original fort) on the slope above the northern waterfront. Early settlers believed the waters were so magical that any maiden who drank from them obtained great fertility. The Spaniards dubbed this area El Polin, the only named spring at the Presidio.

While the soldiers lived at the garrison, families and domestic support occupied the eastern valley known today as Tennessee Hollow. Prominent residents in the 1880s included Juana, Maria de la Luz, and Guadalupe Briones. These sisters, of African/Latino descent, played an important role in San Francisco's development and are celebrated today as astute businesswomen. Stanford University researchers, who have been working at El Polin since 2002, discovered a stone foundation of a Spanish-colonial/Mexican period adobe house, which likely belonged to the Briones family. Future field studies will enrich our understanding of this settlement and the complex relationship between colonists and the native peoples. This knowledge will help preserve the area's character and create interpretive gardens and other facilities to explain the site's history.

Queen Annes Reborn

In 1886, the Army built four field officers' quarters opposite "The Alameda" gateway on Officers' Row (Funston Avenue). Designed in a modified Queen Anne style, the homes feature rich architectural detail, including historic window styles and decorative moldings around doors. In 2007 the Trust began rehabilitation of the long-empty icon homes, carefully preserving their historic character. **8**



Discovering El Presidio

El Presidio is the name of the original fort established by the Spanish upon their arrival in 1776. In summer 2007, archaeology student from Cabrillo College worked with Trust researchers to excavate the site of a chapel built adjacent to the Officers' Club in 1780. Information from the site will help park stewards create a plan for preserving and interpreting El Presidio. **10**



Education for Bay Area Kids

The Presidio Trust Archaeology Department, in partnership with U.C. Berkeley, created a new classroom inside the historic Officers' Club, thought to be the oldest building in San Francisco. The Trust is working with local grade schools to develop a curriculum serving third and fourth grade students learning about California history. **9**



Galileo in the Watershed

For nearly a decade, Galileo High School environmental science students have used Tennessee Hollow as a classroom. The Urban Watershed Project, a Presidio non-profit founded by Doug Kern, was developed with curriculum support from U.C. Berkeley. The Program engages kids in science with hands-on field work, lab sessions, and new technologies like GIS. **7**



Paving the Way

In fall 2007 the trail surface along the footpath was replaced and eroded areas were repaired. A complete revitalization including benches and new signage is being planned for the entire span of Lovers' Lane. **4**

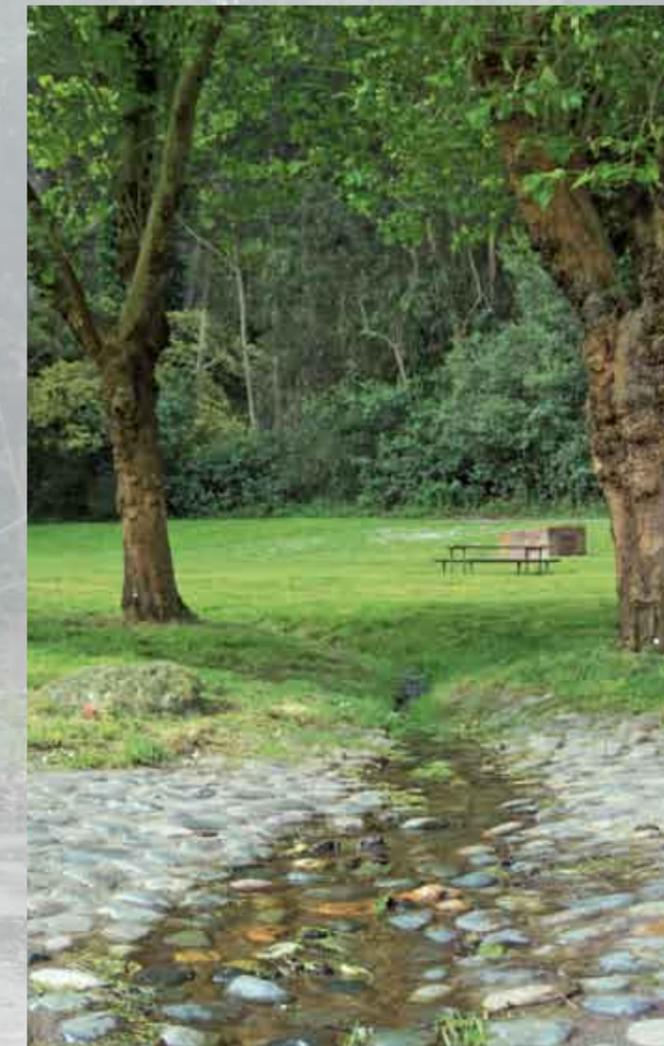


Maintaining Neighborhoods

The Presidio Boulevard neighborhood features a dozen historic homes built between 1915 and 1918 to house officers. In 2007, as the culmination of a maintenance upgrade that included many building repairs, the Trust relandscaped the neighborhood to return to its historic character. Nearby, roadway improvements enhanced safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists traveling on busy Presidio Boulevard. **6**

Presidio Gateway

In 2006, the Trust beautified the Presidio Gate, one of the most well-traveled portals to the park. Nearly four dozen Monterey cypress were planted along both sides of the roadway. When mature, these trees will recreate the dramatic forest canopy that historically greeted visitors, as early landscape planners envisioned. **1**



The Tennessee Hollow Upper Watershed – Balancing Resources

Draining from Inspiration Point to the Crissy Field marsh, the Tennessee Hollow watershed encompasses about 270 acres or 20 percent of the park. Much of the creek system is in underground pipes or lined channels, but the areas that remain provide some of the most valuable wildlife habitat in the region. Historic neighborhoods and beloved playing fields are also found in the watershed. Balancing creek restoration with other demands has been a key objective for the Trust in planning for Tennessee Hollow.

Over the past eight years, nearly 20 acres of the watershed have been renewed: rare grasslands have been restored; areas of the historic forest have been replanted; trails have been built; and the northern reach of the creek has been restored.

In August 2007, the Presidio Trust released an Environmental Assessment for the Upper Watershed. The plan calls for an additional 28 acres of habitat restoration, relocation and enhancement of playing fields, and an interpretive landscape at El Polin Springs that tells the story of the original Spanish settlement. One day the trail will allow visitors to experience an entire watershed, from the headwaters to the bay. **5**



Board of Directors

David H. Grubb is chairman of the Presidio Trust board of directors. He is chairman emeritus and former chief executive officer of Swinerton Incorporated, a prominent San Francisco-based general contractor. He has served on several cultural and business community committees and lends his support to a number of charitable organizations including: board of regents and trustees for Saint Patrick's Seminary, Zoological Society, The Meadow Club, and San Domenico School. Mr. Grubb previously served on the board of trustees for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, chairing the projects committee which oversaw the restoration of Crissy Field. He earned a bachelor of sciences from Princeton University in 1958, and a master's degree in construction management from Stanford University in 1962. He was appointed as the Secretary of the Interior's designee to the Trust board in December 2003.

William Wilson, vice-chairman of the Presidio Trust board of directors, has founded and led Bay Area-based real estate investment firms for over 40 years, including William Wilson and Associates, Wilson/Cornerstone Properties, and Wilson/Equity Office. He currently serves as managing partner of Wilson Meany Sullivan, Inc. Previously, he founded the Borel Companies (1963), Webcor Builders Inc. (1971), and Rusty Scupper Restaurants (1980). Mr. Wilson serves on several boards, including the California Academy of Sciences, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and Consortium, the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey (Emeritus), and the Stanford University Department of Athletics' Investment Trust (Emeritus). Mr. Wilson earned a bachelor of sciences in engineering from Stanford University in 1958. He was appointed to the Trust board by President George W. Bush in 2003.

Lydia Beebe is corporate secretary and chief governance officer of Chevron Corporation. She joined Chevron as an attorney in 1977, and was first elected corporate secretary in 1995. Ms. Beebe is a member of the State Bar of California and the American Bar Association. She served on the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, which is responsible for enforcing state civil rights laws. She is a member of the San Francisco Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee, serves on the board of Golden Gate University, and is Chairman for the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals. Ms. Beebe earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1974 and a doctor of law degree in 1977 from the University of Kansas. She obtained an MBA from Golden Gate University in 1980. She was appointed to the Trust board by President George W. Bush in 2003.

T. Robert Burke is the managing director of Metropolitan Real Estate Equity Management, and is the chairman and co-founder of Institutional Housing Partners. He is the former chairman and co-founder of AMB Property Corporation and was a partner with Morrison and Foerster from 1975 to 1984. Previously, he was a staff attorney with the National Housing Law Project of the O.E.O. Legal Services Program. He formerly served as a trustee for Stanford University, and served on the boards of the Stanford Management Company, Catholic Social Services of San Francisco, and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. He is a member of the investment committee of the Hewlett Foundation and serves on the board of the UCSF Foundation. He holds a law degree (1967) and a bachelor of arts from Stanford University. Mr. Burke was appointed to the Trust board by President George W. Bush in 2005.

Nancy Conner has been a board member of the San Francisco Parks Trust since 1980, serving currently as past board chair. She also serves on the boards of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority and the San Francisco Symphony. Previously, she was a board member of the Bothin Foundation, the San Francisco Boys' Chorus, and the U.C. Berkeley Environmental Design Archives Advisory Board, among others. She co-founded the San Francisco Landscape Garden Show as a benefit event for city parks and recreation programs. She received a master's degree from Stanford University in 1967 and a bachelor of arts from Wellesley College in 1964. Ms. Conner was appointed to the Trust board by President George W. Bush in 2005.

Curtis F. Feeny testified before Congress when the Presidio Trust was first being formed. He brings to the Trust twenty-five years of experience in real estate development and capital investment. He is the managing director for Voyager Capital, a Venture Capital firm. He worked from 1992 to 2000 as executive vice president with Stanford Management Company at Stanford University. Previously he worked for twelve years with Trammell Crow Company and served on its board; he currently serves on the board of CBRE, which purchased Trammell Crow Company. He is also a board member for KIPP Bay Area. He previously served on the boards of the Children's Health Council and the Stanford Federal Credit Union. He graduated from the Harvard School of Business in 1981, and holds a bachelor of sciences magna cum laude from Texas A&M University. Mr. Feeny was appointed to the Trust board by President George W. Bush in 2005.

Joseph Yew, Jr., is finance director for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Previously he was vice president of E.J. De La Rosa & Co., an investment banking firm, and served for five years as treasury manager for the City of Oakland. Mr. Yew has also served as assistant state treasurer and executive director of the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee in the State Treasurer's Office. He was an Alternate Board Member for State Treasurer on both the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). Mr. Yew serves on the board of the Chinatown YMCA and the Unity Council in Oakland. He earned a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of California at Irvine in 1988 and a master of industrial administration (MBA) from Carnegie Mellon University in 1992. He was appointed to the Trust board by President George W. Bush in 2003.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Craig Middleton leads the effort to preserve and enhance the Presidio as an enduring resource for the American people. The Trust was awarded the Urban Land Institute's Global Award for Excellence in 2006. Middleton was the Presidio Trust's first employee and has served as executive director since 2002. Previously, he worked closely with the Presidio Council, a blue-ribbon panel established by the Parks Conservancy to plan for the Presidio's transition, and was a senior aide to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco). Middleton holds a master's degree in public administration from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and a bachelor's degree in social science from the University of California at Santa Barbara.



From left: Curtis Feeny, T. Robert Burke, Nancy Conner, Vice-Chair William Wilson, Executive Director Craig Middleton, Lydia Beebe, Joseph Yew, Jr., and Chairman David H. Grubb.

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