



Andy Goldsworthy's Spire

THE PRESIDIO EXPERIENCE

A Guide to Exploring the Park

www.presidio.gov

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



TWO HOURS

Visit the Presidio Officers' Club (see p. 6)

The Presidio Officers' Club (50 Moraga Avenue on the Main Post) is the ideal place to begin a visit to the park. Here, visitors can explore American history from a distinctly West Coast perspective through multi-media exhibitions, a changing gallery, and opportunities to engage with archaeologists at work. Presidio Officers' Club exhibits trace events from the Ohlone period through the park's latest national park chapter. At the end of your explorations, visit the club's Arguello restaurant to enjoy Mexican food and drink.

FOUR HOURS

Hop Aboard the PresidiGo Shuttle (see p. 3)

After your visit to the Officers' Club, get out and about! The free PresidiGo Around the Park Shuttle offers an overview of the Presidio's major districts on 30-minute loops. The Crissy Field Route showcases bay

and Golden Gate Bridge views along the northern waterfront and provides a glimpse of the forest and historic Fort Scott. The Presidio Hills Route traces part of the Main Post on its way to Inspiration Point, the Public Health Service District, and the western bluffs near Baker Beach. Hop on/hop off at one of 40 stops around the Presidio.

ONE DAY

Add a Hike (see p. 10)

If you have a full day, be sure to spend part of your time exploring the Presidio on foot. The park offers a dozen major routes connecting all corners of the Presidio. Popular experiences include bay and bridge views along the Golden Gate Promenade, a peaceful journey through the forest along the Ecology Trail or Bay Area Ridge Trail, or a wild and rugged adventure on the California Coastal Trail or Batteries to Bluffs Trail. Pause for a break at one of the Presidio's eight scenic overlooks.

TWO DAYS

Dine and Decompress

Enjoy a complete Presidio immersion experience by booking a stay at the Inn at the Presidio, once home to bachelor officers (see p. 17). With two days in the park, visitors can enjoy several of the Presidio's major experiences, from a Golden Gate Bridge walk to a picnic at El Polín Spring. Other popular adventures include playing a round at Presidio Golf Course, exploring Civil War-era history at Fort Point National Historic Site, taking in the Andy Goldsworthy art installations, or catching a peek of butterflies in Lobos Valley.

Be sure to enjoy dinner at *The Commissary* or *Arguello* restaurants, both offered by the Presidio Trust with award-winning chef Traci Des Jardins (see p. 13).

Don't worry if you can't do it all...the Presidio offers many reasons to plan a return visit.



HISTORY BUFFS

- Explore American history from a distinctly West Coast perspective through exhibitions and programs at the **Presidio Officers' Club**
- Explore Spanish Colonial history and learn about the famous Briones and Miramontes families at **El Polín Spring**.
- Experience a military and architectural gem at **Fort Point National Historic Site**.



WEEKENDERS

- Stay at the **Inn at the Presidio**, a charming getaway for locals and out-of-towners alike.
- Take out-of-town guests on a **Crissy Field stroll**, ending at the Golden Gate Bridge.
- Sleep under the stars at **Rob Hill Campground**, the only overnight campground in San Francisco.



HIKERS

- Mix nature and culture on the **Bay Area Ridge Trail**, which features Andy Goldsworthy's **Spire**, a 95-foot homage to the Presidio's forest.
- For a real workout, start at the north end of Baker Beach and take the sand ladder up to the **Batteries to Bluffs Trail**.



NATURE BUFFS

- Birdwatch at the Crissy Field Marsh or at El Polín Spring
- Experience Mountain Lake, the Presidio's only lake and an exciting area to watch the progress of community-supported restoration

www.presidio.gov



Ecology Trail



Arguello Restaurant



Rob Hill Campground



Presidio Officers' Club



Crissy Field



WELCOME Bienvenido 欢迎光临

The Presidio is yours to discover.

Once the nation's premier Army post, the Presidio has been transformed into a new kind of national park site. Thousands of people visit every year to enjoy a vibrant mix of museums, restaurants, events, trails, and recreational destinations.

The Presidio offers experiences for everyone. Bike along the shoreline, glimpse rare birds and native wildflowers, learn about architecture and California history, take in a concert and a great meal, spend the night in a former barrack, have a picnic beneath the Golden Gate Bridge, or listen to the sounds of nature on a quiet afternoon.

Enjoy your park.

El Presidio es para que lo explores.

El Presidio, que alguna vez fuera un puesto militar de gran importancia del país, ha sido transformado en un nuevo tipo de parque nacional. Miles de personas lo visitan cada año y disfrutan de una vibrante combinación de museos, restaurantes, eventos, senderos y destinos recreativos.

El Presidio ofrece divertidas vivencias para todos. Pasea en bicicleta a lo largo de la costa, observa pájaros raros y flores silvestres originarias de la región, aprende sobre la arquitectura y la historia de California, acude a un concierto y deléitate con una excelente comida, pasa la noche en un antiguo cuartel, disfruta de un picnic bajo el puente Golden Gate o escucha los sonidos de la naturaleza en una tarde tranquila.

Disfruta de tu parque.

普西迪正等您去探索。

普西迪 (Presidio), 这个曾经全美重要的军事基地, 如今已摇身一变, 成为一座新型国家公园。这里汇集了各种博物馆、餐厅和休闲场所, 小径纵横, 活动丰富多彩, 呈现一片勃勃生机, 每年吸引数千名游客慕名而来。

普西迪为每个人都准备了别样的体验。沿着海岸线骑行, 沿途观赏珍稀鸟类和原生野花, 了解各式建筑和加州历史, 听一场音乐会, 享用饕餮大餐, 在曾经的军营里度过美妙的夜晚, 在金门大桥下野炊, 或在一个宁静的午后, 聆听大自然的声音。

享受您的公园之旅。

Si deseas información adicional en español, visita www.nps.gov/goga/espanol.htm o llama al (415) 561-7502.

请访问 www.nps.gov/goga/chinese.htm 或致电 (415) 561-7501 获取中文版游客资讯。

BY THE NUMBERS

- 75,942** hours volunteered in 2014
- 3,000** residents
- 1,491** total acres
- 991** acres of open space
- 433** historic buildings
- 330** native plant species
- 200** organizations
- 60** bee species
- 30** butterfly species
- 24** miles of trails
- 14** native plant communities
- 8** scenic overlooks
- 5** creeks
- 4** Andy Goldsworthy sculptures
- 1** tidal marsh
- 1** freshwater lake

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DID YOU KNOW? The Presidio was a military post for more than 200 years—first for Spain in 1776, then for Mexico in 1822, and finally for the United States Army from 1846 to 1994. Today, the Presidio is both a National Historic Landmark District and a new kind of national park site.

¿SABÍAS QUE... ? El Presidio fue un puesto militar por más de 200 años—primero para España en 1776, después para México en 1822, y por último para el Ejército de los Estados Unidos de 1846 a 1994. Hoy en día, el Presidio es un Distrito Histórico Nacional y un nuevo tipo de parque nacional.

您知道吗? 普西迪曾经在长达两百多年的时间里都是军事基地: 最初在 1776 年成为西班牙军事基地, 然后在 1822 年成为墨西哥军事基地, 最后从 1846 年到 1994 年作为美国军队驻扎地。如今的普西迪既是国家历史地标保护区, 也是一座新型的国家公园。



GETTING HERE

PresidiGo DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE

The PresidiGo Downtown Shuttle offers a convenient and free way for visitors to travel to the Presidio seven days a week. It operates:

- Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 4 pm, and 7:30 to 9:30 pm
- Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 7 pm
- during the quarter-hour headways during the evening commute (leaving the Presidio only)

Board the shuttle near the Transbay Terminal (Howard Street at Main Street) or near the Embarcadero BART station (Drumm Street at California Street).

No pass is required during the hours listed to the right. The shuttle departs approximately every hour on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends and is bike-friendly.*

The shuttle brings visitors to the Presidio Transit Center on the Main Post. From there, explore the park via the PresidiGo Around the Park Shuttle (see p. 3) or on the park's many hiking and biking trails (see p. 10).

On federal holidays the shuttle operates on a weekend schedule.

* Extended hours available for Presidio residents and tenants. See www.presidio.gov.

For information about the PresidiGo Downtown Shuttle schedule departing the Presidio for San Francisco destinations, visit www.presidio.gov or see the kiosk at the Presidio Transit Center.

Shuttle Schedule

WEEKDAY DEPART	WEEKEND DEPART
TRANSBAY TERMINAL 9:15 am	TRANSBAY TERMINAL 10:30 am
9:30	11:00
10:00	11:30
10:30	12:00 pm
11:30	12:30
12:30 pm	1:00
1:30	1:30
2:30	2:00
3:30	2:30
4:00	3:00
7:30	3:30
8:00	4:00
8:30	4:30
9:30	5:00
	5:30
	6:00
	6:30
	7:00
	7:30



SF MUNI

Several Muni lines—including the 1, 28, 28R, 29, 30, 41, 43, 45, and 76x—come to or near the Presidio. Walk or transfer to the free PresidiGo Around the Park Shuttle to reach your final destination (see p. 3).



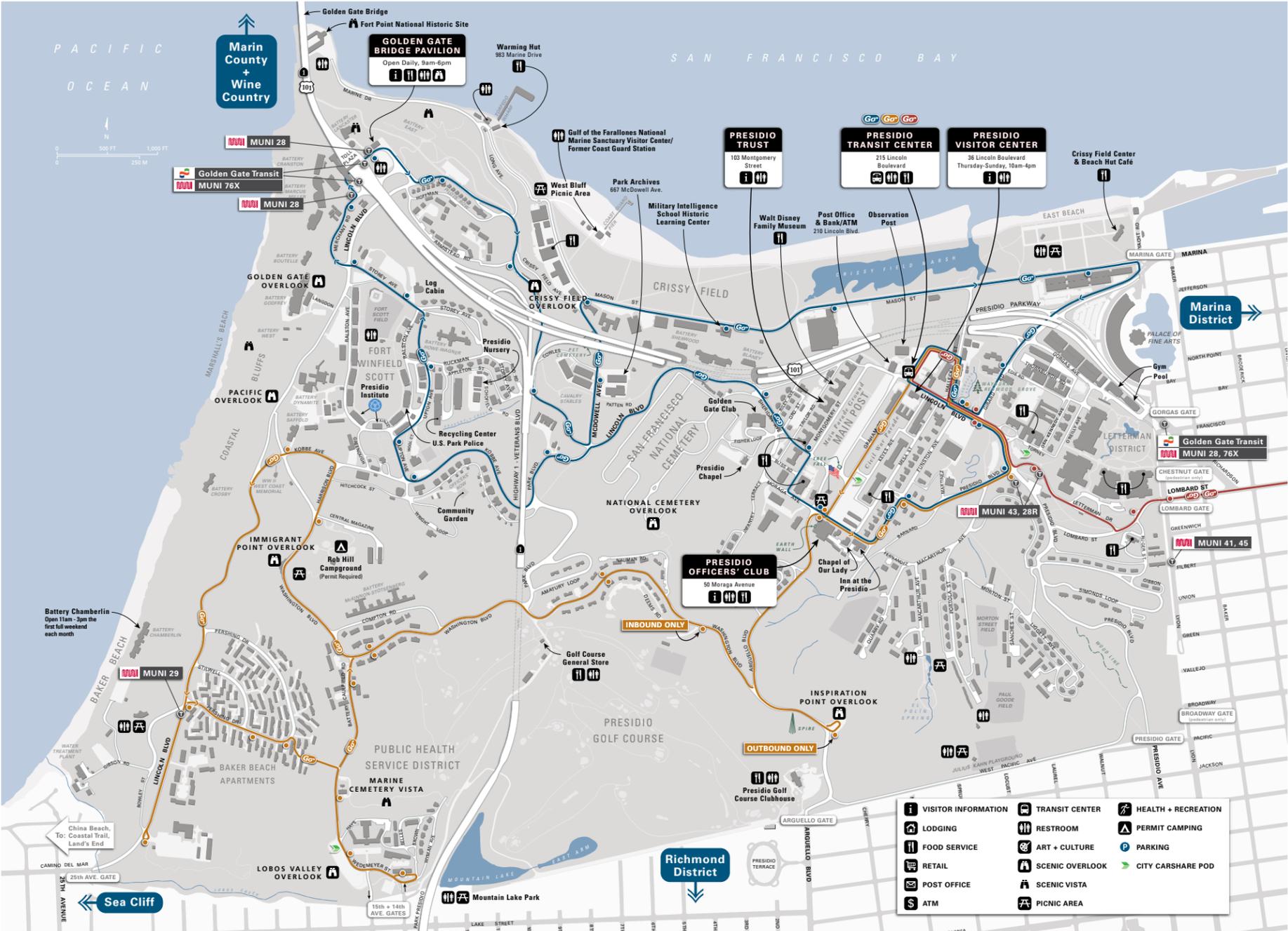
GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT

Golden Gate Transit (GGT) provides bus service from Marin County to San Francisco, and most routes stop in or near the Presidio. GGT buses stop at the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza and the intersection of Richardson Avenue and Francisco Street near Lombard Gate. Walk to your final destination or transfer to the free "Crissy Field Route" PresidiGo Around the Park Shuttle (see p. 3).



BICYCLING

The Lombard, Gorgas, Arguello, 14th/15th Avenue, and 25th Avenue Gates are the best access points for cyclists. For multi-use trails, see p. 10. Secure BikeLink lockers can be rented at the Presidio Transit Center.



GETTING AROUND

Popular Destinations

CRISSY FIELD ROUTE

- Presidio Officers' Club
- Golden Gate Club
- San Francisco National Cemetery
- Fort Scott
- Golden Gate Bridge
- Fort Point National Historic Site
- Crissy Field

PRESIDIO HILLS ROUTE

- Presidio Officers' Club
- Inspiration Point / Spire
- Immigrant Point Overlook
- World War II West Coast Memorial
- Lobos Valley Overlook
- Baker Beach



Accessible
 Bike Racks Available
 CNG
 BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PresidiGo AROUND THE PARK SHUTTLE

The free PresidiGo Around the Park Shuttle is available weekdays from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm and weekends from 11 am to 6:30 pm. Around the Park runs two continuous 30-minute loops:

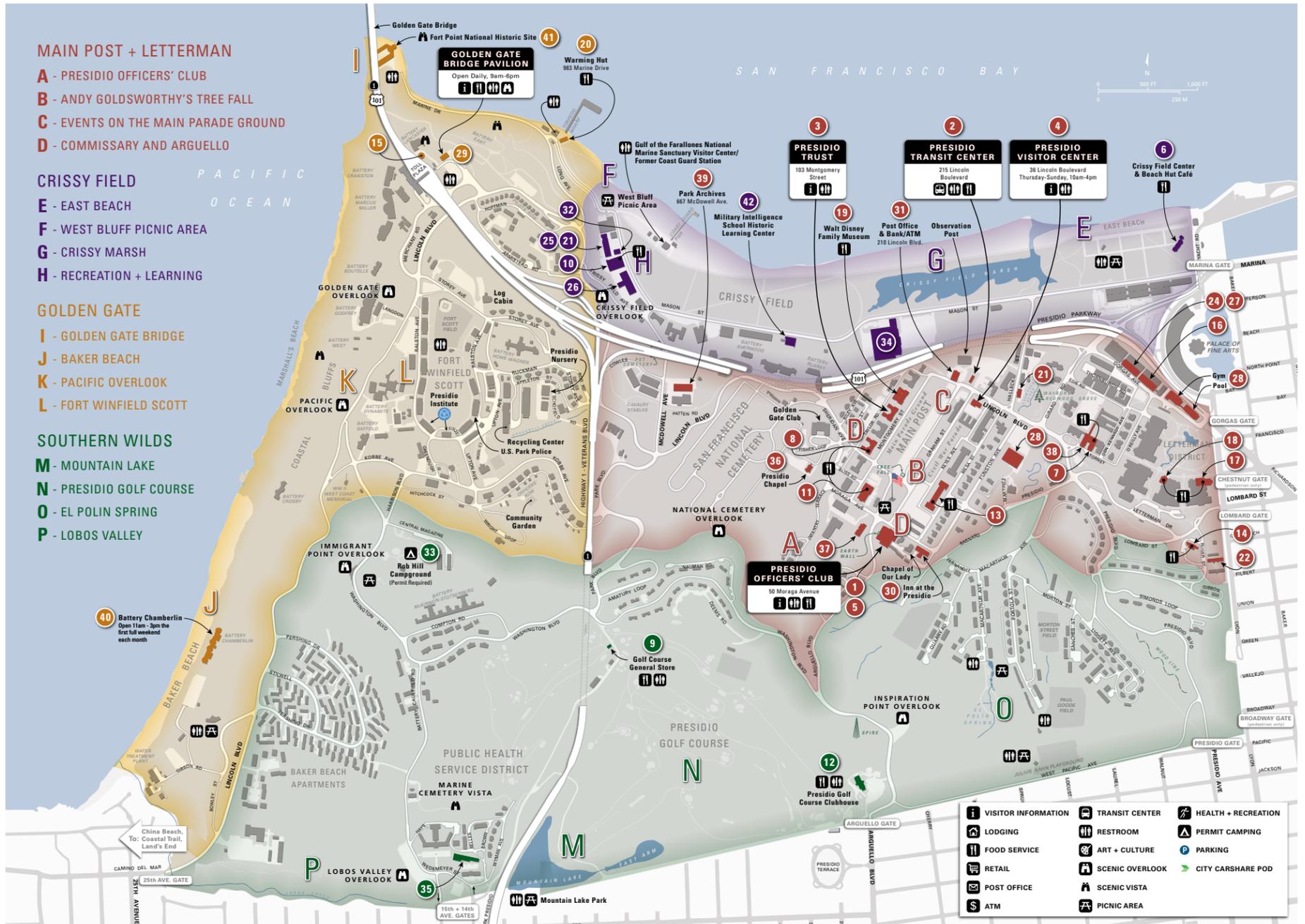
The Crissy Field Route serves the northern Presidio including the Main Post, Golden Gate Bridge, Fort Scott, and Letterman District.

The Presidio Hills Route is a bi-directional route serving the Letterman District, Main Post, Inspiration Point, Washington Boulevard, Baker Beach, and Public Health Service District.

Both routes originate at the Presidio Transit Center (215 Lincoln Boulevard) and connect with MUNI and Golden Gate Transit at several locations. They operate on a limited weekend schedule on federal holidays.

Shuttle Schedule

	CRISSY FIELD ROUTE	PRESIDIO HILLS ROUTE
WEEKDAY ONLY	6:30 am	6:30 am
	7:00	7:00
	7:30	7:30
	8:00	8:00
	8:30	8:30
	9:00	9:00
	9:30	9:30
	10:00	10:00
	10:30	10:30
	11:00	11:00
7 DAYS / WEEK	11:30	11:30
	12:00 pm	12:00 pm
	12:30	12:30
	1:00	1:00
	1:30	1:30
	2:00	2:00
	2:30	2:30
	3:00	3:00
	3:30	3:30
	4:00	4:00
WEEKDAY ONLY	4:30	4:30
	5:00	5:00
	5:30	5:30
	6:00	6:00
	6:30	6:30
	7:00	7:00
	7:30	7:30



PARK DESTINATIONS

WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

- 1 Presidio Officers' Club**
50 Moraga Avenue
www.presidio.gov
- 2 Presidio Transit Center**
215 Lincoln Boulevard
www.presidio.gov
- 3 Presidio Trust**
103 Montgomery Street
www.presidio.gov
- 4 Presidio Visitor Center**
36 Lincoln Boulevard
(415) 561-4323

FOOD AND DRINK

- 5 Arguello**
50 Moraga Avenue
(415) 561-3650
www.arguellosf.com
- 6 Beach Hut Café**
1199 East Beach
(Crissy Field Center)
(415) 561-7761
www.parksconservancy.org
- 7 Café Rx**
1013 Torney Avenue
(415) 561-2273
www.cafex.com
- 8 The Commissary**
101 Montgomery Street
(415) 561-3600
www.thecommissarysf.com
- 9 Golf Course General Store**
(415) 561-4661
www.presidiogolf.com
- 10 House of Air**
926 Mason Street
(415) 345-9675
www.houseofair.com

- 11 Presidio Bowling Center**
93 Montgomery Street
(415) 561-2695
www.presidiobowl.com
- 12 Presidio Café**
300 Finley Road
(415) 561-4600
www.presidiocafe.com
- 13 Presidio Palms Café**
39 Mesa Street
www.presidiopalmscafe.com
- 14 Presidio Social Club**
563 Ruger Street
(415) 885-1888
www.presidiosocialclub.com

- 15 Round House Café at the Golden Gate Bridge Pavilion**
(415) 426-5228
- 17 Sessions at the Presidio**
One Letterman Drive, Bldg D
www.facebook.com/SessionsSF
- 18 Starbucks**
One Letterman Drive, Bldg C
(415) 441-1740
- 2 TRANSIT**
215 Lincoln Boulevard
(415) 561-4435
www.presidio.gov/food
- 19 Walt Disney Family Museum**
104 Montgomery Street
(415) 345-6800
www.waltdisney.org
- 20 Warming Hut**
983 Marine Drive
(415) 561-3042
www.parksconservancy.org

RECREATION AND WELLNESS

- 21 Batter's Box SF**
933 Mason Street
(707) 412-8228
www.battersboxsf.com
- 22 Body of Work Studio**
569 Ruger Street
(415) 561-3991
www.abodyofwork-sf.com
- 6 Crissy Field Center**
1199 East Beach
(415) 561-7752
www.crissyfield.org
- 10 House of Air**
926 Mason Street
(415) 345-9675
www.houseofair.com
- 25 La Petite Baleen Swim School**
933 Mason Street
(866) 896-3603
www.swimlpb.com
- 26 Planet Granite**
924 Mason Street
(415) 692-3434
www.planetgranite.com
- 11 Presidio Bowling Center**
93 Montgomery Street
(415) 561-2695
www.presidiobowl.com
- 37 Presidio Dance Theatre**
386 Arguello Boulevard
(415) 561-3958
www.presidiodance.org
- 12 Presidio Golf Course**
300 Finley Road
(415) 561-4661
www.presidiogolf.com
- 27 Presidio Sport & Medicine**
1162-B Gorgas Avenue
(415) 561-6655
www.presidiosport.com

- 28 Presidio YMCA**
1151 Gorgas Avenue (pool)
63 Funston Avenue (gym)
(415) 447-9622
www.ymcasf.org/presidio
- 24 San Francisco CrossFit**
1162-A Gorgas Avenue
(415) 937-7323
www.sanfranciscocrossfit.com
- 16 SenSpa**
1161 Gorgas Avenue
(415) 441-1777
www.senspa.org

VISITOR AMENITIES AND RETAIL

- 29 Golden Gate Bridge Pavilion Store**
(415) 426-5220
www.goldengatebridgestore.org
- 30 Inn at the Presidio**
42 Moraga Avenue
(415) 800-7356
www.innatthepresidio.com
- 31 Post Office/First Republic Bank (ATM)**
210 Lincoln Boulevard
- 1 Presidio Officers' Club**
50 Moraga Avenue
www.presidio.gov
- 2 Presidio Transit Center**
215 Lincoln Boulevard
www.presidio.gov
- 3 Presidio Trust**
103 Montgomery Street
www.presidio.gov
- 4 Presidio Visitor Center**
36 Lincoln Boulevard
(415) 561-4323

- 32 Roaring Mouse Cycles**
934 Mason Street
(415) 753-6272
www.roaringmousecycles.com
- 33 Rob Hill Campground**
(group only; permit required)
(415) 561-5444
www.presidio.gov
- 34 Sports Basement**
610 Mason Street
(415) 437-0100
www.sportsbasement.com
- 2 TRANSIT**
215 Lincoln Boulevard
(415) 561-4435
www.presidio.gov/food
- 19 Walt Disney Family Museum**
104 Montgomery Street
(415) 345-6800
www.waltdisney.org
- 20 Warming Hut**
983 Marine Drive
(415) 561-3042
www.parksconservancy.org

HISTORY

- 40 Battery Chamberlin**
www.nps.gov/prsf
- 41 Fort Point National Historic Site**
www.nps.gov/fopo
- 42 Military Intelligence School Historic Learning Center**
640 Mason Street
(415) 921-5007
www.njahs.org/640
- 39 Park Archives**
667 McDowell Avenue
(415) 561-2808

- 1 Presidio Officers' Club**
50 Moraga Avenue
www.presidio.gov
- 8 Society of California Pioneers**
101 Montgomery Street
(415) 957-1849
www.californiapioneers.org

ART, CULTURE, AND ENTERTAINMENT

- 35 Arion Press**
1802 Hays Street
(415) 668-2542
www.arionpress.com
- 38 China Brotsky Art Gallery at the Thoreau Center**
1014 Torney Avenue
(415) 561-6300
www.thoreau.org
- 36 Presidio Chapel / Interfaith Center**
130 Fisher Loop
(415) 561-5444
www.presidio.gov
- 37 Presidio Dance Theatre**
386 Arguello Boulevard
(415) 561-3958
www.presidiodance.org
- 1 Presidio Officers' Club**
50 Moraga Avenue
www.presidio.gov
- 3 Presidio Trust Gallery**
103 Montgomery Street
www.presidio.gov
- 19 Walt Disney Family Museum**
104 Montgomery Street
(415) 345-6800
www.waltdisney.org

MAIN POST + LETTERMAN

The “heart of the Presidio” is now the center of the visitor experience, featuring history, museums, events, restaurants, art, and culture.



A - PRESIDIO OFFICERS' CLUB

San Francisco's most historic building is now one of the Bay Area's most popular cultural destinations with music, talks, family fun, and the Presidio Heritage Gallery.



B - ANDY GOLDSWORTHY'S TREE FALL

Built inside the historic Power Magazine, this sculpture reveals the relationship between the natural and built environments.



C - MAIN PARADE GROUND

From Off the Grid Picnic at the Presidio to the Presidio Kite Expo, the Main Parade Ground is the backdrop for outdoor fun.



D - THE COMMISSARY AND ARGUELLO

Enjoy fine dining or casual gathering at these authentic Presidio eateries.

CRISSY FIELD WATERFRONT

The breathtaking northern waterfront offers bay views, easy hiking, birdwatching, indoor and outdoor recreation, picnic areas, and beaches.



E - EAST BEACH

Take a dip in the waves, catch some rays, and enjoy the display of local windsurfers.



F - WEST BLUFF PICNIC AREA

Enjoy outdoor gatherings with an amazing Golden Gate view.



G - CRISSY MARSH

Bring your binoculars and spot an awesome array of birds.



H - RECREATION AND LEARNING

The former airplane hangars house recreational and educational organizations.

GOLDEN GATE

The western shoreline features Pacific Ocean views, rugged hiking, beaches, and the quintessential San Francisco experience...a walk on the Golden Gate Bridge.



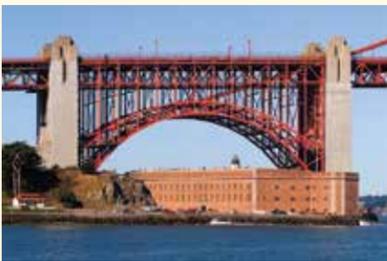
I - GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

After strolling on the Art Deco gem, visit the bridge pavilion for exhibits, food at the Round House Café, and links to nearby trails.



J - BAKER BEACH AND MARSHALL'S BEACH

Enjoy stunning views of the Pacific Ocean, Marin Headlands, sunsets, birdlife, and Golden Gate Bridge.



K - FORT POINT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Overlooking the Golden Gate, Fort Point defended San Francisco Bay from the Gold Rush through World War II. Enjoy amazing views and learn about Army architecture.



L - FORT WINFIELD SCOTT

Once dedicated to defending San Francisco Bay, today the campus is home to the Presidio Nursery as well as the Presidio Institute, dedicated to solving complex challenges.

SOUTHERN WILDS

Get a taste of the great outdoors and experience natural areas, the Presidio forest, trails, and creeks.



M - MOUNTAIN LAKE

The Juan Bautista de Anza expedition camped at this natural lake on its 1776 journey to establish the Presidio. Today, it is a peaceful oasis and a living laboratory for ecological restoration.



N - PRESIDIO GOLF COURSE

Renowned for its spectacular forest setting and challenging play, the course also features a restaurant, driving range, and pro shop.



O - EL POLÍN SPRING

This “outdoor classroom” welcomes school groups, birders, history buffs, and picnickers. It is located at the heart of Tennessee Hollow, the park's largest watershed.



P - LOBOS VALLEY

Lobos is the Spanish word for “wolf,” one of the many creatures that once roamed this valley. Restored with community support, the site is alive with wildflowers, birds, and butterflies.



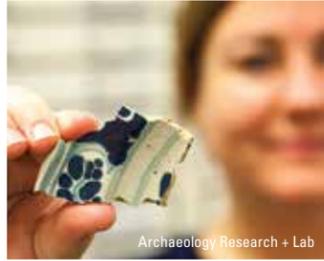
DID YOU KNOW? At 1,491 acres, the Presidio encompasses about five percent of San Francisco.



Exhibits: Mesa Room



Archaeology Research + Lab



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Presidio Officers' Club



Exhibits: Presidio Heritage Gallery



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Moraga Hall

PRESIDIO OFFICERS' CLUB

Location

50 Moraga Avenue, at Arguello Boulevard on the Presidio's Main Post

Cost

Admission to the exhibits and programs is free, supported by the Presidio Trust.

Exhibition Hours

Tuesdays through Sundays
10 am to 6 pm (closed Mondays)

Dining

Arguello Restaurant
(415) 561-3650
www.arguellosf.com

School Field Trips

(415) 561-4400
fieldtrips@presidiotrust.gov

Venue Rentals

(415) 561-5444

San Francisco's most historic building has been reborn as a favorite Bay Area cultural destination.

Long before there was the city of San Francisco, there was the Presidio of San Francisco. First established in 1776, the adobe walls of the Officers' Club stand testament to California's beginnings. Throughout the 20th century, the renowned Presidio Officers' Club was an exclusive gathering place for Army brass and their families. Today, this beloved institution has been transformed into a multi-faceted cultural destination that welcomes the entire community.

No visit to the Presidio is complete without a trip to the Officers' Club. San Francisco starts here.

EXHIBITS

The Presidio Officers' Club offers permanent and rotating exhibits and participatory archaeology research that explore American history from a distinctly west coast perspective.

The centerpiece is the club's 4,000 square foot Presidio Heritage Gallery, featuring multi-media displays – from immersive films to ancient artifacts – that enable visitors to discover their own personal connections. The building also features numerous other exhibit areas, including the Mesa Room where visitors can see the club's original adobe walls, dating from circa 1800.

ARGUELLO RESTAURANT

Arguello is a restaurant offered by the Presidio Trust and award-winning chef Traci Des Jardins featuring Mexican food and drink. Open for lunch and dinner, the restaurant captures the cultural heritage of the Presidio while offering modern touches and a contemporary bar with craft cocktails. The heated patio is a comfortable way to enjoy outdoor dining in the park and features accents that connect today's experiences to the historic Presidio.

CELEBRATION AND MEETING SPACE

For decades, military officers gathered with their colleagues and families at the Presidio Officers' Club. Today, new generations are invited to host special celebrations and meetings in this beautiful and historic venue. The Officers' Club features the stunning 3,000 square foot Ortega Ballroom with panoramic views toward San Francisco Bay, as well as the open air Hardie Courtyard for small gatherings and receptions.

DID YOU KNOW? Celebrities of stage and screen were once in regular attendance at the Presidio Officers' Club: Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Veronica Lake, Joan Crawford, and many others.



Classrooms



Celebration and Meeting Spaces



Arguello Restaurant



Arguello Restaurant



View Terrace



Andy Goldsworthy's Earth Wall



Archaeology Dig



Garden Room

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

Learning comes alive at the Presidio Officers' Club through immersive, hands-on experiences that help students understand the world they are living in today by exploring the Presidio's fascinating natural and cultural heritage. Students in elementary, middle, and high school explore the history of San Francisco, California, and the United States and also reflect on important issues of our time such as civic engagement, cultural diversity, war and its impact, and the role of service. Programs are multi-disciplinary, inspire critical thinking, and are tied to the State Content Standards, the Common Core, and Next Generation Science Standards.

ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH AND LAB

The state of the art archaeology lab, located within the Officers' Club campus, offers periodic tours for visitors to experience this active research center where the Presidio's artifacts are catalogued, studied, and curated. Outdoors, excavations of El Presidio de San Francisco, the original colonial archaeological site, occur from April through October, inviting visitors to interact with the researchers and volunteers who continue to make new discoveries about the early Presidio and those who lived here.

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY'S EARTH WALL

The Presidio Officers' Club features a new installation by world-renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy, the fourth piece that Goldsworthy has completed in the Presidio (see p. 12). *Earth Wall* pays homage to the rich archaeological setting of the Presidio Officers' Club. It was built with materials taken from the site—earth from the Officers' Club rehabilitation and eucalyptus branches from the Presidio forest.

Events and Programs

Enjoy free public programs that enlighten, engage, and entertain. Activities are sponsored by the Presidio Trust, in partnership with cultural institutions from across the Bay Area.

Visit www.presidio.gov for the full schedule of events.



Presidio Dialogues

Thursdays at 7 pm

Notable authors, artists, and conversation starters explore themes from ancient history to current events through interactive dialogues, stimulating talks, panels, and films. Join the dialogue!



Presidio Sessions

Fridays at 6 pm

In the intimate atmosphere of a house concert, experience jazz, contemporary, and classical music curated by the San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music. Move and mingle comfortably between the performance space and Arguello, the club's restaurant and bar, and enjoy opportunities to converse with performers and each other.



Creative Family Fun

Saturdays and Sundays

Drop in between 10 am and 4 pm for imaginative craft-making based on the Presidio's natural and cultural heritage. Best for kids aged 5 to 12 years.



Signature Events

Year-Round

From swing dancing to San Francisco's annual birthday commemoration, these activities capture the vitality of the Presidio... past and present.



Presidio Book Club

Year-Round

Led by the Presidio Trust historian, selections focus on the politics, society, and culture of 20th century San Francisco.

HERITAGE SITES



Funston Avenue, located on the Main Post, is the oldest surviving streetscape in San Francisco. It is lined with the first woodframe officers' houses built by the U.S. Army in 1862 on top of the remains of *El Presidio*, the colonial archaeological site.



San Francisco National Cemetery was the first national cemetery established on the west coast. It is the final resting place of 30,000 veterans and their families. Its gravestones record 150 years of military service. The cemetery is open daily from 6 am to 6 pm.



The **Powder Magazine**, a Civil War-era structure, protected gunpowder and munitions. Today, it houses Andy Goldsworthy's sculpture *Tree Fall* (see p.12). It is located at 95 Anza Avenue on the Main Post. Docent tours are offered weekends from 10 am to 4 pm.



El Polín Spring feeds the Presidio's largest watershed. This area tells the stories of the many species and cultures that called this region home. It is located at the end of MacArthur Avenue in the Tennessee Hollow Watershed.



During World War II the U.S. Army recruited Japanese-American soldiers and trained them at a Crissy Field warehouse as military linguists. The building now houses the National Japanese American Historical Society's **Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center** (640 Mason Street, Crissy Field).



Fort Point National Historic Site has guarded the Golden Gate since the Civil War. Visitors can learn about Army architecture and history and enjoy views of the Golden Gate Bridge.



Battery Chamberlin, built in 1904 to defend San Francisco's coastline, included four six-inch guns mounted on disappearing carriages (which allowed reloading out of sight). A 50-ton, six-inch disappearing gun is still in the battery. It is located at Baker Beach. The National Park Service offers demonstrations of the big rifle on the first full weekend of each month, typically between 11 am and 3 pm.



The 300-acre **Historic Forest**, planted in the 1880s, is one of the Army's most impressive landscaping achievements. Cypress, pine, and eucalyptus groves transformed open dunes into a wooded park.



The **World War II Memorial**, also known as the West Coast Memorial to the Missing, was built in the late 1950s by the American Battle Monuments Commission. It honors members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in the Pacific coastal waters during World War II. It is located at the intersection of Kobbe Avenue and Washington Boulevard in the western Presidio.



The **Society of California Pioneers Museum and Library** features rotating exhibitions of art and artifacts that illuminate the diverse experiences of those who came before us, as well as a research library. It is located at 101 Montgomery Street on the Main Post. Open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10 am to 5 pm.

DID YOU KNOW? The Presidio was a military installation under three flags: Spain, Mexico, and the United States.

NATURE + WILDLIFE

The Presidio's land tells a story of people, place, and change. Over thousands of years the geology, topography, and climates created diverse natural landscapes. Many generations shaped these wilds, from the Native Ohlone to Spanish, Mexican, and American settlers who brought their traditions and created an enduring military presence at the Golden Gate.

Many habitats that have been lost in the urban San Francisco Bay Area still thrive in the Presidio. The Presidio is truly an oasis of nature in the city.

Today, the Presidio Trust, in partnership with the National Park Service and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, is dedicated to enhancing and protecting the Presidio's open spaces. For generations to come, the Presidio will remain a refuge where visitors can experience California's natural heritage.

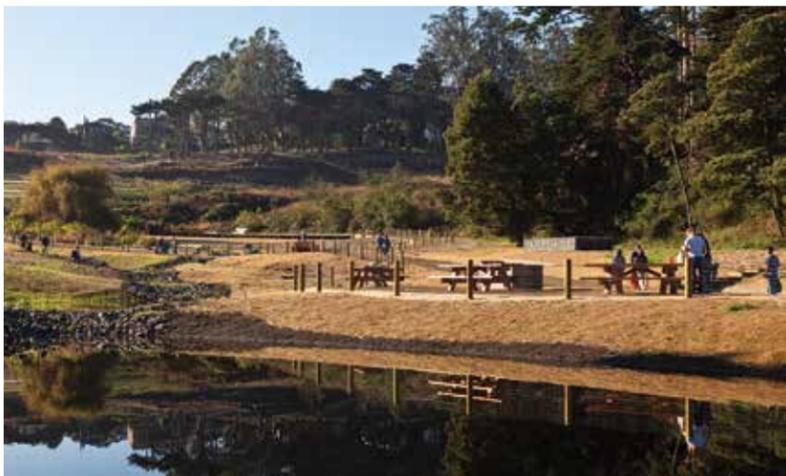
Have You Seen Me?

The Presidio's rich and varied resources contribute significantly to the San Francisco Bay Area's designation as an international biodiversity hotspot.



◀ **5 species** protected by the Endangered Species Act

100s of native bee, dragonfly, and spider species



▲ **3 watersheds** hosting a wealth of water resources including natural springs, wetlands, creeks, and a natural lake



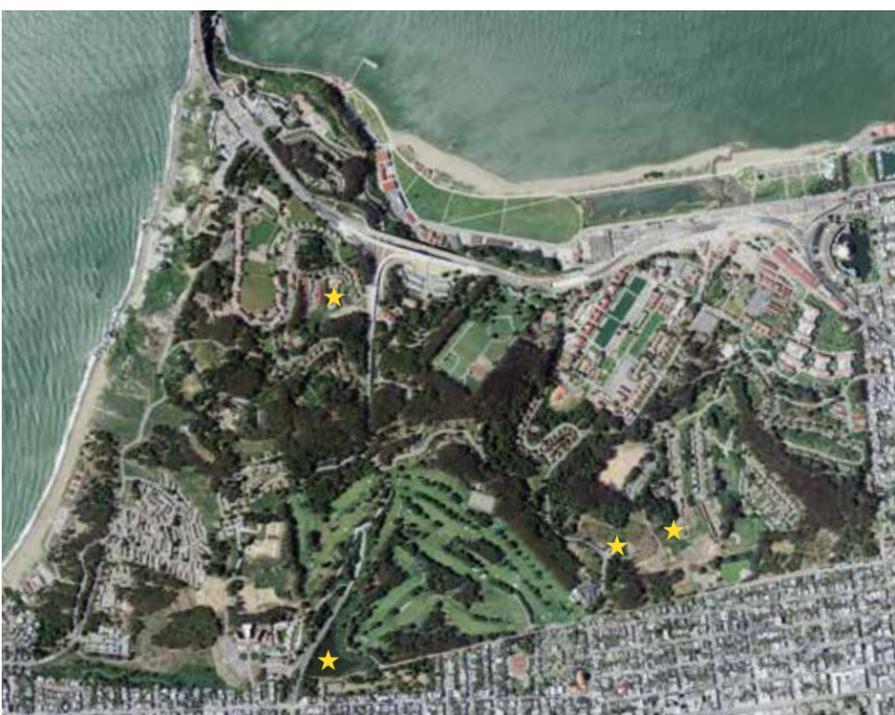
▼ **>350 native plant** species



▲ **60,000 eucalyptus,** pine, cypress, and redwood trees originally planted by the U.S. Army



Share your observations of nature in the Presidio using the iNaturalist app (download at www.inaturalist.org).



Experience Nature and Wildlife in the Presidio

1 EL POLÍN SPRING

A steady stream of fresh water flows year-round through cracks in the serpentinite rock, emerging at El Polín Spring on its way to San Francisco Bay. For millennia, this little spring has provided the water of life for native plants, animals, and people. Today, this area, with its wetlands and nearby grasslands, is a vibrant bird habitat.

3 PRESIDIO NURSERY

Presidio Nursery features greenhouses and shade houses, an educational garden, a Habitarium where volunteers meet, and a lab for seed processing and sowing. Visitors can stop by to volunteer on certain days or to explore. Look for a kaleidoscope of plants being grown for habitat restoration and reforestation around the Presidio.

2 MOUNTAIN LAKE

Mountain Lake is one of the few remaining natural lakes in San Francisco. It is a living laboratory for restoration and an exciting place to explore how a natural area can be brought back to life with help from the community. In coming years numerous lost wildlife species will be re-introduced.

4 INSPIRATION POINT

The Inspiration Point area contains some of the last remaining serpentine grassland in the Bay Area. Serpentine grasslands were once more extensive, rolling across much of the southern Presidio.

TRAILS

Hiking + Biking



GOLDEN GATE PROMENADE / BAY TRAIL

Length: 4.3 miles (6.9 km)

JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANZA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Length: 2.7 miles (4.3 km)

BATTERIES TO BLUFFS TRAIL

Length: 0.7 miles (1.0 km)

LOBOS CREEK VALLEY TRAIL

Length: 0.8 miles (1.3 km)

CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL

Length: 2.7 miles (4.4 km)

TENNESSEE HOLLOW TRAIL

Length: 1.2 miles (1.9 km)

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL

Length: 2.5 miles (4.0 km)

MOUNTAIN LAKE TRAIL

Length: 2.6 miles (4.1 km)

PRESIDIO PROMENADE

Length: 2.1 miles (3.4 km)

ANZA ESPLANADE

Length: 0.6 miles (0.9 km)

ECOLOGY TRAIL

Length: 1.4 miles (2.2 km)

LOVERS' LANE

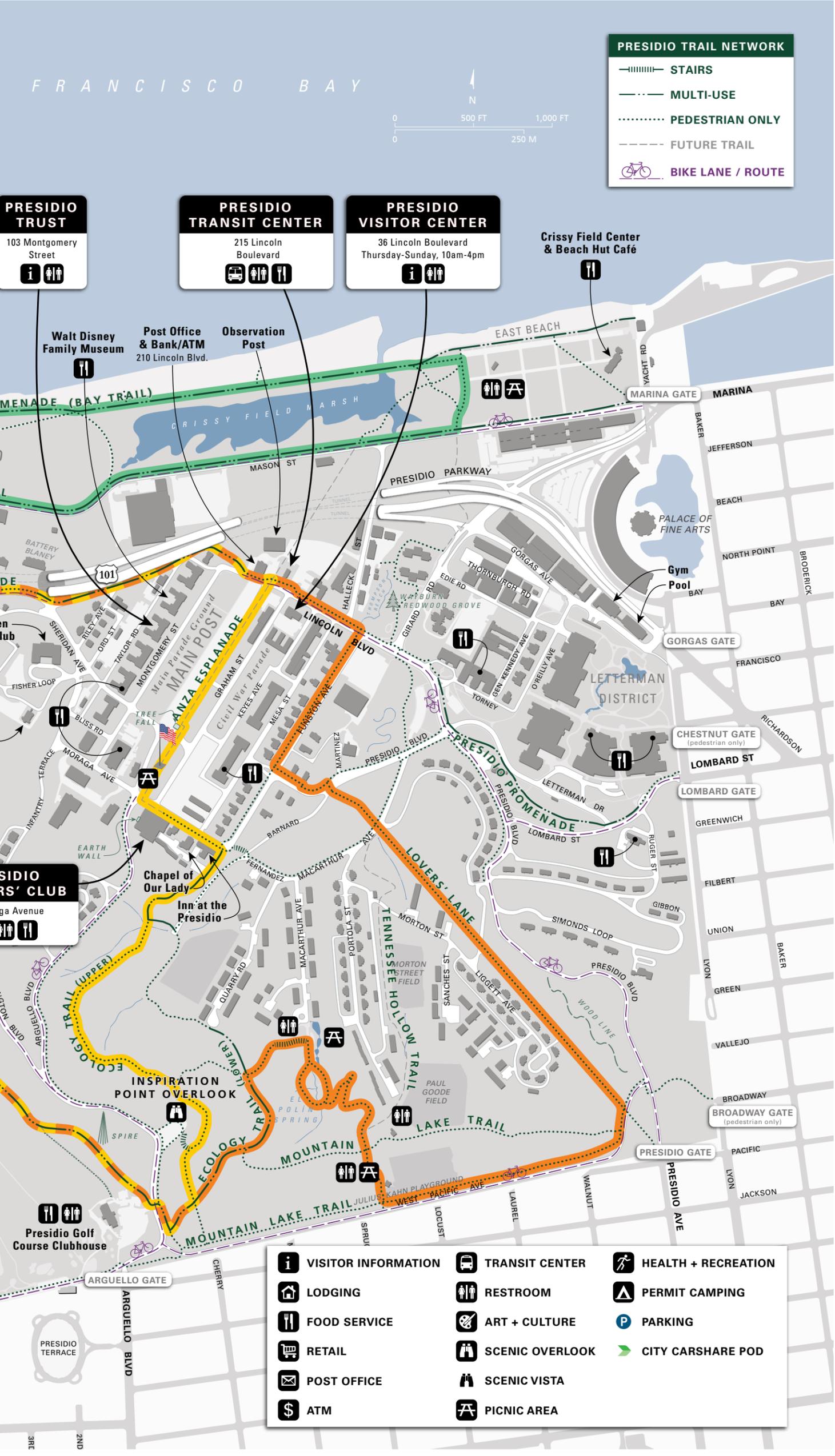
Length: 0.6 miles (1 km)

PARK TRAIL

Length: 1.7 miles (2.6 km)

Battery Chamberlin
Open 11am - 3pm the first full weekend each month

China Beach,
To: Coastal Trail,
Land's End



The Presidio's extensive hiking and biking trail network features more than 24 miles of trails, 15 miles of bikeways, and eight scenic overlooks and vistas. The Presidio offers both on- and off-road biking opportunities. Trails that are designated as "multi-use" welcome cyclists and pedestrians.

Create your own park experience or try one of these three routes. For complete information about the Presidio trails network, as well as accessibility and volunteer opportunities, visit www.presidio.gov.

EASY WATERFRONT STROLL

Pedestrians and Bicycles
Distance: 2.0 miles
Highlights: Crissy Field, West Bluff Picnic Area, San Francisco Bay, and views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and Angel Island
Trails: Bay Trail / Golden Gate Promenade
Estimated Calories Burned—Walking: 134
Estimated Calories Burned—Biking: 64
Approximate Walking Time: 40 minutes
Approximate Biking Time: 12 minutes

MODERATE HEART OF THE PARK

Pedestrians Only
Distance: 3.0 miles
Highlights: Presidio Officers' Club, Main Parade Ground, El Presidio, Andy Goldsworthy's *Tree Fall and Spire*, Inspiration Point Overlook, National Cemetery Overlook, historic forest
Trails: Ecology Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Presidio Promenade, Park Trail
Estimated Calories Burned: 201
Approximate Walking Time: 60 minutes

DIFFICULT PRESIDIO IMMERSION

Pedestrians Only
Distance: 6.4 miles
Highlights: Andy Goldsworthy's *Wood Line and Spire*, El Polin Spring, Immigrant Point Overlook, Crissy Field Overlook, and views of the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco Bay, and Golden Gate Bridge
Trails: Lovers' Lane, Mountain Lake Trail, Ecology Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, Presidio Promenade
Estimated Calories Burned: 435
Approximate Walking Time: 130 minutes

ART

For nearly a decade, the Presidio Trust has invited artists to bring their unique perspectives to the park. Their works have invited thousands of visitors to see the park's natural and cultural treasures through a new lens. These exhibits were made possible through a variety of partnerships and generous philanthropic support. This section describes art installations that are currently on display in the Presidio.

Experience the Art



Guided Art Hikes

2nd Saturday of every month
10:30 am to 1 pm

This docent-led hike visits each of the park's four installations by the world-renowned artist. The moderate three-mile loop journeys along several major trails. Rain or shine. Registration is required. Please visit www.presidio.gov/RSVP.



Tours of Tree Fall

Drop in docent tours Saturdays and Sundays
10 am to 4 pm

95 Anza Avenue on the Main Post
(northwest of the Presidio Officers' Club)

This installation by artist Andy Goldsworthy juxtaposes nature and history inside the former Powder Magazine. Tours are also offered weekdays by appointment. Call (415) 561-2767.



Tours of Earth Wall

Saturdays at Noon; meet inside the Presidio Officers' Club

Enjoy a 30-minute tour describing the making of Andy Goldsworthy's most recent addition to the Presidio.

GOLDSWORTHY AT THE PRESIDIO

Andy Goldsworthy is one of the world's most talented site-specific artists. The Presidio Trust is honored to host the largest collection of the artist's works on public view in North America. The four installations—*Spire*, *Wood Line*, *Tree Fall*, and *Earth Wall*—can be visited individually or enjoyed together via a three-mile loop along the Presidio's trail network (for map see page 10). An overview of each installation is provided below.



SPIRE

Located on the Bay Area Ridge Trail near the Arguello Gate

In 2006, artist Andy Goldsworthy visited the Presidio and saw an opportunity to celebrate the lifecycle of the historic forest. Planted over a very short time in the late 19th and early 20th centuries by the U.S. Army, the groves of Monterey cypress and pines are now reaching the end of their lifespan and require renewal.

Aging Monterey cypress trees taken down to allow for young plantings were given new purpose in Goldsworthy's *Spire*. Constructed in 2008 in a beloved grove near the Arguello Gate, the sculpture is comprised of 37 large cypress trunks meticulously fastened together. *Spire* reaches approximately 100 feet to the sky. Young trees growing at its base will eventually grow up to obscure *Spire*.



WOOD LINE

Located next to Lovers' Lane near the intersection of Presidio Boulevard and West Pacific Avenue

In 2010, Goldsworthy looked to a new part of the park for inspiration—an historic eucalyptus grove near the Presidio's oldest footpath, Lovers' Lane. Eucalyptus were planted here by the U.S. Army more than a century ago, with lines of cypress trees occasionally weaved in among the regimented rows. Outcompeted, the cypress declined, leaving a large gap in the grove. Goldsworthy fills this empty space with a quiet and graceful sculpture. Completed in phases, the work was finished in 2011. To create the piece, Goldsworthy laid eucalyptus branches on the ground to form a sinuous line that, in his words, "draws the place."



TREE FALL

Located in the historic Powder Magazine (95 Anza Avenue) on the Presidio's Main Post

Tree Fall's backdrop is the historic Powder Magazine, constructed on the Main Post during the Civil War. The petite structure protected gun powder and munitions and is made up of four-foot-thick stone walls. While *Spire* articulates the space into which trees grow and *Wood Line* investigates the relationship of a tree to the earth, *Tree Fall* explores what occurs beneath the ground. The sculpture is comprised of a tree trunk suspended inside the building so that the sculpture does not touch or alter the historic walls. The trunk and the domed ceiling were covered with clay, also from the Presidio, that dried and cracked into a beautiful organic pattern.



EARTH WALL

Located inside the Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, Main Post

Earth Wall, comprised of a six-foot wide half sphere, is constructed of curved Eucalyptus branches housed within a rammed earth wall. It is located within a courtyard at the historic Presidio Officers' Club, framed by a historic stand of Eucalyptus trees in the background. The rammed earth references the long history of adobe making at the site. *Earth Wall* was created by chiseling the soil from the branches, evoking the rich archaeological resources surrounding the Officers' Club.

DID YOU KNOW? In 2005, Smithsonian Magazine named Andy Goldsworthy one of 35 people "who made a difference," saying that he uses "nature as his canvas [to create] work of transcendent beauty."

FOOD

Brought to you by **PRESIDIO FOODS**

Presidio Foods is a Presidio Trust initiative to welcome and serve park visitors with healthy and delicious options. It is offered in partnership with celebrated Bay Area chef **Traci Des Jardins**.



The Commissary

The Commissary offers Spanish-influenced California cuisine driven by sustainable, locally-sourced ingredients. It was recently named one of the 2015 Top 100 Bay Area Restaurants by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The Commissary is located adjacent to the Main Parade Ground in the former mess hall of the iconic Montgomery Street Barracks. The restaurant offers traditional and bar seating, dining on the shaded front porch, and "front row" seating surrounding an open kitchen where guests can watch the chefs in action.

101 Montgomery Street
on the Main Post
(415) 561-3600
www.thecommissarysf.com



Arguello

Located inside the Presidio Officers' Club, Arguello offers Mexican food and a contemporary bar. The menu features dishes inspired by Mexican homestyle cuisine, with lunch options perfect for anyone visiting the exhibitions and programs in the Presidio Officers' Club. In the evening, the menu is more complex, with a bar program to match. The restaurant's outdoor courtyard includes a fire pit and Mission style blankets for guests who want to cuddle up.

Inside the Presidio Officers' Club
50 Moraga Avenue on the Main Post
(415) 561-3650
www.arguellosf.com

arguello



TRANSIT

TRANSIT is the essential casual eatery and market to fuel a day in the park. Located inside the Presidio Transit Center on the Main Post, it is steps away from the PresidiGo Shuttle, a free system that connects visitors to destinations within the Presidio and to downtown San Francisco (see p.2-3).

TRANSIT offers indoor seating as well as an outdoor patio with views toward San Francisco Bay. Drop in for morning pastries; coffee and espresso by Equator; and grilled hamburgers, fresh made sandwiches, salads, and pizzas from the wood burning oven. Wine and beer on tap are available from the bar.

215 Lincoln Boulevard, inside the Presidio Transit Center
(415) 561-4435
www.presidio.gov

Presidio Café at the Golf Course

Presidio Café offers American comfort food with California flair in a casual environment at the Presidio Golf Course clubhouse. Share a salumi and cheese plate that features local artisan cured meats and cheese, or enjoy the Saigon Chicken Salad or fresh Fish Tacos with a spicy chipotle aioli. The restaurant also offers a full bar.

300 Finley Road, at Presidio Golf Course
(415) 561-4600
www.presidiocafe.com

Other Restaurants in the Presidio



Beach Hut Café
1199 East Beach
(in Crissy Field Center)
(415) 561-7761
www.parksconservancy.org



Café RX
1013 Torney Avenue
(415) 561-2273
www.caferx.com



Round House Café at the Golden Gate Bridge Pavilion
(415) 426-5228



Golf Course General Store
(415) 561-4661
www.presidiogolf.com



House of Air
926 Mason Street
(415) 345-9675
www.houseofair.com



Presidio Bowling Center
93 Montgomery Street
(415) 561-2695
www.presidiobowl.com



Presidio Social Club
563 Ruger Street
(415) 885-1888
www.presidiosocialclub.com



Sessions at the Presidio
One Letterman Drive, Bldg D
www.facebook.com/SessionsSF



Starbucks
One Letterman Drive, Bldg C
(415) 441-1740



Walt Disney Family Museum
104 Montgomery Street
(415) 345-6800
www.waltdisney.org



Warming Hut
983 Marine Drive
(415) 561-3042
www.parksconservancy.org

ADVENTURES

in the **PRESIDIO**

23
FUN THINGS TO DO
in the city's
National Park



The Golden Gate Bridge

FORT POINT

□ climb a spiral staircase at Fort Point

CALIFORNIA SEA LION

TORPEDO WHARF

□ balance some rocks near the Warming Hut

BRIDGE PAVILION

GOLDEN GATE

□ touch serpentinite (our state rock!)

LOG CABIN

CRISPY FIELD OVERLOOK

HUMPBACK WHALES

□ spy a gliding Brown Pelican

□ volunteer to take care of the park

□ roast a marshmallow

□ sleep under the stars at Rob Hill Campground

□ wet your feet in the bay or ocean



IMMIGRANT POINT

□ hear a Great Horned Owl hoot in the night

Please remember:

- Leave no trace
- Take only memories
- Let wildlife find their own food

T.H.A.N.K.S

□ walk the Lobos Valley boardwalk

□ smell some yerba buena

PRESIDIO KIDS

LEGEND

Special places...

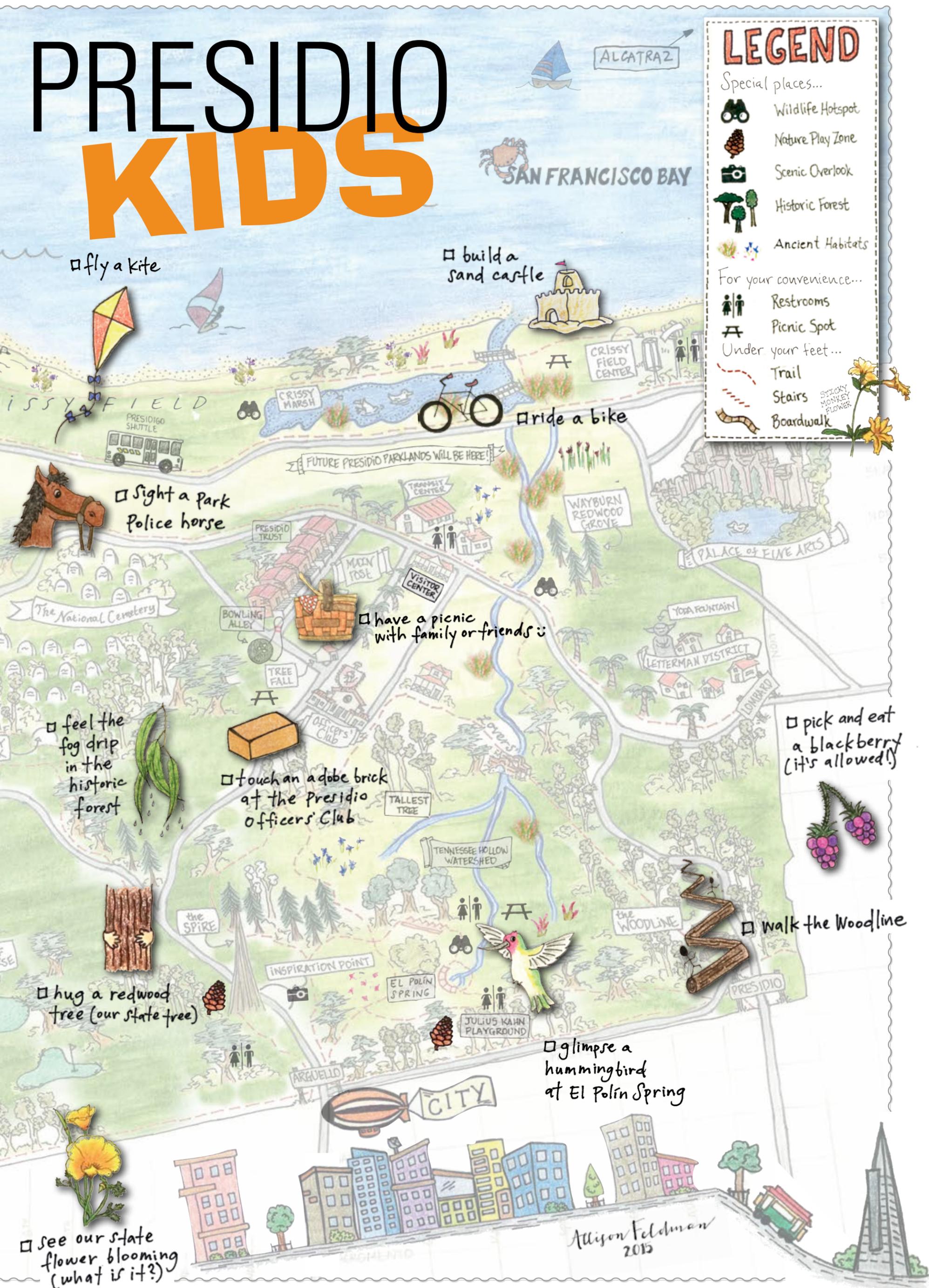
-  Wildlife Hotspot
-  Nature Play Zone
-  Scenic Overlook
-  Historic Forest
-  Ancient Habitats

For your convenience...

-  Restrooms
-  Picnic Spot

Under your feet...

-  Trail
-  Stairs
-  Boardwalk



☐ fly a kite

☐ build a sand castle

☐ ride a bike

☐ sight a park Police horse

☐ have a picnic with family or friends ☺

☐ feel the fog drip in the historic forest

☐ touch an adobe brick at the Presidio Officers' Club

☐ pick and eat a blackberry (it's allowed!)

☐ hug a redwood tree (our state tree)

☐ walk the Woodline

☐ glimpse a hummingbird at El Polin Spring

☐ see our state flower blooming (what is it?)

Allison Feldman
2015



LIVE

Did you know that anyone can live in the Presidio? The Presidio features 21 distinct residential neighborhoods representing a spectrum of architectural styles. More than 3,000 people live in the park.

Residents can begin their day with a stroll in the Presidio forest, take the free PresidiGo Downtown Shuttle to work, and relax on the weekends by growing wildflowers in a community garden.

Presidio Residences Leasing Office
 T (888) 485-1729
 E housing@presidioresidences.com
 W www.presidio.gov



WORK

The Presidio is home to more than 200 organizations that contribute to the character and vitality of the park. More than 4,000 people come to work here every day. Airplane hangars, barracks, and warehouses have become gyms, spas, and other recreational facilities. Small businesses, non-profits, schools, and cultural organizations have brought new identity to historic buildings.

Redevelopment opportunities and ready-to-occupy spaces are available.

Presidio WorkSpaces Leasing Office
 T (415) 561-5335
 E leasing@presidiotrust.gov
 W www.presidio.gov



DID YOU KNOW? The Presidio is sustained by its community. All rental income supports park programs and operations.



CELEBRATE

The Presidio is a beautiful backdrop for gatherings, from weddings to retreats.

The park features elegant reception sites, intimate chapels, and conference facilities. Popular sites include the Presidio Officers' Club, the Golden Gate Club, the Observation Post (with spectacular bay views), and the newly refurbished Presidio Chapel. With lodging, restaurants, a spa, and a golf course located nearby, the Presidio offers all the amenities needed for a complete event experience.

Presidio Event Venues

T (415) 561-5444
E events@presidiotrust.gov
W www.presidio.gov



Weddings, celebrations, meetings, and retreats.



STAY

The Inn at the Presidio offers an authentic historic experience in a beautiful setting.

The inn is located on the Main Post at Pershing Hall, an elegant home for bachelor officers when the Presidio was a U.S. Army post. The interior design celebrates the Presidio's rich past with artisan details and Presidio memorabilia. Historic photographs and contemporary regional art bring the past to life.

Space for small celebrations and meetings is available. The inn is a lovely place for guests to stay while attending a wedding or function at a Presidio event venue.

The immensely popular inn now includes the nearby Funston House, once an officers' residence. Funston House may be rented in its entirety, or one of its four suites may be reserved individually.

Inn at the Presidio
T (415) 800-7356
E info@innatthepresidio.com
W www.innatthepresidio.com



Each year, thousands of Bay Area residents enjoy Rob Hill, the only overnight campground in San Francisco.

Rob Hill is a hidden treasure, located at the Presidio's highest point. It offers four group (30-person) campsites featuring a campfire circle, a free-standing barbecue grill, and picnic tables. Rob Hill has restrooms and a large communal campfire circle.

A reservation and Special Use Permit are required. The camping season runs from April 1 to October 31.

Rob Hill Campground
T (415) 561-4200 x2
E camp@presidiotrust.gov
W www.presidio.gov

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer activities happen just about every day of the week in the Presidio. The drop-in programs listed below provide flexible opportunities that work with any schedule. Note: there are no programs on Mondays.



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

SATURDAYS

Habitat Restoration with Presidio Park Stewards
Every Saturday, 9 am to Noon. Meeting location is the Presidio Transit Center.

Presidio Nursery
Every Saturday, 1 to 4 pm. Meeting location is 1249a Appleton Road, Fort Scott.

SUNDAYS

Habitat Restoration with Presidio Park Stewards
Every Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm. Meeting location is the Presidio Transit Center.



TUESDAYS

Landscape Care with Presidio Campground Stewards
Every First Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm. Meeting location is the Inspiration Point Overlook.

Trails Maintenance with Presidio Trail Stewards
Every Second Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm. Meeting location is the Inspiration Point Overlook.



WEDNESDAYS

Habitat Restoration with Presidio Park Stewards
Every Wednesday, 9 am to Noon. Meeting location is the Presidio Transit Center.

Presidio Nursery
Every Wednesday, 1 to 4 pm. Meeting location is 1249a Appleton Road, Fort Scott.

THURSDAYS

Landscape Care with Presidio Shoreline Maintenance
Every Thursday, 9 am to Noon. Meeting location varies.

Habitat Restoration with Park Stewardship San Francisco
Every Thursday, 1 to 4 pm. Meeting location varies.

Presidio Sustainability Stewards
Every Second Thursday, 9 am to Noon. Meeting location is the Presidio Transit Center.



FRIDAYS

Garden and Landscape Care with Presidio Garden Stewards
Every Third Friday, 9 am to Noon. Meeting location is the Inspiration Point Overlook.

Forest and Tree Care with Presidio Forest Stewards
First and Second Fridays, 9 am to Noon. Meeting location is the Inspiration Point Overlook.

Habitat Restoration with Presidio Plant Patrol
Every Friday, 1 to 4 pm. Meeting location is the Presidio Transit Center.



Volunteer Information
T (415) 561-5332
E volunteer@presidio.gov
W www.presidio.gov/volunteer

VOLUNTEER DAYS

Special volunteer events are a great way to get involved at the Presidio. Visit www.presidio.gov/calendar for dates and details.

JANUARY
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Join us on this national day of service by participating in stewardship activities around the Presidio.



JUNE
National Trails Day

Celebrate National Trails Day by working alongside park staff to maintain trails and restore trailside habitats.



SEPTEMBER
Coastal Cleanup Day

Take part in the Presidio's annual Coastal Cleanup Day by helping clean the shoreline and interior areas of the park.



BECOME AN INTERN

The Presidio Trust offers full-time residential internship opportunities throughout the year. Interns live in the Presidio while receiving extensive training, professional development, and leadership opportunities. To learn more, visit www.presidio.gov.

BECOME A DOCENT

The Presidio Trust offers various opportunities for volunteers to share their knowledge and love of the park with visitors. Volunteer docents and ambassadors are a vital link between the public and the Presidio, helping visitors of all ages experience and enjoy this magnificent place. To learn more about becoming an art docent, heritage docent, or trail ambassador, visit www.presidio.gov.



DID YOU KNOW? Since 2010, the Presidio Trust has hosted eight AmeriCorps teams who live and serve in the Presidio, building community gardens, caring for the forest, completing habitat restoration projects, and supporting community events.



PICNIC AREAS

The Presidio has numerous places to enjoy an informal outdoor gathering. Permits are not required for outdoor picnics with 50 or fewer participants and that will not use a grill or barbecue that has been brought in from outside the park. Picnic sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions about Immigrant Point, El Polín Spring or Pershing Square, please contact the Presidio Trust at (415) 561-4200 or outdoorevents@presidiotrust.gov. The Baker Beach, East Beach, and West Bluff picnic areas are managed by National Park Service Special Park Uses Group. For information, contact them at (415) 561-4374.



Immigrant Point Picnic Area

The stone plaza at Immigrant Point Overlook, dedicated to our nation's newcomers, offers sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, Marin Headlands, and, on a clear day, Point Reyes National Seashore. The nearby Immigrant Point Picnic Area – located just across Washington Boulevard – is a peaceful place to take a break and is immediately adjacent to the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.



El Polín Spring

Located at the heart of the Tennessee Hollow Watershed, El Polín offers visitors a chance to connect with the Presidio's earliest history, to experience some of the park's best birdwatching, and to enjoy the blooms and wildlife made possible by the year-round flow of the spring. El Polín features a small picnic area with several benches and a grill.



Pershing Square

Located in the heart of the Presidio, Pershing Square is a great place to gather during your visit to the Presidio Officers' Club and other nearby attractions. The small picnic area offers impressive views looking north over the Main Post toward San Francisco Bay.



Baker Beach

Baker Beach is located in the southwest corner of the Presidio. For stunning views of the Pacific Ocean, Marin Headlands, sunsets, birdlife, and the Golden Gate Bridge, the site cannot be beat. The picnic area here is cozy, sheltered from the wind by the surrounding sand dunes. The tables are popular when the sun comes out, so get there early to claim a spot, especially on the weekends. The site is equipped with barbecue pits. Restrooms are nearby.



East Beach at Crissy Field

The East Beach picnic area is the perfect place to enjoy an amazing view of San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz Island, and the Golden Gate Bridge. Located at Crissy Field near the Marina Gate, East Beach features picnic tables, barbecue pits, and restrooms. Those who don't feel like packing a picnic can stop by the Beach Hut Café inside Crissy Field Center for a sandwich or cold beverage (or hot cocoa if the fog has rolled in).



West Bluffs at Crissy Field

The West Bluffs picnic area is at the end of the Golden Gate Promenade (Bay Trail). From here the view of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Marin Headlands, and Angel Island is breathtaking. Picnic tables are coveted on sunny days, so get here early. Barbecue pits are available, and restrooms are nearby. Forget to bring a snack? The Warming Hut Café offers breakfast and lunch fare, as well as great books and souvenirs.