

## ARGUELLO KEY HISTORIC STAND

### Reforestation Project – Phase 7



On Monday, August 12, we'll begin the seventh phase of a multi-year project to improve the safety and health of the Presidio's historic forest along Arguello Boulevard near the *Spire* sculpture and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The site is known as the Arguello Key Historic Stand.

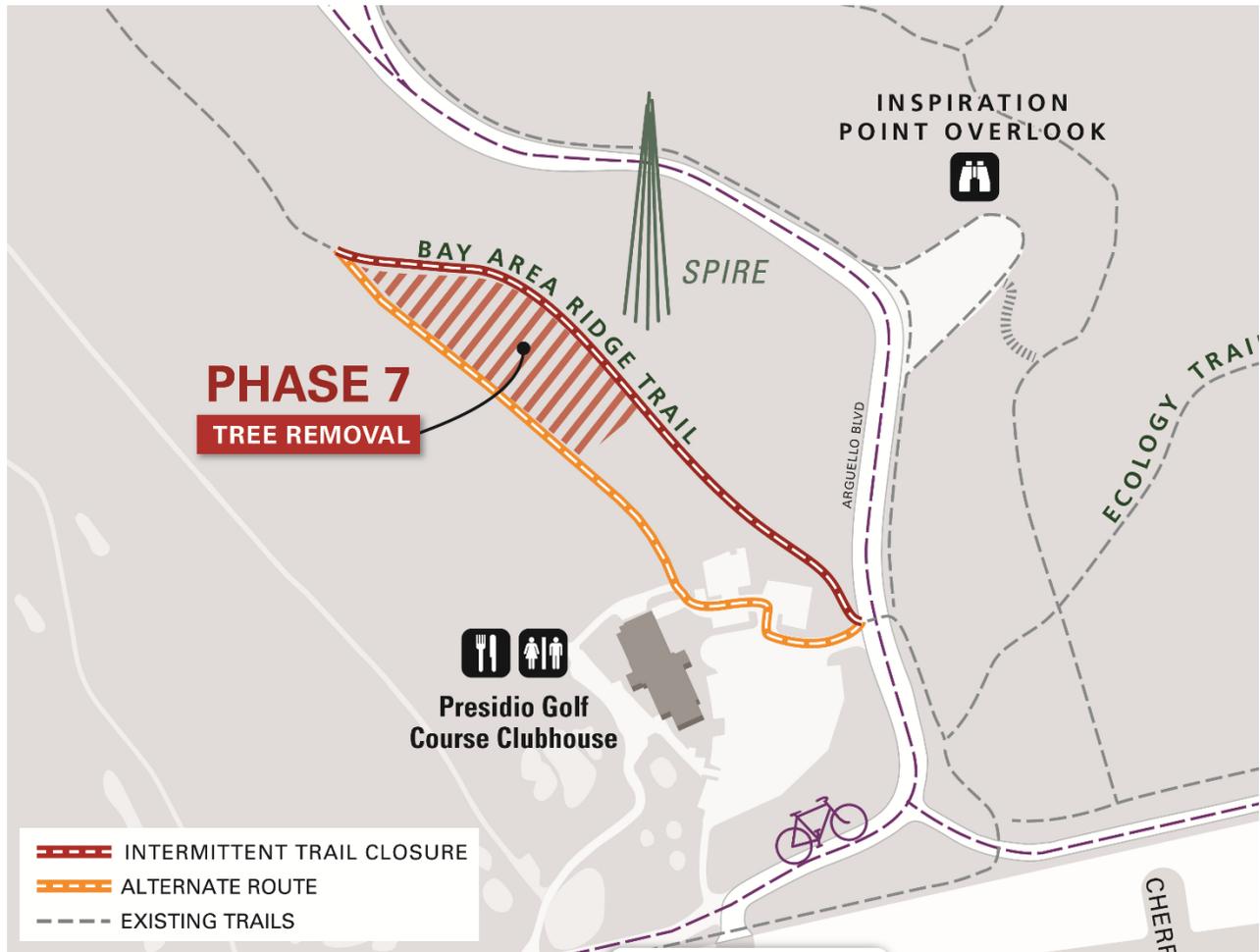
Trees were first planted here by the US Army beginning in the 1880s and are among the oldest in the Presidio. They are at the end of their lifespan and are particularly vulnerable to fail, especially during winter storms.

To restore the forest, we're gradually removing dying trees and replanting them with young Monterey cypress in phases. The first six phases were completed between 2002 and 2010.

This year, we're removing 100 declining Monterey cypress in the central portion of the stand next to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Many of these trees will be salvaged, milled and used as site furniture at the future [Presidio Tunnel Tops](#).

Tree removal will take approximately four weeks and should be complete in mid-September. Work hours will be weekdays only from 8 am to 4 pm. The section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail that runs through the site will be closed during work hours but remain open during the evening and all day on weekends. An alternate route on a parallel social trail will be in place.

As the rains begin in December, we'll replant 200 Monterey cypress trees here. In doing so we'll replicate the unique visual character that has made this part of the forest so beloved. Our goal is to create a forest that is healthy, safe, and sustainable so it can be enjoyed by visitors for decades to come.



### About Reforestation in the Presidio

The Presidio forest was first planted by the US Army beginning in the 1880s. Nearly 300-acres in size, its cypress, pine, eucalyptus, and redwood trees are loved by visitors and important to birds and other wildlife. The forest is also a big part of the reason why the Presidio is a National Historic Landmark District.

Given the forest's age, many trees are reaching the end of their life and need to be replanted. The Presidio Trust forestry team cares for our existing trees and is also gradually replanting areas where cypress and pine trees are in decline. Since 2003, 40+ acres of 5,000+ young trees have been planted in the Presidio.

Our reforestation has contributed to an uptick in bird diversity, a clear indication of a sustainable ecosystem. Dying trees also often get a second life in the park, repurposed as benches, fencing, and even artworks like [Andy Goldsworthy's Spire](#), [Wood Line](#), and [Tree Fall](#), viewed by thousands of visitors each year.

We invite the public to get involved by participating in a [volunteer tree care program](#). From 2007 to 2019, approximately 2,195 volunteers contributed over 13,116 hours taking care of young trees.

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