

PRESIDIO HILLS

Tree Removal + Habitat Restoration Project: September + October 2019



In September, we will remove a stand of rapidly declining Monterey pine trees from a three-acre area along the Mountain Lake Trail behind the Presidio Landmark apartments. The pine trees here were planted by the US Army in the late 1800s. They are at the end of their lifespan and are being removed as part of our proactive management program to ensure the safety and sustainability of the Presidio forest. The coast live oak trees here are healthy and will remain.

Work Schedule

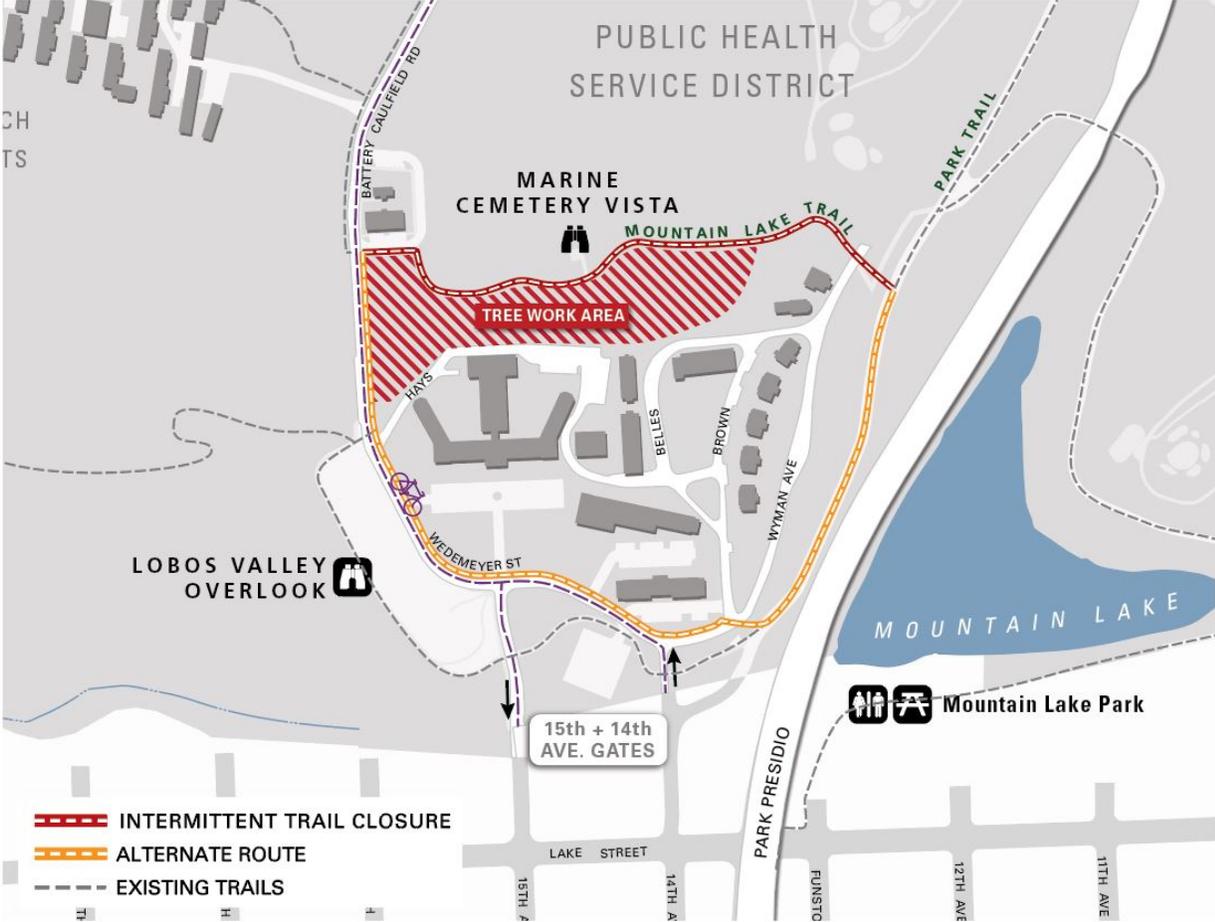
Tree removal will take four to six weeks and should be complete in early October. Work hours will be weekdays only, from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Chainsaws and chippers will generate some noise and dust during work hours. The section of Mountain Lake Trail that runs through the work site will be closed during work hours, with an alternate route available nearby. Please watch for signage. The trail will reopen during the evenings and on weekends. Logs and materials will be hauled away via park roadways and across the Golden Gate Bridge.

Restoring Native Habitat

After the dying trees have been removed, we'll replant the site over three years with native trees and plants including oaks, coastal dune scrub species, and the federally endangered San Francisco lessingia, a dune annual wildflower. This rare plant can only be found in the Presidio and in one location in Daly City. Over the past two decades, the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service have brought this plant back from the brink of extinction by expanding the sandy dune habitat here that allows it to thrive. We'll also install nest boxes around the site to provide habitat for nesting birds.

Our goal is to keep the Presidio’s natural areas thriving and to invite park visitors to experience San Francisco’s wild native habitats.

Trail Closure Map: September / October 2019



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