

Golden Gate

National Recreation Area

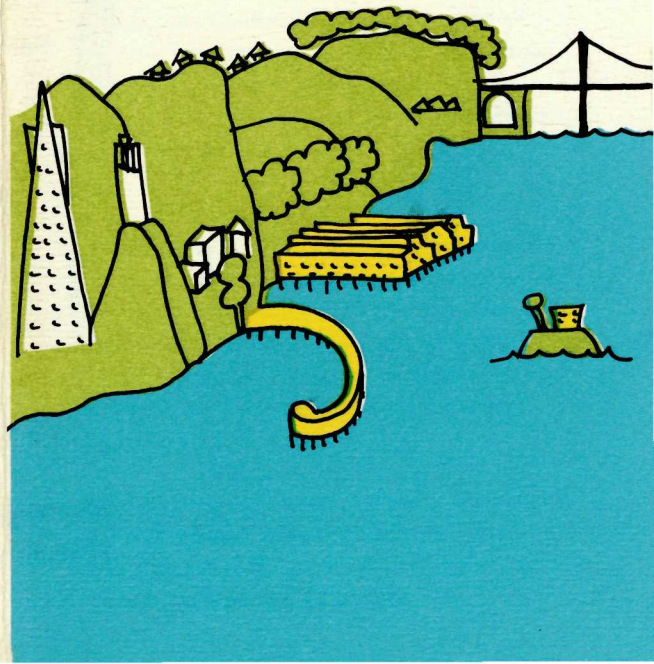
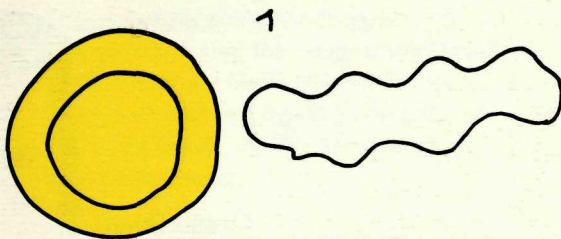
ADMINISTRATION

Golden Gate National Recreation Area is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The superintendent, whose address is Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123, is in immediate charge.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities to protect and conserve our land and water, energy and minerals, fish and wildlife, park and recreation areas, and for the wise use of all those resources. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. administration.

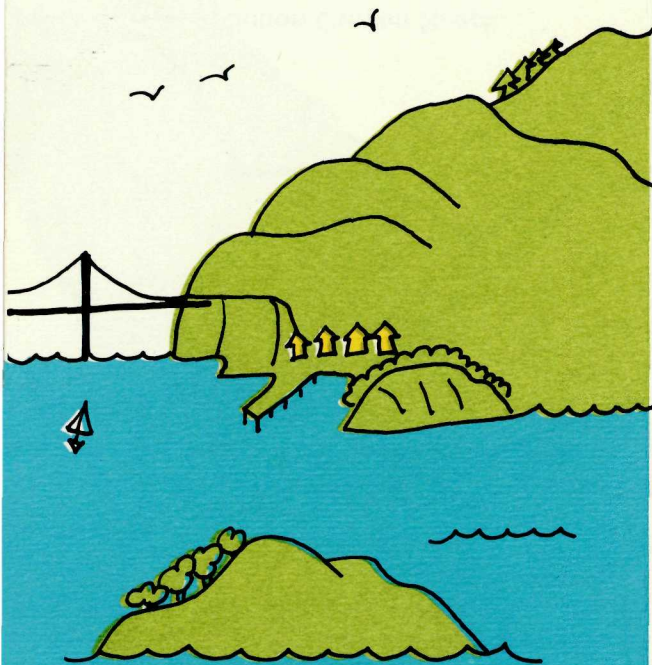
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The National Park Service manages this rich combination of natural areas, people made facilities, and urban parks totaling 35,000 acres. Come discover your park!



PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THIS LAND

That's why it's a park today. People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area (PFGGNRA), an active citizen's group, worked closely with the National Park Service and other government agencies to protect the remaining open spaces in San Francisco and Marin County from commercialization. Their efforts and almost unanimous public support helped establish the recreation area on October 27, 1972.

Today, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area includes former military reservations, State and County parklands and private land. On the northwest boundary of the park is Point Reyes National Seashore. Together, these two areas of the National Park System provide over 100,000 acres of open space close to an urban area.

THE LAND IS CLOSE TO PEOPLE

That's the remarkable thing about Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Most of its rocky seacliffs, sandy beaches, and forested hills are less than an hour away from residents and visitors of the Bay Area.

There are different ways to get to and around the recreation area. The Municipal Railway (MUNI) bus system connects many of the San Francisco portions of the park. Golden Gate Transit (GGT) serves areas in Marin County including Muir Woods, Panoramic Highway, Stinson Beach, and Point Reyes National Seashore. Ferries provide access to Alcatraz and Angel Island.

The major access routes by car are indicated on the map.



TAKE AN INTEREST; ENJOY AND HELP CREATE THE PARK

The people of the National Park Service who are planning future programs and facilities would like to actively involve the public in the evolution of the recreation area. The Park Service staff will be talking to many people in the Bay Area to get their opinions about the future of the recreation area-- ideas for transportation, recreation, programs, facilities and special events. All these ideas will be collected and used as an important part of the planning process.

If you have ideas about how you and your friends might enjoy the park, the staff of the recreation area would like to hear them. Any comments or suggestions may be sent to the address below, or call the park headquarters at 556-2920.

I HAVE AN IDEA
GGNRA Headquarters
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123



THERE ARE WAYS TO DISCOVER THE PARK

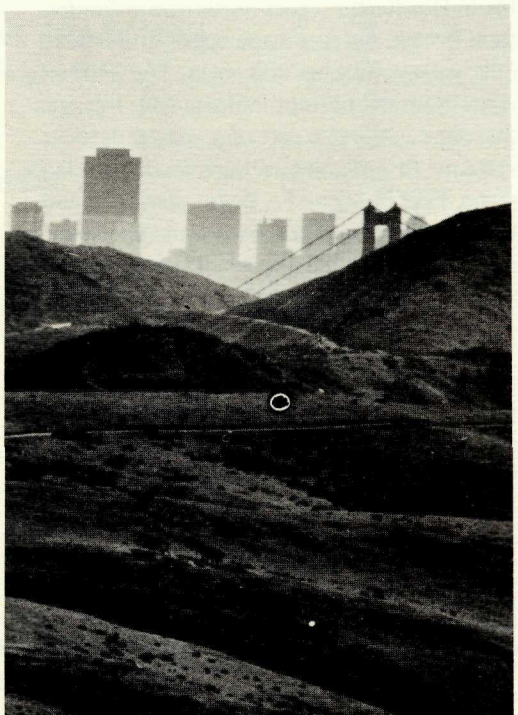
When you get to the recreation area, various programs are available. Take advantage of your opportunity to learn about the area.

Fort Mason — The headquarters of the recreation area is located here. You're welcome to come talk to people at the headquarters or meet a ranger for a walk around the area. (Phone Information 556-2920)

Alcatraz — Tour the "Rock" and discover its history as well as your feelings about the island. Pelicans, explorers, soldiers, and prisoners are all part of the island's past. Reservations are necessary; call 398-1141

Fort Point — This military fort was built in pre-Civil War days and had a protecting view over the entrance to San Francisco Bay. Today the Golden Gate Bridge towers above Ft. Point. Daily tours of the brick fort are available; living history programs are also scheduled regularly. For information call 556-1693.

Marin Headlands — A valley between coastal hills contains a fresh water pond, salt water lagoon, sandy beach, and a ranger station. Visit the station near Rodeo Beach and join a ranger to discover the exciting diversity of the area. For information call 561-7612.



there are places to visit and things to do:



MARIN COUNTY

Point Reyes National Seashore — Gateway to more than 100 miles of trails via the Bear Valley Trailhead—enjoy rolling hills, meadows, forests, and spectacular ocean views. The shoreline varies from small sculptured coves to long, open sandy beaches. Hike, picnic, surf fish, beachcomb, enjoy the beauty. To get there directly from San Francisco take GGT's Route 20/65 to Park Headquarters.

Stinson Beach — A mile of sandy beach, gentle surf for swimming, and over 100 tree shaded picnic sites. Take GGT's Route 62 on weekends and holidays.

Muir Woods/Mt. Tam Area — A hiker's paradise! Short trails. Long trails. Easy trails. Rugged trails. Trailheads on Panoramic Highway lead to over 200 miles of trails. At Muir Woods step into a world of majestic beauty—a magnificent redwood forest. At the summit of Mt. Tamalpais pretend you're a bird soaring high over the Bay Area. Take GGT's Route 60 on weekends and Holidays.

Marin Headlands — Just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, the landscape opens into coastal hills, valleys, beaches and coves. The 360° degree views from the hilltops indicate why this area was once a strategic part of a coastal defense system— former military bunkers dot the landscape. Fish from the Ft. Baker pier, hike and explore the hills, sunbathe and picnic (weather permitting) at Rodeo Beach. Take Alexander Avenue exit off Highway 101.

Angel Island — A large island of beaches, hilltops, historic buildings — views from sea level to the top of 776-foot high Mt. Livermore. Explore the island by foot, bicycle, or elephant train. A fine place to picnic and watch the boats of the Bay move around you. Ferries leave from San Francisco Ferry Terminal. (Angel Island, as well as other State parklands, are included in the boundaries of the recreation area although they are presently under State Park jurisdiction.)

SAN FRANCISCO

Golden Gate Promenade — Three miles of activities along San Francisco Bay. Enjoy street musicians, sit in the sun, fly a kite, picnic, fish, romp in varied spots along the water's edge — from Aquatic Park to Ft. Mason (Park Headquarters), to the Marina Green, Crissy Field, and Ft. Point. Six piers take you out over the water for a real encounter with the Bay. Some quiet fishing spots with sailboats and birds at an arm's length. Muni serves all these areas — take 28-Nineteenth to Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza and walk down to Fort Point, the 22-Fillmore and 30-Stockton to the Marina and Ft. Mason, and the 47-Potrero and 60-Powell Hyde Cable Car to Aquatic Park.

Baker Beach — This beautiful beach is great for surf fishing, strolling, wading, and hiking. Enjoy the views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Marin Headlands. Picnic among wind carved cypresses on the bluff above the beach. Muni's 28-Nineteenth will get you there.

Land's End — For the hiker there are rugged trails which traverse the cliffs at Land's End . . . for the walker and golfer, Lincoln Park Golf Course with its array of views. . . for the culture minded, the California Palace of Legion of Honor is immediately adjacent to the recreation area. Use Muni's 31-Balboa to get to Lincoln Park on weekends and holidays. On weekends take the 2-Clement to Clement and 33rd.

Ocean Beach — A favorite recreation spot for many people. Bask in the sun, chase the waves, surf, watch the people. On the esplanade above the seawall join the cyclists and strollers. Muni's L-Taraval, 18-Sloat, 71-Haight-Noriega, N-Judah, 5-McAllister, or 38-Geary serve Ocean Beach.

Ocean Dunes/Ft. Funston — For a spectacular 360 degree view, hike to the dunes. Here, atop 150 foot high sandstone cliffs the world is yours: ocean, beach, and the city.

