



FORT BAKER OVERVIEW



Fort Baker, nestled in the Marin Headlands, has stood sentinel at the entrance to San Francisco Bay for more than a century. When the National Park Service (NPS) inherited this site from the army in 2002, a dramatic reconstruction and preservation plan was set in motion.

Through the combined efforts of the NPS, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and Fort Baker Retreat Group (FBRG), Fort Baker begins its new chapter of service this summer. Transitioning from military post to national park site, Fort Baker is now home to Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate (the only national park lodge in the Golden Gate National Parks) as well as the Institute at the Golden Gate (a new Parks Conservancy program in partnership with the NPS to create solutions for environmental change).

Today, Fort Baker sits both in a national park and UNESCO international biosphere reserve and draws energy from the environmental leadership, talent, and innovation ethic of the Bay Area region.

NATIONAL PARK LODGES

Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate is the first national park lodge to open in almost a decade, and the first in the 21st century. It joins an esteemed line of national park lodges offering elegant accommodations within some of the most popular parks. Cavallo Point will be the first new lodge opening since 1999, when Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park's Wuksachi Lodge and Yellowstone National Park's Snow Lodge opened. Other lodges in the national park system include:

- Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone
- El Tovar and Grand Canyon Lodges, Grand Canyon
- Crater Lake Lodge, Crater Lake
- Paradise Inn and Timberline Lodge, Mount Rainier
- Chateau Lodge, Oregon Caves
- Bryce Canyon Lodge, Bryce Canyon
- Ahwahnee Inn, Yosemite
- Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley



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The government contributed \$23 million to build and restore the park and FBRG (the project's private partner) invested \$99 million toward the launch of Cavallo Point. In addition, the Discovery Museum contributed \$30 million to the restoration efforts. The completed work includes:

- 350 acres of national parkland at Fort Baker
- 33 National Historic District buildings preserved or restored—including 17 within Cavallo Point
- 13 new ecologically designed buildings constructed within Cavallo Point on the footprint of former military buildings
- Cavallo Point—the only national park lodge in the Golden Gate National Parks, with 142 rooms, both historic and contemporary
- Two porches rebuilt on historic barracks; seven porches restored on other buildings
- 14,000 square feet of indoor meeting space

- 44 acres of restored landscape—including NPS work on the 14-acre parade ground
- 10 acres of mission blue butterfly habitat restored
- Two miles of hiking trails established
- A world-renowned children's museum enhanced and expanded
- An environmental institute—the Institute at the Golden Gate
- A unique public, private, and nonprofit partnership

The new chapter at Fort Baker builds on the past, but also turns the page to a new era of service to the community, the country, and the world.

For more information on the past, present, and future of Fort Baker, visit www.cavallopoint.com, www.instituteatgoldengate.org, and www.nps.gov/goga/historyculture/fort-baker.htm.