

Crissy Field: A Community Restores a National Park

It's the gateway to San Francisco—100 acres of wild, windswept shoreline—a favorite place for walkers, joggers, boardsailors, bicyclists, hundreds of birds, and the occasional seal or sea lion. Crissy Field is a national park site created by the community for the community. Crissy Field has been transformed from 100 acres of asphalt, hard-packed dirt and chain-link fences to a spectacular national park site. At its celebratory Grand Opening on May 6, 2001, the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy welcomed 75,000 people to enjoy their beautiful new park.

Restoration Facts

- A true community effort: more than \$34.4 million raised; of 2,400 donations, 2,200 were \$100 or less
- 100,000 plants, representing 73 native species, have been planted by more than 3,000 volunteers
- 104 Cypress trees planted in rows at the entrance to harmonize with and reflect the military plantings
- 230,000 cubic yards of soil removed during the restoration of the tidal marsh
- 130,000 plugs of salt grass grown for the project and installed by hand
- 15,000 tons of rubble removed from shoreline
- U.S. Army expected to remove 15,000 tons of hazardous material from Crissy Field and actually removed more than 87,000 tons of material
- 1 1/3 miles (7,000 feet) of shoreline promenade created
- San Francisco Conservation Corps program has completed its third year and young adults have already spent more than 30,000 hours working on the restoration of Crissy Field
- Other volunteers have spent more than 2,400 hours planting and maintaining the plants at Crissy Field
- 70 acres of asphalt and concrete have been removed and crushed, creating a mountain of recycled material that was used beneath pathways and parking lots

