

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2005





Arrowgrass (Triglochin concinna) is a native plant species in the saltmarsh at Crissy Field.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is a nonprofit membership organization created for the preservation and enhancement of these treasured parklands. The Parks Conservancy works to protect and rejuvenate park sites, to enhance park visitor experiences, and to build a community of people dedicated to preserving the parks for the future. The Parks Conservancy seeks private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and collaborates with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to renew park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide interpretive services and education programs, and engage diverse audiences in these national parks.

Established in 1981, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is one of the largest nonprofit organizations affiliated with national parks in the U.S. The Parks Conservancy is a leader in innovation and park aid, contributing nearly \$5 million in 2004 and approximately \$78 million in total support to the parks since its inception.

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With spectacular landscapes and world-renowned visitor attractions, the Golden Gate National Parks connect us to the beauty and inspiration of the natural world. Whether hiking along the rugged Pacific Coast, touring San Francisco Bay to Alcatraz, biking and kite flying at Crissy Field, or admiring the towering trees of Muir Woods, these national parks enrich our lives and restore our spirits with memorable experiences and timeless places.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing and protecting these parks by revitalizing parklands and improving park amenities, providing learning opportunities and interpretation, and engaging the community to preserve the parks as a legacy for the future.

One of our greatest strengths in pursuing this promise is the legion of volunteers who give of their valuable time, energy, knowledge, skills, and resources. In 2004, more than 16,000 individuals contributed approximately 382,000 hours of service to assist in such vital projects as monitoring endangered wildlife and cultivating native plants, rebuilding and renovating park trails, and participating in training and education programs. In these myriad efforts, volunteers of all ages and backgrounds enjoy the park experience while learning and giving back to their community.

Your commitment of support makes it possible for the Parks Conservancy to build on its tradition of community service and helps us to vastly expand the array and extend the impact of our programs and initiatives. We salute our 12,500 members, a dedicated constituency for our national parklands, as well as the foundations, corporations, and agencies that sustain our efforts in the Golden Gate National Parks.

On behalf of the trustees, staff, and friends of the parks, we express our appreciation for your continuing involvement and encouragement.



Charlene Harvey
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Executive Director

The beauty of Mountain Lake has been renewed by replacing invasive trees, shrubs, and weeds with native plantings along the water's edge and surrounding areas.



THE PRESIDIO - AN EMERGING NATIONAL PARK AT THE GOLDEN GATE

Just ten years ago, this historic U.S. Army base began its transformation toward becoming a new national park. Now, a decade later, this former military post is emerging as a unique and vital park with an engaged community. The Parks Conservancy has been actively involved in the Presidio's transition for more than 15 years through such activities as advocating to save the former post for public use, helping to create a vision for its future, and bringing neglected areas to life as public park space.

With generous support, the Parks Conservancy has successfully restored Crissy Field, replacing acres of asphalt with a thriving tidal marsh, extensive landscaping, and public pathways. The Presidio Native Plant Nursery is flourishing; Mountain Lake overlooks and trails are being rejuvenated; the aging forest is being replanted; park rangers are leading programs for all ages; and the Crissy Field Center is a growing educational resource for children, youth, and families. Historic buildings, once occupied with army operations and military personnel, are now thriving with a variety of nonprofits and additional tenants, as well as by a new generation of residents, many of whom live and work in the park.

As the Presidio enters its second decade as a national park, the Parks Conservancy is dedicated to furthering its partnership with the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service to enhance public amenities and revitalize natural and cultural resources. Building on our work at Mountain Lake and Crissy Field, the Conservancy will continue to play a vital role in revitalizing the Presidio's treasured green spaces for public enjoyment. With our park partners and the community, we will work to ensure that this special place grows stronger year after year in realizing its potential as a national park for all.



Seaside daisy (Erigeron glaucus)

Native Plant Nurseries

What does it take to grow a national park each year? 1 million seeds. 118,000 native plants. 18,000 volunteer hours. 2,000 volunteers. 40 restoration sites. 5 nurseries (Muir Woods, Tennessee Valley, Marin Headlands, the Presidio, and Fort Funston). Tons of love.



CRISSY FIELD AND THE CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Since its transformation in 2001, Crissy Field has been heralded as a national model in urban park renewal, and the popularity of this rejuvenated parkland is apparent as a favorite destination for locals and visitors alike. On any given day, Crissy Field is bustling with joggers, walkers, and bike riders, as well as a haven for thousands of migratory birds. The Conservancy and the National Park Service work together to host weekly volunteer groups that remove invasive plants and help keep Crissy Field beautiful and healthy, and that monitor the tidal marsh, providing valuable scientific data for other wetlands restoration projects.

One of the most exciting elements of the renovation of Crissy Field is the development of the multidisciplinary Crissy Field Center. Now entering its fourth year of operation, the Center is a partnership project of the Parks Conservancy and the National Park Service, creating connections to the parks via a wide variety of educational programs targeted to serve the Bay Area's diverse communities.

Since its inception, Crissy Field Center staff and volunteers have worked with more than 100 community groups in advancing the Center's core programs. These programs encourage different modes of learning with topics ranging from urban ecology and natural history, to exploring park sites with experts, and expressing environmental experiences through the arts. Current course topics include learning tule boat building from an Ohlone descendant, a study of the nocturnal environment with a night hike to Kirby Cove, and a family backpacking trip to Muir Woods, where at the end of the day, youth participants will be sworn in as junior rangers.

2004 Key Accomplishments:

- Trained high school students to become environmental ambassadors through the Inspiring Young Emerging Leaders (I-YEL) program
- Provided an array of curriculum-based programs for school children
- Attracted over 400 enthusiastic kids for a series of engaging summer camps
- Hosted a Goldman Environmental Prize winner and an exhibit featuring turn-of-the-century portraits of Ohlone native people



"I liked making food and testing recipes, and when we worked in the art lab and made CDs."

CRISSY FIELD CENTER SUMMER CAMPER

“Five years from now when I come back to this part of the park, I can show my friends and say, ‘I helped to restore that!’”

HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER



CONSERVATION AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARKS

The Parks Conservancy translates community interest in the parks into action, enlisting volunteers of all ages and backgrounds in a wide variety of conservation and community programs. Throughout the year, the Conservancy supports efforts to recruit individuals, schools, corporate teams, and civic groups for a multitude of park projects. The Site Stewardship Program brings people together who want to assist restoring ecologically sensitive habitats in the parks, including Oakwood Valley, Milagra Ridge, Wolfback Ridge, and Mori Point. The Native Plant Nurseries engage community members to propagate plants for habitat restoration projects in sites such as Crissy Field, Muir Woods, and Fort Funston, to name a few. The volunteer-based Golden Gate Raptor Observatory celebrated its 20TH year in 2004. More than 33,600 raptors were sighted over San Francisco Bay and the Marin Headlands, with more than 1,800 raptors banded for additional monitoring. In all of these volunteer efforts, the Conservancy seeks to strengthen and expand community connections with the parks and build a core group of individuals as park stewards.



Every autumn, thousands of birds of prey migrate through the Marin Headlands. The Golden Gate Raptor Observatory obtains data on migration patterns and monitors changes in species numbers over time.

2004 Key Accomplishments:

- Nearly 16,000 individuals contributed 382,000 hours of service to various park programs
- Presented 138 education programs to area students from kindergarten to college in our five Native Plant Nurseries
- Tracked 33,600 migrating raptors through the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory
- Propagated more than 118,000 native plants for 39 park restoration projects
- Through the Site Stewardship Program, protected ecologically sensitive habitat at Milagra Ridge, Oakwood Valley, Wolfback Ridge and Mori Point
- Expanded the volunteer program to restore the historic gardens of Alcatraz
- Began an intern academy with 30 class presentations to nursery and field interns, providing them with scientific tools that can help lead to environmental jobs
- Supported many volunteer opportunities for park stewards and docents



2004 Key Accomplishments:

- Held the second Trails Forever donor dinner at Sutro Heights Park
- Broke ground on the Immigrant Point Overlook in the Presidio
- Completed schematic design of several trail segments in the Presidio
- Installed new wayside signage and kiosks in multiple park locations
- Developed a plan for wayfinding signage along the Coastal Trail corridor
- Completed the Chapel Steps Trail at Fort Baker and repaired the Black Sands Beach Trail in the Marin Headlands
- Advanced planning and design work for the Coastal Trail at Lands End
- Introduced Urban Trails Blazers, a summer program for kids, and partnered with the Presidio Trust on the Kids on Trails program

TRAILS FOREVER

The vast trails of the Golden Gate National Parks form an extensive access network, connecting millions of people to these natural landscapes and deepening public awareness of their grandeur and fragility. Trails Forever, a signature initiative of the Parks Conservancy launched in 2003, is renovating and expanding park trails to build a first-class trail system north and south of the Golden Gate. By dramatically improving the way people experience and explore these wondrous places, Trails Forever is making the Golden Gate National Parks healthier and more welcoming, while inspiring a deeper appreciation for nature and our sense of duty as stewards.

The first phase of this major initiative focuses on 17 miles of the California Coastal Trail, from Muir Beach in Marin County south to the Golden Gate Bridge through the Presidio with connector trails south to Lands End and Cliff House, and additional trail segments at Mori Point near Pacifica in San Mateo County. Natural resource preservation goals will be achieved through the restoration and enhancement of 1,000 acres within the watersheds of the coastal trail corridor. In addition, important connections to other large regional trails, such as the Bay and Ridge trails, will better link the greater Bay Area as a whole to the parks.

“We all share this awesome and wonderful assignment of protecting and enhancing some of America’s most treasured places for those who follow us.”

DAVID ROCKEFELLER, JR.
AT THE TRAILS FOREVER DINNER



School groups get their hands dirty and see how much fun habitat restoration can be while learning about the value of native species in the parks.



EDUCATION, INTERPRETATION & VISITOR SERVICES

Education and interpretation are at the heart of the Parks Conservancy's mission of expanding the ways visitors enjoy and understand these parklands. The Conservancy produces books, guides, maps, exhibits, interpretive products, and informational signage to enrich visitor experiences in the parks. All of these efforts aim to create informed visitors who have a strengthened sense of responsibility for the preservation of the Golden Gate National Parks.

Alcatraz Island continues to be one of the favorite destinations in the parks, drawing more than 1.4 million visitors this year. In a recent survey of visitors to the island, more than 90% rated the experience as outstanding in terms of the educational value of their tour. As part of our ongoing commitment to improving visitor services, plans are currently underway for comprehensive revision of the Alcatraz interpretive wayside signage, as well as new tours to deepen public knowledge of the island's fascinating history.



This shoreline path along Crissy Field leads to the popular Warming Hut, where visitors make purchases that support the parks in the café and bookstore.

2004 Key Accomplishments:

- Supported the National Park Service 'Parks as Classrooms' program, providing more than 10,000 students with park-based environmental education
- Published a revised and expanded *Guide to the Parks*, a trail guide for Muir Woods, and a photographic history of the Panama Pacific International Exposition
- Produced new educational products, such as the Redwood Tree Growth Chart
- Reached more than one million visitors through the popular Alcatraz Cellhouse Tour, Alcatraz Night Tour, and San Francisco Bay Tour



2004 Key Accomplishments:

- Received a \$2 million grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation for natural resource preservation, restoration, and stewardship of the Coastal Trail
- Accepted an award from San Francisco Beautiful for our efforts to enhance Mountain Lake
- Continued restoration of the historic buildings and gardens on Alcatraz Island
- Initiated a conceptual design planning process for major improvements to Lands End
- Collaborated with the Presidio Trust on open space projects at the former post

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

With more than 17 million visitors a year, the Golden Gate National Parks are among the most popular destinations in the national park system. The Parks Conservancy works on a variety of projects aimed at enhancing visitor experiences in the parks, while ensuring that park resources are maintained and preserved for the future.

This year, the Parks Conservancy in partnership with the Garden Conservancy and the National Park Service has embarked on a project to interpret and make available the stories of Alcatraz's gardens to the public and to restore key gardens on the island. For more than a century, the gardens of Alcatraz were an important part of the daily life for those confined there. The roses, agaves, fuchsias, and other colorful specimens that have survived since the prison closed in 1963 have stories to tell, and this project will renew these once carefully maintained gardens and reveal their unique history.

Other areas of special focus this year included the completion of improvements to the Fort Baker Chapel Trail and the Black Sands Beach Trail, bikeways and trail design for the Coastal Trail in the Presidio, and new shade structures and irrigation systems for the Native Plant Nurseries, to name a few. A major planning effort for Lands End surveyed historical and natural resources for the conceptual design of the site, which will enhance visitor access, amenities, and interpretation, while restoring and protecting habitat and helping to control erosion.



The gardens of Alcatraz spring to life with California poppies and a variety of native and exotic plants that thrive in this harsh and isolated landscape.



Why make a gift?

"I must share the inspiration I had to make this contribution. Earlier this week, I was running on a trail above the Golden Gate, when I noticed that brush had been cleared away and new foot bridges created. I thanked a volunteer who proudly shared that the wood for the bridges was hand milled from fallen trees. I expressed my appreciation to him for the Conservancy's work to make these public lands available to us as well as keep them ecologically healthy. Many thanks to one and all."

Marianna Leuschel, Member of the William Kent Society.

GIVE A GIFT TO THE PARKS

This 2005 Report to the Community celebrates the generous donors and volunteers who are instrumental in helping the Parks Conservancy to enhance, rejuvenate, and preserve the Golden Gate National Parks. Thank you to all of our contributors.

There are many ways to support the important work of the Parks Conservancy. You may designate a contribution or deferred gift for general purposes where funds are needed most, or you may direct support to a specific project area. To learn more about the range of gift-giving options, please contact Cindy Morton at (415) 561-3000; cmorton@parksconservancy.org.

Membership in the William Kent Society. Join our premier society of donors who help protect the national parks at the Golden Gate. Receive opportunities to experience the parks' unique places, invitations to special events, and many other benefits through an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.

Membership in the Friends of William Kent Society. Join this family-oriented membership circle through an annual contribution of \$500 or more, receive exciting benefits, and contribute to programs for youth and families in the parks.

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Tribute and Memorial Gifts. Pay lasting tribute to a loved one or commemorate a milestone in your family's life by adopting a park bench, making an outright gift, or establishing an endowment.

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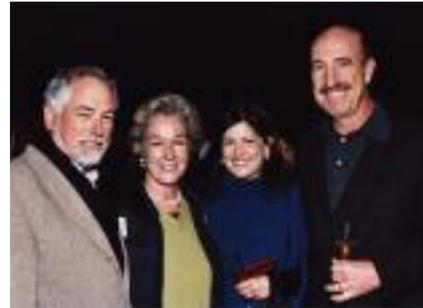


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TRAILS FOREVER: EXPLORATIONS DINNER SPONSORS

The second annual Trails Forever dinner was held at Sutro Heights Park overlooking Ocean Beach in October 2004. The 350 guests celebrated their affection for these treasured parklands and the Trails Forever initiative. The dinner netted \$330,000 for trail restoration, outreach, and stewardship activities. Honorary Chair



Berniece and Pat Patterson

David Rockefeller, Jr. spoke eloquently on the importance of private philanthropy to America's national parks. Parks Conservancy trustee and auctioneer extraordinaire Mark Buell led a cheering audience in a live auction of ten priceless park experiences, yielding \$129,000 for the parks.

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SILVER LUPINE CIRCLE

The Silver Lupine Circle comprises friends of the parks who have made legacy gifts to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy through bequests, charitable trusts, and gifts of retirement assets and life insurance proceeds. In addition to knowing that they have helped to secure the future of the parklands they love, these generous donors also enjoy special privileges and events.

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THE JAMES R. HARVEY PRESIDIO RESTORATION FUND

This endowment was created in honor of the late Jim Harvey, a champion of America's national parks who was widely regarded for his vision and commitment to the Presidio. Established in 1996, the fund now exceeds \$1.8 million and supports preservation of the Presidio's natural beauty, forest, and open space. In 2004, a gift was received from Paul and Kathy Bissinger.

THE BERNARD OSHER ENDOWMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT CRISSY FIELD

The Bernard Osher Foundation established the Bernard Osher Endowment for Environmental Education at Crissy Field Center with a gift of \$2 million in the year 2000. The Osher Endowment, now in excess of \$4 million through matching gifts, creates a permanent base of support for the Crissy Field Center and provides funding for four distinct Program Areas: Community Connections, Learning Environments, Stewardship & Community Service, and Young Leaders.

THE ANNE KINCAID ENDOWMENT FUND

Wallace and Andrea DeSha have established an endowment fund to honor the late Anne Kincaid. Ms. Kincaid, a longtime member of the Parks Conservancy, was head librarian at the West Portal branch in San Francisco. She and the DeSha family—including Connor, David, and Charlie—shared a deep love of the parks, and the DeShas chose an endowment to acknowledge her appreciation of the natural surroundings of the Golden Gate National Parks. The fund will help protect wildlife habitat, restore trails, conserve natural resources, and support the Native Plant Nurseries.

Tribute Bench Gifts

In partnership with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust, the Parks Conservancy's bench dedication program supports site enhancements on trails and pathways, at overlooks, and in open spaces throughout the Golden Gate National Parks.

The Stanley S. Langendorf Foundation, in memory of its founder, Stanley S. Langendorf

David Perlman, in memory of Anne S. Perlman

The Norman M. Scott Family, in memory of Jim Scott



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

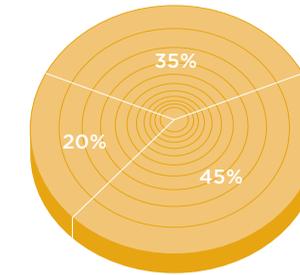
Statement of Financial Position for the year ended September 30, 2004. (With summarized financial information for the year ended September 30, 2003.)

Financial information on these pages is derived from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's financial statements, which were audited by an independent registered public accounting firm. Copies of the complete audited financial statements are available upon request by calling the Deputy Director of Finance and Operations at (415) 561-3000.

ASSETS	2004	2003
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 439,616	\$ 285,005
Accounts receivable	1,203,737	1,094,728
Contributions receivable	1,110,811	1,071,784
Investments	9,838,186	9,494,791
Inventories	1,408,623	1,257,180
Prepaid expenses and other assets	388,648	328,545
Total current assets	14,389,621	13,532,033
Contributions Receivable - Net	509,230	532,224
Endowment Investments	6,477,062	5,798,462
Fixed Assets - Net	486,754	775,649
Charitable Remainder Trust	120,335	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$21,983,002	\$20,638,368
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,629,720	\$ 1,432,356
Accrued compensated absences and related	590,012	647,980
Mitigation advances	18,287	193,771
Total current liabilities	2,238,019	2,274,107
Capital Lease Obligations	81,284	138,896
Total liabilities	2,319,303	2,413,003
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	3,727,955	3,703,583
Board-designated for park projects and programs	5,190,024	4,682,310
Total unrestricted net assets	8,917,979	8,385,893
Temporarily restricted:		
For park projects and programs	7,053,164	6,155,044
For the National Park Service	31,234	24,205
Total temporarily restricted net assets	7,084,398	6,179,249
Permanently restricted net assets	3,661,322	3,660,223
Total net assets	19,663,699	18,225,365
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$21,983,002	\$20,638,368

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the year ended September 30, 2004. (With summarized financial information for the year ended September 30, 2003.)



2004 Aid to the National Parks Service: \$4,960,304

Interpretation: \$2,247,552 (45%)

Education, publications, and other visitor programs.

Park Enhancements: \$1,720,686 (35%)

Preservation, restoration, and site improvement projects.

Community Programs: \$992,066 (20%)

Conservation and volunteer support.

Total Aid to the Parks, 1982-2004
\$77,950,612

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2004	Total 2003
Support and Revenue:					
Gross program revenue	\$ 13,621,854			\$ 13,621,854	\$ 12,682,777
Cost of goods and services	(3,535,533)			(3,535,533)	(3,437,302)
Program revenue - Net	10,086,321			10,086,321	9,245,475
Contributed income	1,335,374	\$1,380,366	\$1,099	2,716,839	2,703,307
Investment income	2,199	59,093		61,292	70,512
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	79,744	659,509		739,253	1,130,004
Mitigation awards	175,483			175,483	97,552
Other income	53,065			53,065	63,880
Net assets released from restrictions	1,193,819	(1,193,819)			
Total support and revenue	12,926,005	905,149	1,099	13,832,253	13,310,730
Program Services:					
Aid to National Park Service:					
Interpretation	2,247,552			2,247,552	2,071,029
Park enhancements	1,720,686			1,720,686	1,304,967
Community programs	992,066			992,066	854,771
Total aid to National Park Service	4,960,304			4,960,304	4,230,767
Visitor program services	4,333,440			4,333,440	4,203,830
Total program services	9,293,744			9,293,744	8,434,597
Fundraising	479,583			479,583	493,471
Management and General	2,620,592			2,620,592	2,451,650
Total expenses	12,393,919	-	-	12,393,919	11,379,718
Increase in Net Assets	532,086	905,149	1,099	1,438,334	1,931,012
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	8,385,893	6,179,249	3,660,223	18,225,365	16,294,353
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 8,917,979	\$ 7,084,398	\$ 3,661,322	\$19,663,699	\$18,225,365



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

In 2004, volunteer support reached record levels with more than 16,000 individuals contributing approximately 382,000 hours of service.

Many thanks to the following organizations for providing volunteer support for park conservation projects from October 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004.

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The Golden Gate National Parks span 80 miles from north to south of the Golden Gate Bridge, forming an expansive green belt across 118 square miles of public open space. From Tomales Bay in the north to the San Mateo watershed in the south, the 75,500 acres that comprise these parks include ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas.

More than 17 million people each year visit the Golden Gate National Parks to experience the nature, history, and scenic beauty that truly define the character of the San Francisco Bay Area.



THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

If you set out in any direction from the Golden Gate Bridge, you'll discover a national park in all its splendor. This dazzling bridge is the centerpiece of a constellation of wild and diverse parklands in which people reconnect to the natural world. Within these protected landscapes, you can explore famous forts and infamous prisons, landmarks and lighthouses, and the many beaches, bluffs, coves, and forests of the spectacular Northern California coast.

The Golden Gate National Parks were created in 1972 through community action. Today, they are among the most popular urban parklands in the world, where thousands of people come to enjoy them every single day. The Parks Conservancy invites everyone who cares deeply about our parks to continue to support these extraordinary places and help leave a legacy for future generations.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

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National Park Service
The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 387 other park sites across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these parklands and to provide for their enjoyment for future generations. For more information, call (415) 561-4700 or visit www.nps.gov/goga.

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The Presidio Trust
The Presidio Trust was created by Congress in 1996 to preserve and enhance the Presidio in partnership with the National Park Service. The Trust has jurisdiction over the interior 1,168 acres of the former military post. To learn more about the Presidio Trust, call (415) 561-5300 or visit www.presidio.gov.

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