

## **STATION 1: FORT MASON UPDATE**

### 1. Fort Mason Bay and Franklin Entry

An update will be shown of proposed pedestrian and vehicle safety improvements at the Upper Fort Mason Entry at Bay and Franklin Streets. Improvements will include sidewalks, accessible curb cuts, and crosswalks.

### 2. San Francisco Bay Trail Fort Mason

The concept drawings for the trail “pinch point” at Laguna Street and Marina Boulevard will be shown, including trail widening. The redesigned trail will accommodate both bicycles and pedestrians and will include an accessible path from Lower to Upper Fort Mason.

### 3. Security for the Golden Gate Bridge in the Presidio

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District and the National Park Service will present preliminary ideas for securing the Bridge area in the Presidio for national security. Concepts include fencing, bollards, lighting, and cameras. These and other measures are to be placed around Fort Point, Battery East, and the west side of the Bridge in the Presidio.

## **STATION 2: GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE – PREVIEW OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES**

The General Management Plan creates a vision to guide management of the park for the next 20 years. We encourage your participation in helping shape this plan – and the future of the park. The last time a GMP was completed was more than 25 years ago when the park was first created. Since then, the park has more than doubled in size and visitation, and the ecological and historical importance of its resources has become better understood. Come to discuss the preliminary alternative management concepts that were explained in Newsletter #3 (mailed in October 2007), and see how the preliminary alternatives are shaping up. Let us know how these ideas fit with your own ideas for the years ahead.

You can sign up for the next newsletter at <http://www.nps.gov/goga/> you can find out more about the plan (and download past newsletters) on the central NPS planning website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075> You can also leave us a message at (415) 561-4965.

## **STATION 3: GGNRA LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

GGNRA has initiated work on a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the park that is consistent with US DOT transportation planning practices for States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The process developed at GGNRA will be a model for future transportation planning efforts at park units throughout the National Park Service. GGNRA is developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan concurrently with an update to the 1980 GGNRA General Management Plan to better understand baseline transportation conditions and to inform the new General Management Plan’s vision for

transportation. Come and meet project team members from the park, the NPS Denver Service Center and Washington transportation program offices, as well as team members from Federal Highway Administration. The plan will be finalized in Fall 2008.

#### **STATION 4: GGNRA CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS AND ACTIONS**

Climate change presents significant risks and challenges to the National Park Service. Climate change threatens the identity and unique resources of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, such as the redwood trees of Muir Woods, near-shore cultural resources such as Fort Point and the Point Bonita Lighthouse, and threatened and endangered species that may not be able to adapt to changing conditions.

A Climate Change Action Plan has been developed to provide a guide for Golden Gate National Recreation Area to become a carbon neutral park and to adapt to changes the Park may experience due to a changing climate. This Climate Change Action Plan is a planning-level document that lays out the principles and process by which the Park will adapt to climate change and reduce its net emissions of greenhouse gases (including those of its visitors) to the point that it is no longer a contributor to global warming. This plan is intended to mirror the time frame of the Park's General Management Plan, which is approximately 20 years, and it will be implemented through annual plans. A living, updatable list of recommended actions and projects will accompany this plan from year to year. Come discuss our plan and your ideas to help the park adapt to global warming.

#### **STATION 5: OPENING OF CAVALLO POINT LODGE AT FORT BAKER**

The newest national park lodge will open to the public on June 1, 2008. The Lodge at Cavallo Point will reuse historic military buildings as well as new construction. It will offer sustainable, first-class accommodations in a national park setting. The public can enjoy overnight lodging as well as day use of the meeting facilities, restaurant, bar, spa, and park trails.

We will have The Institute at the Golden Gate, serving as a catalyst for action—advancing the health, sustainability, and protection of our environment, as well as our programming department, offering Innovative programs and activities for park visitors and overnight guests. For more information, go to websites [www.cavallopoint.com](http://www.cavallopoint.com) or [www.instituteatgoldengate.org](http://www.instituteatgoldengate.org).

#### **STATION 6: LIVING WITH COYOTES**

Coyotes have been sighted in the Presidio, Fort Mason, the Marin Headlands, and Fort Baker.

Chances of seeing a coyote may increase as these species find suitable habitat and resources in the same areas that people frequent, especially on the park urban interface.

By following park rules, people and wildlife can so-exist harmoniously. Most wildlife, including coyotes, usually avoid human interaction, so view them from a distance. They also help to keep common nest predators, such as skunks and raccoons, in check. If you encounter a coyote do not approach it. Most of the time, the animal will move to avoid people. Domestic cats and dogs should be leashed and supervised at all times. An injured or sick animal may show unusual or

aggressive behavior. In most cases, making loud noises, throwing objects like stones, will cause the animal to retreat. Of course, refrain from feeding wildlife of any kind in the park. Any encounter with park wildlife should be reported to the park dispatch emergency line: 561-5656 or 561-5657 or 911.

The National Park Service and the Presidio Trust are working jointly with other land managing agencies and humane organizations to educate the park residents in the urban interface on living safely with coyotes.

### **STATION 7: TRAILS FOREVER PROJECTS UPDATE**

Trails Forever is a partnership initiative with the National Park Service, the Presidio Trust, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy that has been stewarding and improving park landscapes and engaging park visitors with projects and programs since 2003. This is an opportunity to learn about recent successes and ongoing projects of the initiative, including the new Trailkeeper volunteer program.

For more specific information on the Coastal Trail at Lands End, the California Coastal Trail from Merrie Way to Mile Rock Overlook, and Trail Improvements on the Camino del Mar Trail, [Click Here](#).

### **STATION 8: NPS CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE PROJECTS IN GGNRA**

Project funding has been made available by the Department of Interior for the Centennial Parks to People Initiative and for the new Institute at the Golden Gate at Fort Baker at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). At the Institute at the Golden Gate, which will be housed at Fort Baker, \$50,000 will be spent for staffing, \$20,000 for scholarships, \$20,000 for marketing, and \$10,000 for Institute staff time. As part of the Centennial Parks to People Initiative at GGNRA, \$80,000 will be for interns, \$115,000 for staffing, and \$110,000 for buses for education and outreach programs and events. Matching funds are being provided by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. For a complete list of the 2008 National Park Service Centennial Challenge projects and programs please visit [www.nps.gov/2016](http://www.nps.gov/2016).

### **STATION 9: ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION AT SUTRO BATHS AND POINT LOBOS**

Archeological research and stewardship on both prehistoric and historic archeological properties is being conducted along with the Land's End and Merrie Way Parking and Trail project. The Point Lobos Archeological Sites, prehistoric Ohlone/Costanoan sites from 1500-1700 years ago, have been stabilized and protected for interpretation. The historic archeological sites of Ocean Terrace and Merrie Way Stands, commercial enterprises that boomed during the opening and early years of Sutro Baths (1895-1920), have been excavated and will be part of a special study and exhibit on Old San Francisco Recreation at Land's End. Finally, new studies are being completed on the condition, significance, and treatment of the Sutro Baths Ruins. Come see a bit about the lives and ruins of another age, and how we're managing these heritage sites!