



General Information

Website: www.nps.gov/prsf
 Mailing Address: Golden Gate National Recreation Area,
 Building 201, Fort Mason,
 San Francisco, CA 94123

Phone: 415-561-4323
 Open: Year-round, free entry.

Overview

Within spitting distance of the Golden Gate Bridge, offering spectacular views of the city and the Bay, the Presidio has some of the best real estate in the country. It's no surprise that private companies were eager to get in on the action when part of the Presidio was opened to development as an industrial park a couple of years ago. As a result, there's plenty of construction taking place on the grounds these days, but nothing that will mar the site's unique beauty.

Once home to the Native American tribe the Ohlone, the area now known as the Presidio saw the arrival of Spanish soldiers and missionaries in 1776. The Presidio served as a military post under the flags of Spain, Mexico, and the United States. As a U.S. Army post, the Presidio protected commerce and trade, and played a logistical role in every major U.S. military conflict over the last 150 years. In 1994, it became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Encompassing 1,491 acres, it contains more than 500 historic buildings, a collection of coastal defense fortifications, a national cemetery, an historic airfield, a saltwater marsh, forests, beaches, native plant habitats, coastal bluffs, and miles dedicated to hiking and biking. Some of the eleven miles of hiking trails are the Golden Gate Promenade, the Coastal Trail, an ecology trail, and portions of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Bay Trail, and the Anza National Historic Trail. Fourteen miles of paved roads provide smooth—albeit mostly uphill—biking for cyclists. There are also some unpaved parts of the Bay Area Ridge Trail if off-road is more your style. The park also contains numerous sports facilities, including a golf course, bowling alley, tennis courts, and athletic fields, as well as a campground. The recently re-landscaped Crissy Field area is another good reason to explore the park.

How to Get There—Driving

The Presidio can be reached from the north by crossing the Golden Gate Bridge (Highways 1 and 101); from the east by way of Lombard Street (Highway 101); and from the south via Highway 1.

How to Get There—Mass Transit

San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni) buses serve the Presidio via the 28, 29, 43, and 82K lines. Bus service from the North Bay to the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza is available through Golden Gate Transit. Commercial cable car buses are available from Fisherman's Wharf. The Presidio Trust provides free shuttle service within the Presidio and to nearby public transit stops.

Banks

First Republic Bank
 210 Lincoln Blvd

Landmarks

- Fort Point**
 Long Ave & Marine Dr, Presidio of San Francisco
- Golden Gate Bridge**
 US Hwy 101
- Presidio Golf Course**
 300 Finley Rd
- The Presidio (Visitor's Center)**
 50 Moraga Ave

Post Offices

Presidio Station
 950 Lincoln Blvd

Gyms

YMCA
 Bldg 63, corner of Funsten Ave & Lincoln Blvd

Restaurants

Desiree
 San Francisco Film Centre, 39 Mesa St