

The Presidio of San Francisco Tour Guide

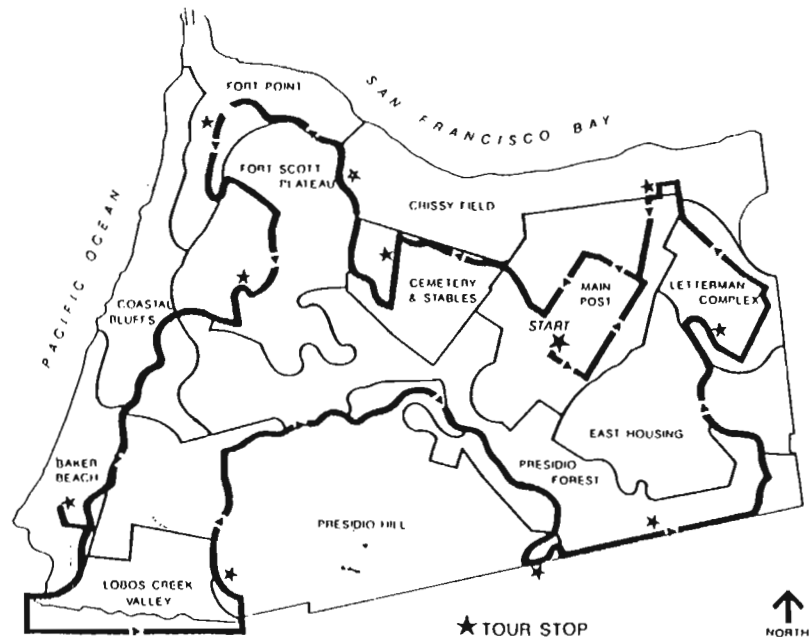
24 Infantry Division
1941-1991



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This *Presidio Tour Guide* provides some basic information about the various planning areas of the Presidio and asks what you would like people to know about these places. Please use it as you join us for a guided bus tour or on your own self-guided tour. Follow the suggested route and stops, review the descriptions of the planning areas, consider what you think is important, and record your thoughts. We hope you enjoy your tour and join us as we plan the Presidio's future as a national park.



SOME PRESIDIO FACTS

Total land area 1,400 acres
 Open space 600 acres
 Developed land 800 acres

Total square footage of all buildings 6,400,000 sf
 Total square footage of historic structures 2,700,000 sf

Building volumes for selected areas:

Main Post (86 structures)	1,024,000 sf
Fort Scott (77 structures)	605,000 sf
Cavalry stables (12 structures)	108,000 sf
Crissy Field (82 structures)	829,000 sf
Former Public Health Service Hospital (18 structures)	398,000 sf
Letterman Medical Center (49 structures)	1,336,000 sf
Family housing (338 structures)	1,950,000 sf
US Army Reserve Center (2 structures)	38,000 sf

Building volumes by use:

Family housing	1,950,000 sf
Administration	839,000 sf
Medical (mainly Letterman Medical Center)	825,000 sf
Research (mainly Letterman Institute)	370,000 sf
Community service	720,000 sf
Supply and storage	381,000 sf
BOQ/NCO-EM barracks	370,000 sf
Maintenance	339,000 sf
Operations/training	201,000 sf

Largest buildings:

Letterman Hospital	413,000 sf
Letterman Institute of Research	354,000 sf
Former Public Health Service Hospital	297,000 sf
Post commissary	88,000 sf
6th Army Headquarters (bldgs. 38 & 39)	67,000 sf each

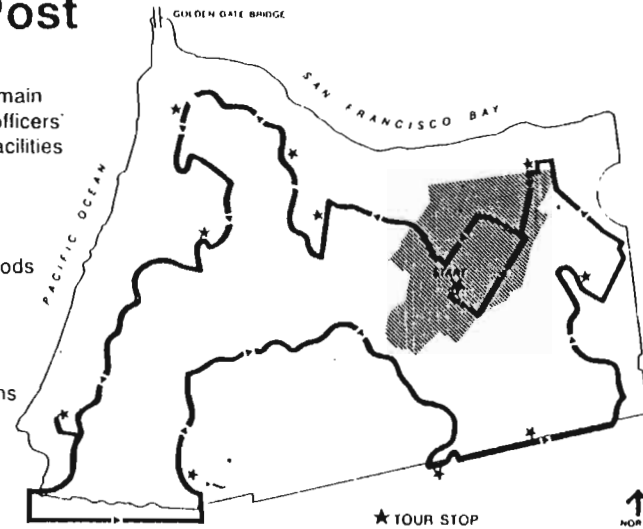
Area 1. Main Post



The heart of the Presidio, with its venerable main parade ground, headquarters buildings, and officers' row, coupled with more modern community facilities

Special Resources:

- Original Spanish *presidio* site
- Historic architecture representing all periods of Presidio development
- Parade grounds and historic landscape features
- Presidio Army Museum and its collections



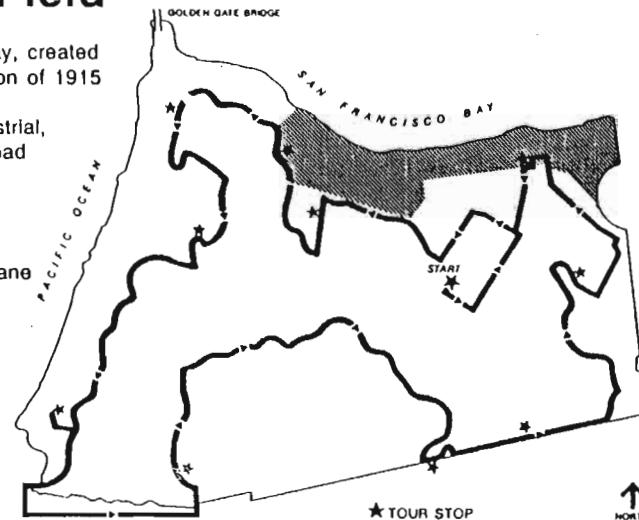
Area 2. Crissy Field



A land-filled extension into San Francisco Bay, created for the Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915 and immediately made into an airfield, now developed with a variety of warehouse, industrial, commercial, and office structures and a helipad

Special Resources:

- Bayside beach and dunes
- Historic Crissy Airfield complex & seaplane ramp
- Former U.S. Coast Guard/Lifesaving Service Station
- Views of San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate, Golden Gate Bridge
- Golden Gate Promenade (running, walking, and biking path)
- World-class sailboarding area



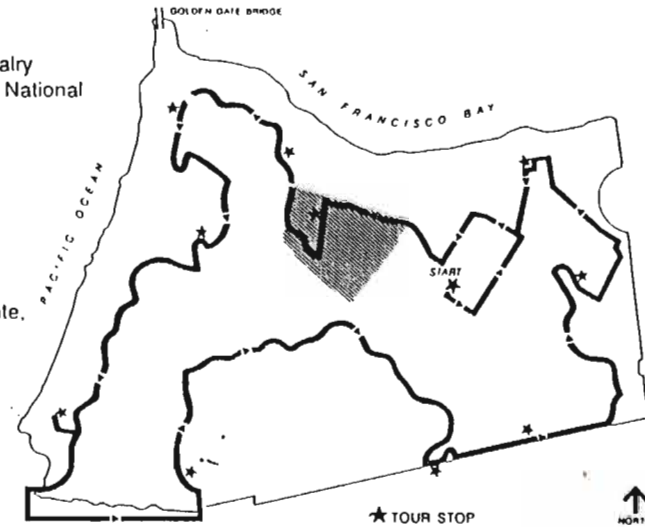


Area 3. Cemetery and Stables

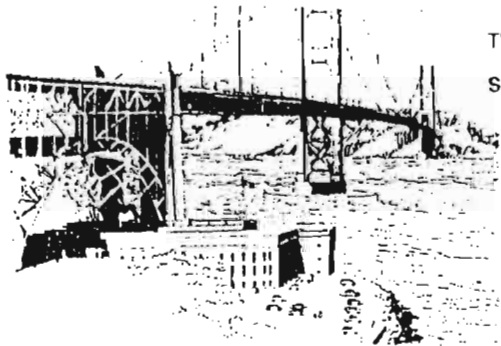
An enclosed valley containing the historic cavalry stables and overlooked by the San Francisco National Cemetery on an adjacent ridge

Special Resources:

- National Cemetery
- Historic cavalry stables
- Forest
- Views of San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate, Golden Gate Bridge



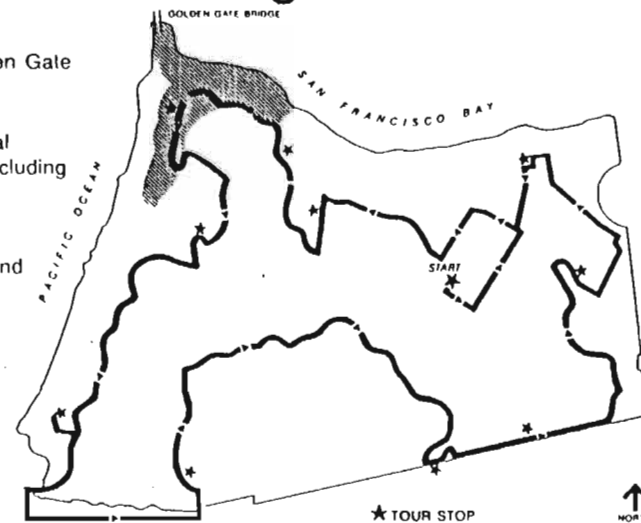
Area 4. Fort Point/Golden Gate Bridge



The strategic southern coastline of the Golden Gate

Special Resources:

- Greatest concentration of historic coastal defense fortifications on the Presidio, including Fort Point National Historic Site
- Spanish Castillo de San Joaquin site
- Views of ocean, Golden Gate Bridge, and San Francisco Bay
- Historic seawall, pier, and mine casemates



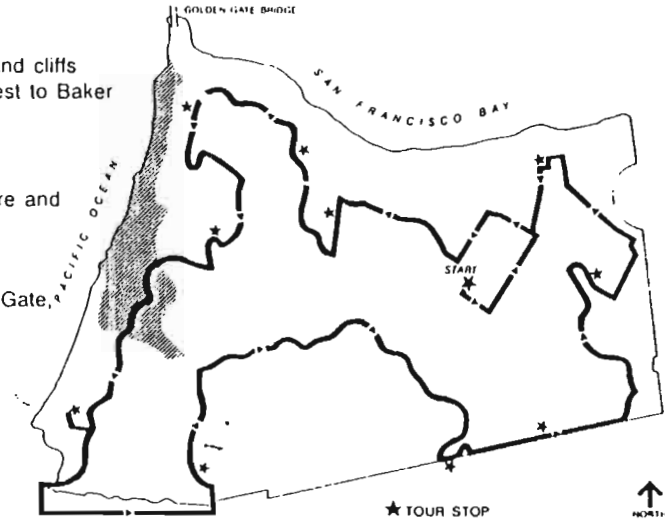
Area 5. Coastal Bluffs



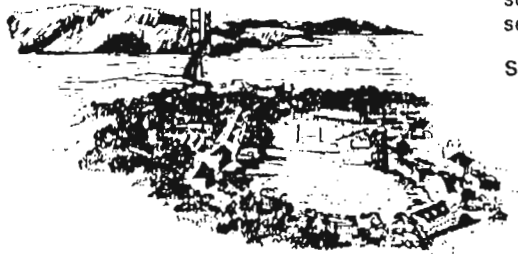
A predominantly natural area of beaches and cliffs extending from the Golden Gate Bridge west to Baker Beach

Special Resources:

- Native plant communities including rare and endangered species
- Wildlife habitat
- Views of Land's End, ocean, Golden Gate, Marin Headlands
- Remote beaches
- Historic gun batteries



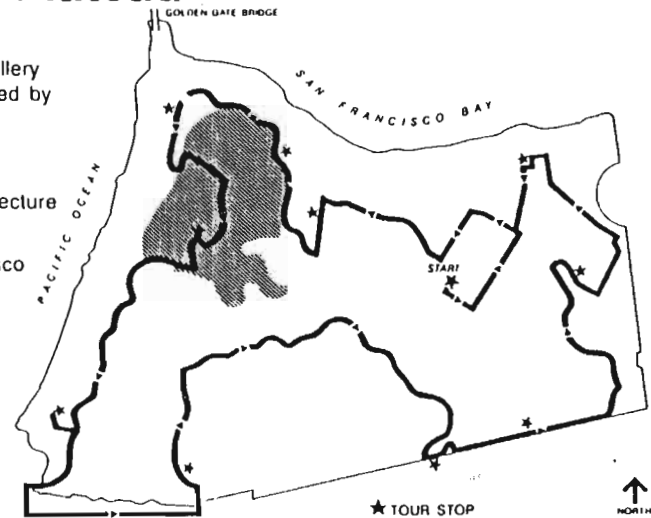
Area 6. Fort Scott Plateau



The site of Fort Winfield Scott, a coastal artillery subpost constructed in 1910-15, now occupied by several housing areas

Special Resources:

- Historic Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and horseshoe-shaped parade ground
- Views of Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay
- Historic gun batteries



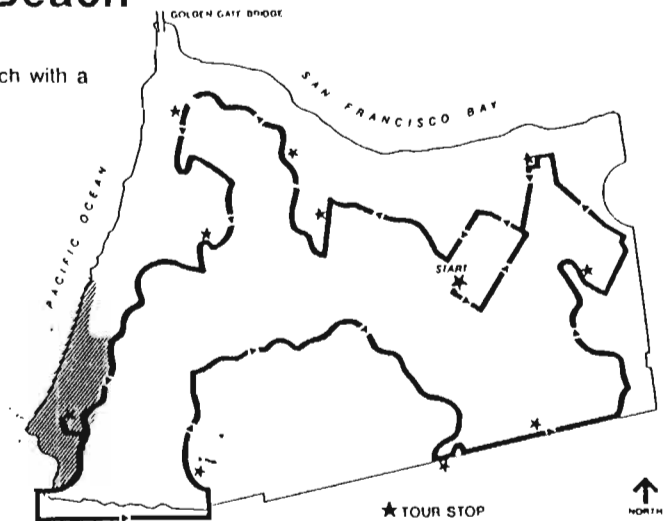
Area 7. Baker Beach



A popular and easily accessible ocean beach with a picnic area

Special Resources:

- Ocean beach
- Views of ocean and Marin Headlands
- Access to Coastal Trail
- Historic gun battery



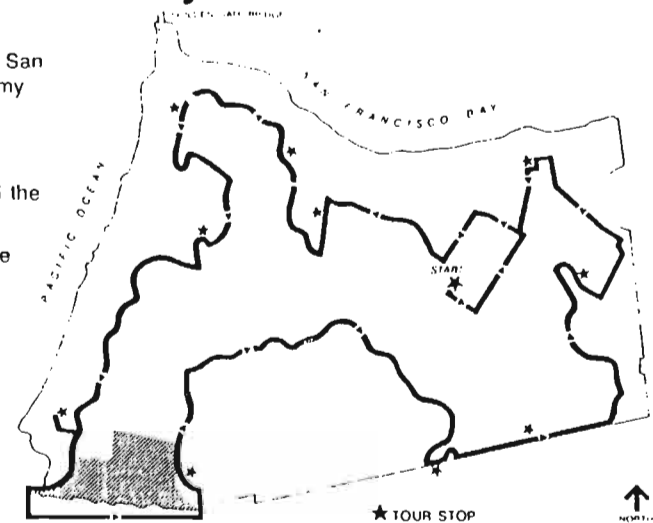
Area 8. Lobos Creek Valley



The valley of the last free-flowing stream in San Francisco, occupied by the Golden Gate Army Reserve Center

Special Resources:

- Lobos Creek (which provides nearly all the drinking water for the Presidio)
- Native plant communities, including rare species



Area 9. Presidio Hill



South- and west-facing slopes with former Public Health Service Hospital (largely vacant) and contemporary recreational and residential uses

Special Resources:

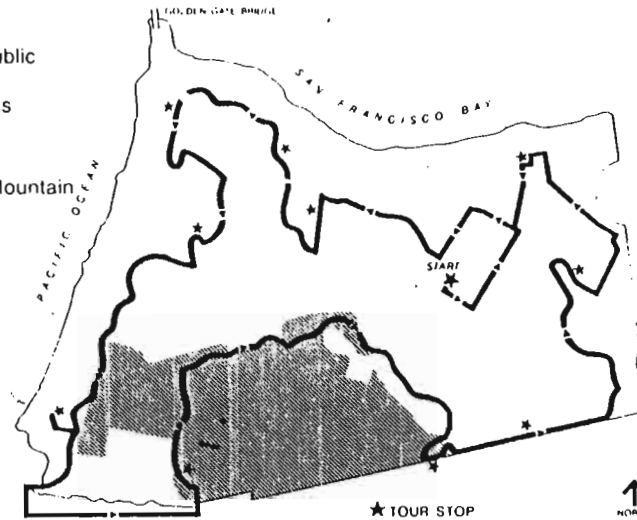
Mountain Lake (bordered by the city's Mountain Lake Park on the south)

Site of historic Marine Hospital complex

Historic Arguello Boulevard Gate

Golf course

Native plant communities, including rare species



Area 10. Presidio Forest

Mature forest, planted in the 1880s

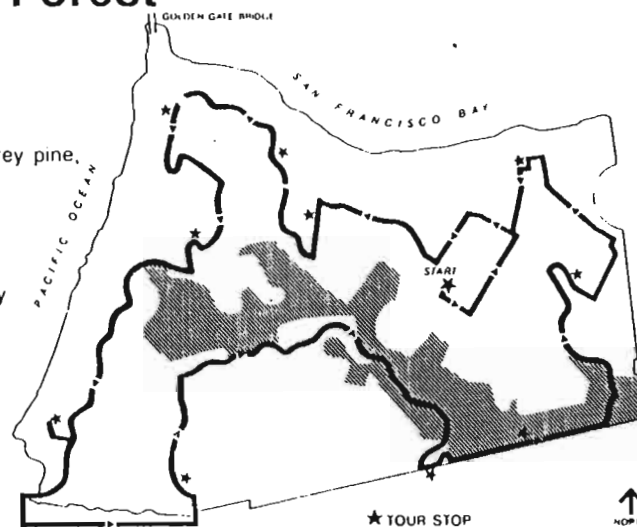
Special Resources:

Forest dominated by eucalyptus, Monterey pine, Monterey cypress, and black acacia

Remnant native plant communities

Historic Presidio Avenue Gate

Julius Kahn Playground (built by the city in the 1920s on land leased from the U.S. Army)



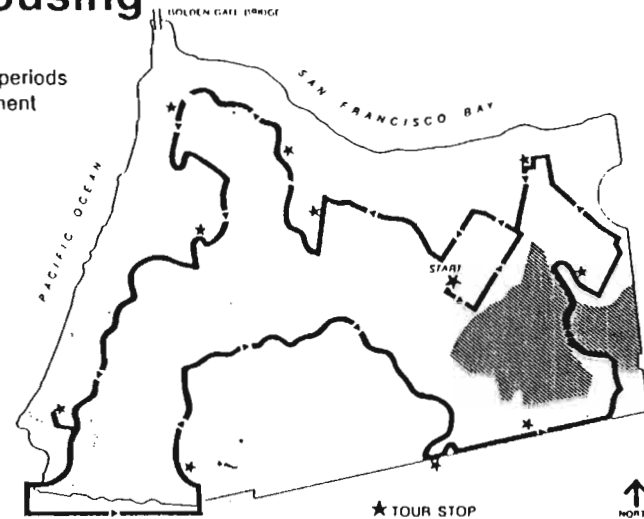


Area 11. East Housing

Several housing areas representing distinct periods and architectural styles of Presidio development

Special Resources:

- Historic residential architecture
- El Polin Spring
- Historic landscape features



Area 12. Letterman Complex

Both historic and modern building complexes at the main entrance into the Presidio, housing the Letterman Army Medical Center and the Letterman Army Institute of Research

Special Resources:

- Lombard Street Gate
- Historic Victorian residences
- World War I warehouses
- Adjacent to the Palace of Fine Arts, once part of the Presidio

