

Open House Stations

Station 1: Fort Mason

• Bay and Laguna Bay Trail Improvements

See the planned design for the San Francisco Bay Trail pinch point in Fort Mason also known as “The Squeeze.”

This short trail segment also connects Upper Fort Mason with Lower Fort Mason and the Marina along the Marina Green. It is a major bicycle and pedestrian route between the City and the Golden Gate Bridge. The plans for this pinch point show a wider connection with separated bicycle and pedestrian lanes.

• Parking Lot Improvements and Lighting

To discourage continued vandalism, the National Park Service will introduce lighting to the Fort Mason parking lot adjacent to Bay Street between Octavia and Gough. Construction is planned to occur in mid- October. Two new 20-foot light poles will be erected in the center median of the parking lot. Each pole will have two horizontal arms. The luminaries at the end of each arm will be low energy use light- emitting diodes (LEDs) that direct light strictly downward to the parking lot. Other construction includes trenching 200 feet with a back hoe. All construction work should be completed within 7 to 10 days.

For further information, please contact Lou Ferrari, NPS Project Manager at (415) 561-4953.

Station 2: GGNRA General Management Plan—Status and Next Steps

The general management plan creates a vision to guide management of the park for the next 20 years. The last time a GMP was completed was more than 20 years ago when the park was first created. Since then, the GGNRA has more than doubled in size and visitation, and the ecological and historical importance of its resources has become better understood. We invite you to talk with park planners about the public's response to the 3 preliminary alternatives described in the previous newsletter, and discuss what comes next.

You can find a summary of public comments on the project website:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/parkHome.cfm?parkId=303> .

Sign up to receive quarterly project updates by email at

www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planning.htm

You can also leave us phone and email messages at (415) 561-4965 and email us at: goga_gmp@nps.gov.

Station 3: Park Transportation Planning

- **Long Term Transportation Plan**

Update on GGNRA Long-Range Transportation Plan including updated project schedule.

- **Marin Headlands Fort Baker Transportation Plan**

Meet with project staff to discuss the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) that will soon be released to the public. The Final EIS will respond to comments on the Draft EIS and also identify changes in the project between Draft EIS and Final EIS, in response to the public comment. No sooner than 30 days following public release of the Final EIS, a Record of Decision will be prepared, containing the decision that will be implemented and completing the environmental review process.

Station 4: Trails Forever—Update on Recent and Upcoming Projects

- **San Francisco/ Presidio**

- a. Merrie Way/Lands End Trailhead: 2008 accomplishments
- b. Proposed Phase 2 Lands End Coastal Trail Enhancements
- c. Presidio Coastal Trail Design—25th Avenue to Golden Gate Bridge
- d. Presidio Batteries to Bluffs Trail Wins Award
- e. Battery East Multi-Use Trails Opens

- **San Mateo County**

- a. Mori Point: 2008 accomplishments

- **Marin County**

- a. Dias Ridge Trail and Habitat Improvements—proposed 2009 work
- b. Hawk Hill Trail and Habitat Improvements—proposed 2009–10 work

- **Trails Forever Volunteer and Stewardship opportunities**

- a. See <http://www.parksconservancy.org> .

Station 5: Restroom Construction at Fort Funston

New Restroom at Fort Funston

The GGNRA is planning to build a new restroom at Fort Funston. A 540-square-foot building would be constructed to provide flush toilets at this popular park destination. Originally scoped in 2003, this project is being re-initiated with proposed construction in 2009. An environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared and the park is now conducting scoping on the project. Public comments on the scope of the EA will be accepted until December 31, 2008.

Station 6: Headlands Institute Campus Improvement and Expansion Plan EA

This is an opportunity to learn about the upcoming Environmental Assessment for the Headlands Institute Campus Planning project. The EA evaluates four alternatives, including a No Action Alternative, for the improvement and expansion of the Headlands Institute located in the Marin Headlands. The EA is expected to be released for public review and comment in winter 2008/2009. For more information about this project, please see

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/parkHome.cfm?parkId=303> .

Station 7: Snowy Plover Docent Program and New Regulation

Learn about the final rule recently published in the *Federal Register* to continue the current seasonal protections for the Western Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*), a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

Plovers winter in GGNRA on portions of both Crissy Field and Ocean Beach. The rule was published in the *Federal Register* on September 19, 2008 and went into effect on October 20, 2008.

The final rule requires that dogs must be on a leash not more than 6-feet in length in the Snowy Plover Protection Area on Ocean Beach and the Wildlife Protection Area on Crissy Field annually, starting July 1 and ending May 15. It will remain in effect until a Dog Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and special regulation for overall dog management at GGNRA are completed in 2010.

For further information, and to get a copy of the *Federal Register* notice, go to www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/pets.htm or call (415) 561-4728.

Station 8: Cultural Resources Stewardship Program

The Cultural Resource Stewardship program is a hands-on, volunteer-based work program for the maintenance and preservation of the park's cultural resources. In addition to accomplishing important work, the program offers educational and interpretive elements to each workday.

In its pilot years, the program is focusing on a nationally significant collection of seacoast fortifications and their surrounding landscapes. The work at these popular and beautiful coastal sites ranges from planting native grasses to graffiti removal and painting.

A display panel and Power Point presentation will explain the achievements and future goals of the Cultural Resource Stewardship Program. This will be an opportunity for potential recruiting.

Station 9: Join the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy!

This station will provide information about membership in the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. There will be information about what members' donations make possible in our National Parks as well as the benefits they receive for joining, in addition to knowing that they are stewards of our national treasures.

Pick up brochures about the Conservancy that can be used as applications to join. Sign up for a free Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy e-newsletter. Pick up copies of the most recent *Gateways* member newsletter. See a display of the different gifts that members can receive by joining the Parks Conservancy.