

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR)



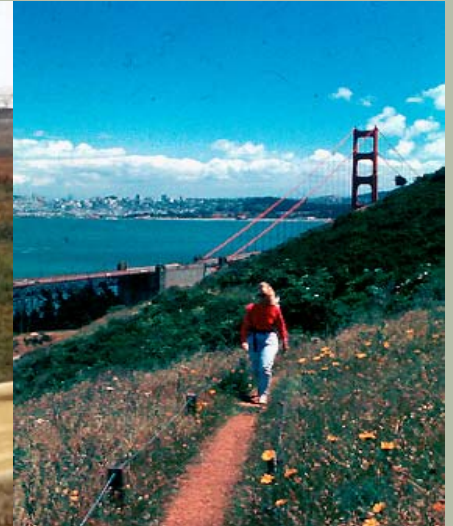
Golden Gate National Recreation Area Natural Features



- 75,500 acres
- 59 miles of coastline
- 7 distinct watersheds
- 19 separate ecosystems
- 1,273 plant and animal species
- 80 sensitive, rare, threatened or endangered species
- GGNRA has the 4th largest number of federally protected species in National Park System

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Recreational Opportunities



Current NPS regulation regarding dogs



Code of Federal Regulations
Title 36, Section 2.15

“requires that dogs be on leash in all areas of national parks, where they are allowed, including the GGNRA.”

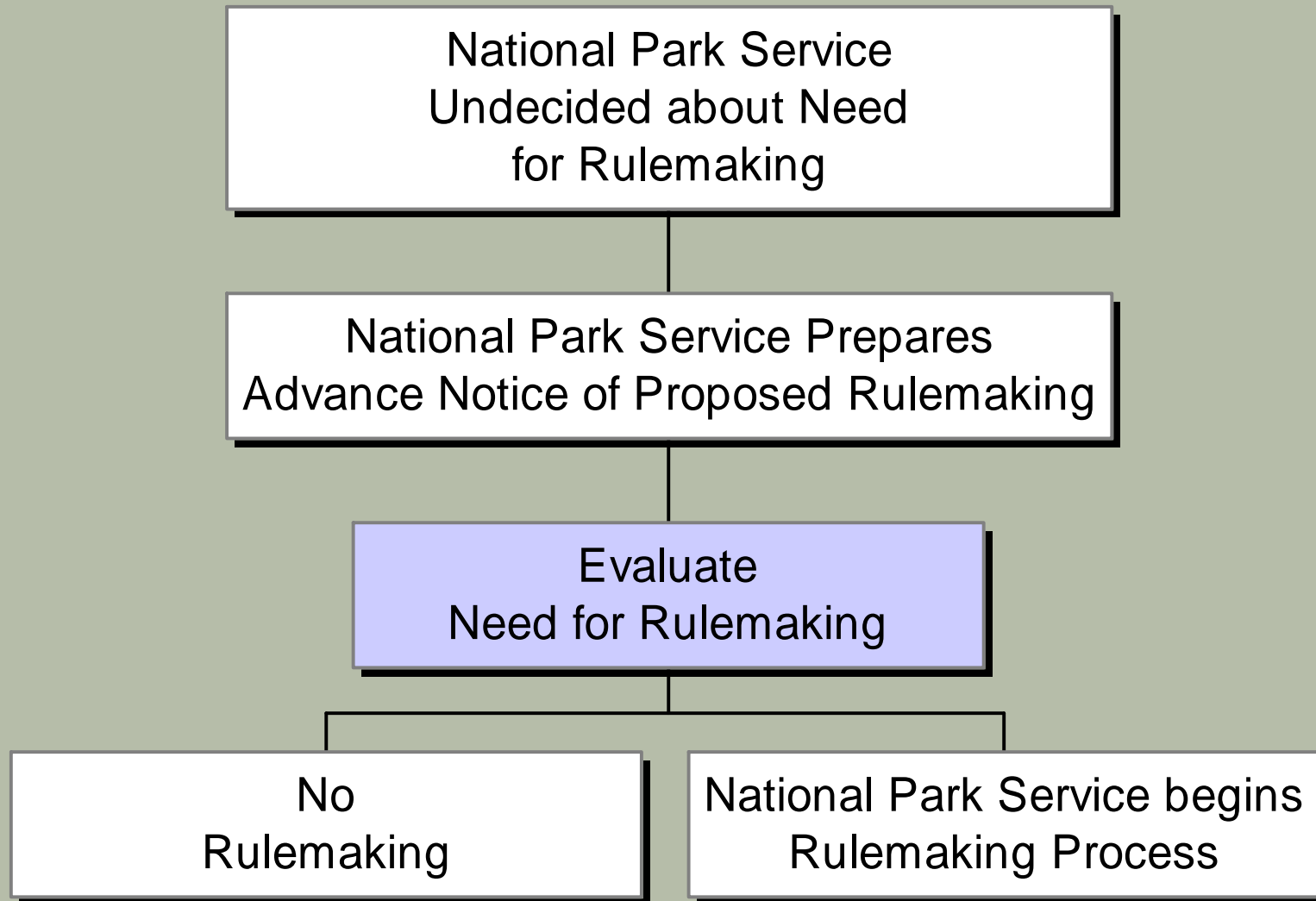
History of dog walking at GGNRA



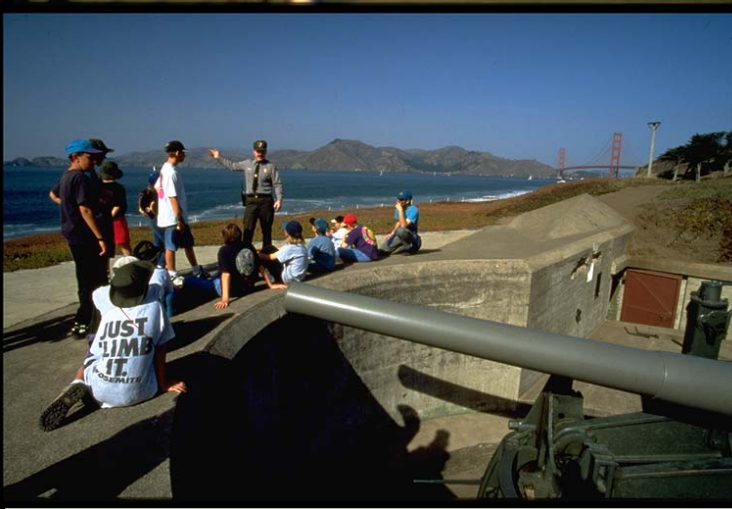
- 1972: GGNRA established
- 1972: Advisory Commission established
- 1979: Commission recommended off-leash dog walking areas
- 1979 to 2001: In error, GGNRA implemented voice-control policies



Recent events have underscored need for undertaking ANPR process



Increased visitation to GGNRA



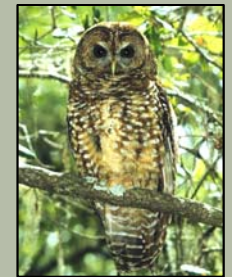
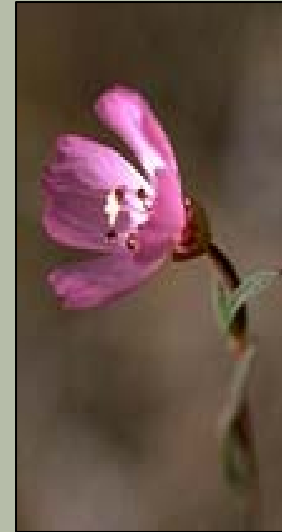
Litigation concerning Fort Funston



Visitor and pet safety



Increased knowledge of resources

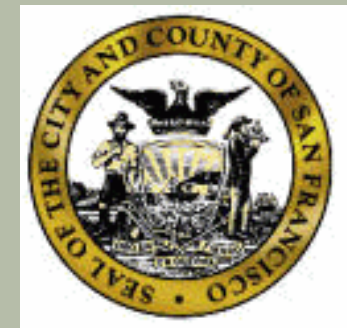


Review of dog walking issues by Advisory Commission in 2001



Commission reconsiders rescinding 1979 Pet Policy

Review of dog walking issues in GGNRA, Bay Area and nationwide



Federal Panel recommendations



Enforce existing regulation



Consider opening additional areas to dogs on leash?



Consider closing some areas to dogs on leash that are currently open?



Other advice concerning on-leash dog walking?

OR

Consider alternative regulation via rulemaking to permit off-leash dog walking



Negotiated rulemaking or agency rulemaking?



Other advice concerning on-leash dog walking?

National Park Service

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