



GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Open House

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

4 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

GGNRA Park Headquarters Bldg.
Bay and Franklin Streets Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123



*Join us for a public Open House to discuss plans and projects
in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).*

*This Open House is an opportunity to meet park staff, learn
about the ongoing projects, and provide your feedback and comments.*

Come any time during the Open House and stay as long as you like!

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PARK STAFF AND INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THESE STATIONS AT THE OPEN HOUSE

[More information on park projects is available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga>.]

Station 1: The San Francisco Bay Trail at Fort Mason

The San Francisco Bay Trail at Fort Mason; Laguna and Marina Intersection

The NPS plans to improve this important segment of the SF Bay Trail. Goals are to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, universal accessibility, and signage and to identify this regional multi-use trail. The project will look at improving narrow conditions, adding signage, and creating an accessible link between upper and lower Fort Mason.

Station 2: The Upper Fort Mason Entry at Bay & Franklin Streets

With the goal of pedestrian safety and universal accessibility, changes will be made to the north side of the intersection which is on GGNRA property. The curved in and out lanes on Franklin Street will be blocked with bollards. Signs, accessible ramps, curb cuts, and cross-walks will be added on the north side of the intersection.

Station 3: The EIS for the Extension of Muni's Historic Streetcar Service from Fisherman's Wharf to the National Park Service at Fort Mason Center

The National Park Service, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and the Federal Transit Administration have prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed extension of the Municipal Railway's (MUNI) Historic Streetcar Service. The exact route has yet to be determined but would utilize a combination of existing rail right-of-way routes and city streets and would pass through San Francisco Maritime NHP's Aquatic Park and the Fort Mason tunnel to arrive at a turnaround in or near the Fort Mason Center. At the Open House you can learn about the schedule and planning process and alternatives for the extension of MUNI's historic streetcar service from Fisherman's Wharf through the Fort Mason Tunnel to lower Fort Mason.

Station 4: Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit

Phase 3 of the multi-year project will occur at Fort Baker with the rebuild of the north Anchorage House of the Bridge starting later this year. Fort Baker trails in the vicinity will be kept open for pedestrians and cyclists, while being used as access by the Golden Gate Bridge District contractors for the construction. The seismic work in the Presidio is wrapping up this summer as the work is completed with the removal of the scaffolding. Fort Point National Historic Site will open for additional days each week.

Station 5: Trails Forever 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 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.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Station 6: General Management Plan Update

The General Management Plan (GMP) creates a vision for management of the park for the next 20 years. We encourage your participation in helping to shape the future of the park. The last GMP was completed more than 25 years ago. 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 hear a summary of what we learned during the scoping process and discuss with us your ideas for the years ahead. (May 2007).

Station 7: Headlands Institute Master Plan & Environmental Assessment

For 29 years the Headlands Institute (HI) and the GGNRA have worked together to provide over 200,000 students with a profound environmental learning experience in a national park setting. HI proposes to enhance the effectiveness of its educational programs by improving and expanding its Fort Cronkhite campus. Scoping for an Environmental Assessment is expected to begin in mid-May. Comments on the project may be submitted at this Open House.

Station 8: Dias Ridge Restoration and Trail Improvement Project

Dias Ridge is located above Muir Beach in Marin County. The Dias Ridge Restoration and Trail Improvement Project is a partnership project between the National Park Service and California State Parks to improve trail alignments and restore damaged landscapes in the Redwood Creek and Green Gulch watersheds in GGNRA and Mount Tamalpais State Park (MTSP). An Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) is expected to be released to the public in mid-May for review and comment. The public is invited to provide written comments at this Open House.

Station 9: Marin Headlands / Fort Baker Transportation Infrastructure and Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS)

The Draft EIS presents and analyzes three alternatives to provide improved access to and within the Marin Headlands and Fort Baker national park sites in Marin County. The Draft EIS is expected to be released to the public in May 2007 for a 60-day review and comment period. If the Draft EIS is released before May 22, the public will be allowed to provide written comments at the Open House. A public meeting devoted entirely to this project will be held approximately 30-days after the release of the Draft EIS.

Other Projects

Update information will also be available at this Open House on the *Lower Redwood Creek Floodplain and Salmonid Habitat Restoration at the Banducci Site* (see <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga>) and an opportunity for public input on guidelines on *Activities and Uses at Crissy Field*.

Public involvement in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is a cornerstone for a well managed, protected, preserved, balanced, safe and user-friendly national park. The National Park Service recognizes the public's interest and the opportunity for park users to make their opinions known. Public involvement is sought so that concerns that may affect park users can be resolved in a timely and practical manner in order for the park to make sound and balanced decisions.

Note: Pets are prohibited in public buildings, with the exception of service animals. Please leave pets at home.

Sign language interpreters are available at this Open House by request but must be requested at least ONE WEEK prior to the meeting. The GGNRA TDD phone number is (415) 556-2766.

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BLDG. 201 Bay and Franklin Street Entrance**

