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**GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

# Open House

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

**4 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

**GGNRA Park Headquarters  
Building 201 Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA  
[corner of Bay and Franklin Streets]**



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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

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

*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!*

### **Station 1: Trails Forever Update**

**Trails Forever** is a partnership initiative with the National Park Service (NPS), the Presidio Trust, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. It 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 Trailkeeper volunteer program. Completed projects include Mori Point Ponds and Coastal Trail Phase 1, Batteries-to-Bluffs Coastal Hiking Trail, Lands End Coastal Trail Phase 1 and Pirate's Cove Coastal Hiking Trail. Forthcoming projects will include the Bay Area Ridge Trail at Dias Ridge in Marin County.

### **Station 2: General Management Plan – November 2007 Update**

The General Management Plan (GMP) creates a vision to guide management of the park for the next 20 years. We encourage your participation in helping shape this plan - and the future of the park. The GMP was completed more than 25 years ago when the park was first created. 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 to discuss the 4 preliminary management concept alternatives, and let us know how these concepts fit with your own ideas for the years ahead:

- **CONNECTING PARKS WITH PEOPLE**
- **PRESERVING & ENJOYING COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS**
- **FOCUSING ON NATIONAL TREASURES**, and
- **COLLABORATING REGIONALLY**

These concepts are explained in the most recent newsletter which was mailed in late October. You can sign up for the next E-Newsletter at [www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga). And you can find out more about the GMP on the website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. You can also leave us a message at (415) 561-4965.

### **Station 3: GGNRA Long Range Transportation Plan**

GGNRA has initiated work on a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the park that is consistent with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) practices for states and metropolitan planning organizations. The process developed at GGNRA will be a model for future transportation planning efforts at park units throughout the National Park System. GGNRA is developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan concurrently with an update to the 1980 GGNRA General Management Plan to better understand baseline transportation conditions and to inform the new General Management Plan's vision for transportation. Come and meet project team members from the park, the NPS Denver Service Center and Washington transportation program offices, as well as team members from the Federal Highway Administration. See how the process is evolving and share your thoughts with the team.

#### **Station 4: Wetland and Creek Restoration Project at Big Lagoon, Muir Beach**

The Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (Final EIS/EIR) is scheduled to be released to the public in December, 2007. Ahead of this release, GGNRA staff will be available to discuss the project. Upon the public release of the Final EIS/EIR, a separate public meeting will be scheduled (time and date to be determined). This project is about a half mile upstream of Muir Beach in Marin County. More information is available at the web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga> (click on this project).

#### **Station 5: Accessibility**

The NPS has a long-term commitment towards transforming the GGNRA into an accessible national park. We plan to aggressively pursue the elimination of access barriers that will be identified in our park to assure that the disability community and employees are afforded equal access to our programs, services and facilities. NPS is also developing an "Accessibility Guide for Golden Gate" patterned after our sister park's "Yosemite National Park Accessibility Guide". The Guide will identify accessible park services, facilities, and activities to facilitate better access for all park visitors. The final "Accessibility Guide for Golden Gate," will be published and available throughout the park in hard copy and also globally through the NPS GGNRA website.

#### **Station 6: Fort Baker Retreat and Conference Center: Cavallo Point, The Lodge at the Golden Gate**

Fort Baker is a 335-acre site within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The Lodge will open with 142 guest lodging rooms in rehabilitated historic buildings and new construction, as approved by the Fort Baker Plan and Final EIS. Developed and financed by a private-sector partner, the project at launch will be approximately 200,000 square feet of built space on 35-landscaped acres. It will feature lodging rooms, dedicated meeting and conference spaces, restaurant and dining facilities, and a new spa and wellness center.

The project is now under construction and expected to open in early summer 2008. The GGNRA and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy are working on plans for the Institute at the Golden Gate, a new program partner at the retreat and conference center. The Institute will help ensure that 10 percent of the room nights are in support of environmental, preservation, and related program activities.

#### **Station 7: Cultural Resources Park Data Collection in San Mateo County**

NPS has contracted with San Francisco State University to complete an Historic Resources Study of San Mateo County which is more than 50 percent completed. Park Historian Steve Haller will display historic photos of cultural resources in San Mateo County, including resources with historic themes (logging, agriculture, transportation, military, environmental, and Native American) and historic properties (Rancho Corral de Tierra, Portola's Trail, Ocean Shore Railroad, Pruristac Village, shipwrecks, and Sweeney Ridge Nike missile site).

## IMPORTANT NOTICE - - "GREENING THE PARK"

Golden Gate National Recreation Area is moving toward a sustainable mailing list. In order to cut back on mailing, printing costs, and to save paper, we ask that you provide us with your email address, so that in the future we can email these notices to you. If you have a computer, please go online to [www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planninglanding.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planninglanding.htm) and enter your name and email address so that we can send you these notices for free by email on your computer. You will be helping the National Park Service "Greening the Park".

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. We recognize your interest in your local national park and we want to hear from you. 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. We ask that you please leave your 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.