



**SPECIAL
EVENTS:
FLEET
WEEKEND AT
CRISSY FIELD**

**WEST BEACH WPA
DURING FLEET
WEEKEND**





CRISSY FIELD WPA: FACING THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. A REMINDER THAT CRISSY FIELD IS PART OF A MAJOR URBAN AREA

Crissy Field Beach_Birds_by_Month_2

All Combined		Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
# of species														
Short-Legged Waders - all			1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1
Short Legged - WPA only			1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1
Short Legged - non WPA Beach			1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Long-Legged Waders			2	2	2	4	3	1	6	5	3	2	3	4
Long Legged - WPA Only			2	2	2	4	3	1	4	3	3	2	2	4
Long Legged - non WPA Beach			1	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	2
# of individuals														
Total #Short-Legged Waders -ALL			13	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	51	77
Total #Short-Legged Waders -WPA Only			9	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	30	55
Total #Short-Legged Waders -Non WPA Beach			4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	22
% of Total SL Found in WPA			69%	67%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	60%	59%	71%
Mean# SL/Survey			0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	2.7	4.5
Stddev			2.9	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.2	15.1	7.5
Std Error			0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	3.5	1.8
Max# SL Detected in Single Survey			7.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	39.0	50.0
Total #Long-Legged Waders - ALL			15	20	17	47	21	7	31	57	14	22	21	26
Total #Long-Legged Waders - WPA Only			10	7	12	39	17	6	29	51	12	21	20	20
Total #Long-Legged Waders - Non WPA Beach			5	13	5	8	4	1	2	6	2	1	1	6
% of Total LL Found in WPA			67%	35%	71%	83%	81%	86%	94%	89%	86%	95%	95%	77%
Mean #LL/Survey			0.9	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.5
StdDev			2.1	4.4	1.6	5.7	4.6	1.5	5.0	8.1	1.9	2.9	6.6	4.3
Std Error			0.5	1.0	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.0
Max# LL Detected in Single Survey			5.0	12.0	5.0	16.0	10.0	3.0	13.0	25.0	5.0	9.0	16.0	11.0
Snowy Plovers														
Total # of Surveys			17	20	20	36	26	41	44	41	18	21	19	17
Short Legged Waders (Total Detected):														
Ruddy Turnstone												1		
Sanderling			13	9							1		51	77
Black Turnstone												1		
Black-bellied plover										1		3		
Sandpiper sp.														
Short Legged Waders (Mean Detected per Survey):														
Ruddy Turnstone														
Sanderling				0.45							0.06		2.68	4.53
Black Turnstone			0.76								0.06	0.05		
Black-bellied plover										0.02		0.05		
Sandpiper sp.												0.14		

Crissy Field

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Crissy Field Beach_Birds_by_Month_2

Long-legged Waders (Total Detected)

Whimbrel	13	18	16	2	7	1	2	10	5	4	12
Willet			1	30	8	8	8	2	17	16	10
Killdeer	2			14	6	7	41				2
Long-billed Curlew							2				
Long-billed Dowitcher							1	1			
Short-Billed Dowitcher							1				
Marbled Godwit				1			4			1	2
Dowitcher sp.		2					1	1			

Long-legged Waders (Mean # Detected per Survey)

Whimbrel	0.76	0.90	0.80	0.06	0.27	0.02	0.05	0.56	0.24	0.21	0.71
Willet			0.05	0.83	0.31	0.18	0.20	0.11	0.81	0.84	0.59
Killdeer	0.12			0.39	0.23	0.39	1.00				0.12
Long-billed Curlew	0.00						0.05				
Long-billed Dowitcher						0.02		0.06			
Short-Billed Dowitcher						0.02					
Marbled Godwit				0.03		0.05	0.10			0.05	0.12
Dowitcher sp.		0.10				0.02		0.06			

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of Surveys per Month

2000	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	5	4	4	5
2001	6	3	9	11	6	10	11	2	4	4	4
2002	2	4	2	7	8	9	10	5	4	4	4
2003	2	5	2	8	3	8	8	2	2	2	2
2004	4	4	3	4	2	6	4	0	2	3	0
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2006	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0

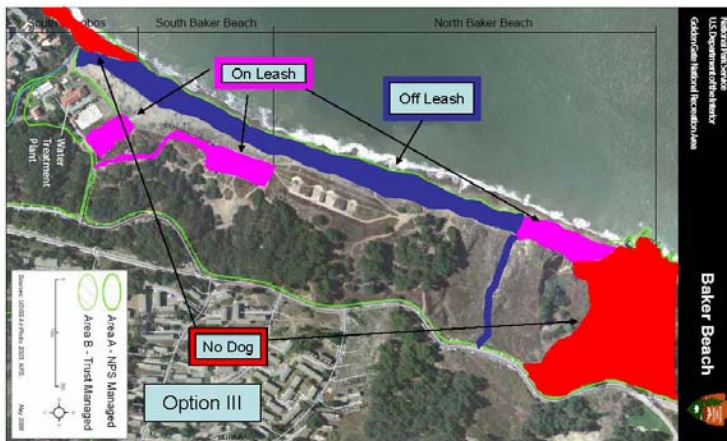
Baker Beach

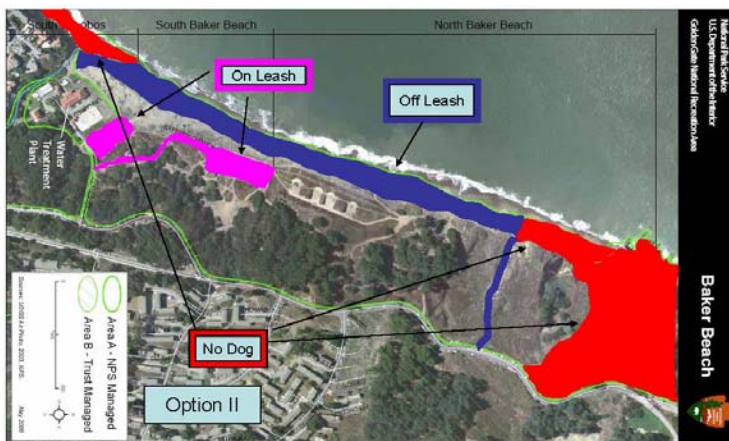
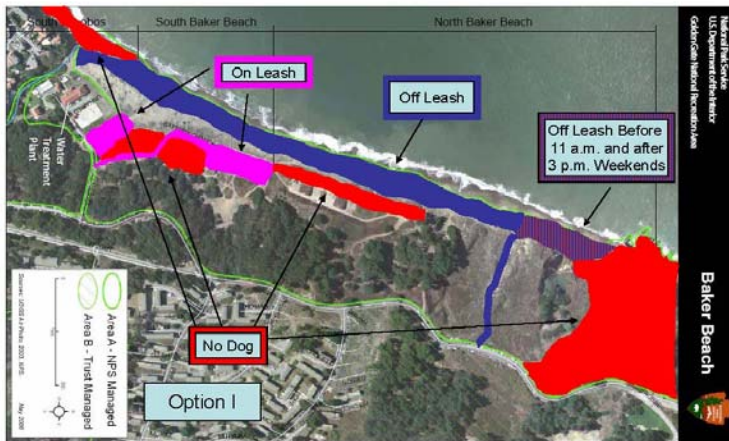
Overview

Baker Beach is primarily used by fishermen, local residents and other park visitors for off leash recreation. The proposed three options attempt to provide a diversity of uses for each park visitor. The preferred option proposes off leash for most of the beach and timed use at the eastern end. The other two options propose no dog at the eastern end of the beach. Local residents, who use this beach daily, proposed the timed use at the eastern end because this is when it is most heavily trafficked with other park visitors.

Summary

Baker Beach is comprised of man made fill sand over chert /shale. There are active dune restoration projects underway which are separately signed and fenced. There are low to moderate visitor conflicts reported on this beach. There have been some reported problems with vandalism and/or drinking/drug activities. There are some shorebirds during the winter but the numbers are small compared to the northern portion of Ocean Beach. Baker Beach is almost exclusively used by park visitors with dogs and fisherman on foggy, windy days or on early mornings and late afternoons. On warm sunny days (about 14 days a year) during the summer or holidays, the beach is a popular destination for all types of park visitors. Park visitors with dogs are generally local residents. There is a popular nude beach at the northern end of the beach. The beach is particularly wide and offers separation between park visitors.





Management Measures

The following are options for Baker Beach to allow local residents and park visitors, and their dogs, continued access to Baker Beach. These options have been shared with and are supported by most of the local residents and park visitors. The following points are in support in particular of Option 1, the recommended and preferred option. Given the fenced sand dunes and substantial trails up to Lincoln Boulevard, Baker Beach has already achieved significant and positive balance between wildlife habitat and the needs and wishes of the local residents and park visitors – to provide an area for dogs to be taken off- leash.

The description of the Baker Beach Option 1 and its supporting rationale follows:

1. No Dogs at China Beach. While China Beach is not part of this process, it should be considered when determining where to allow dogs off-leash at Baker Beach. China Beach, which is a short walk or drive from Baker Beach, does not allow dogs. China Beach already provides a ‘no dog experience’, and provides significant habitat for shorebirds away from dogs.
2. No Dogs to the Left of Lobos Creek and in all the trails in the eastern hills (i.e., nearest the Golden Gate Bridge) above the beach. In addition to China Beach, the proposal includes that the area to the left (west) of Lobos Creek also be off-limits for dogs. This area is easily accessed from both the 25th Avenue North steps and the western most (i.e. closest to 25th Avenue North) end of the parking lots. Residents and park visitors wanting a ‘no dog’ experience any time of day could easily access this area, or go to China Beach. They also have access to all the trails above the beach for trail walking.
3. Off-leash from Lobos Creek eastward to the Social Path. Most residents and park visitors access the beach from the 25th Avenue North steps or the parking areas directly across Lincoln Boulevard from the Baker Beach Apartments in the Presidio. These boundaries would allow for the most directly accessible route to off-leash dog use, an area that is sizeable but not overwhelming.
4. Timed use from Social Path to Eastern end of Beach. This area is most heavily trafficked year-round as it is the area where nude sunbathing is allowed. Because it is most heavily trafficked during the day, we recommend this area be a ‘timed use’ area. During the early mornings (up to 11 am) and late afternoons (after 4 pm), when few people are there, individuals would be allowed to take their dogs off-leash. During the peak hours, dogs would have to be on-leash. Please note that making this area the ‘off-leash’ area would be completely unacceptable to the local residents. Not only is it the farthest area from the 25th Avenue North steps where local residents access the beach, but most importantly, many of the local residents come to the beach with their dogs *and* children, and they do not want to expose their children to that end of the beach, not for prudish reasons, but because they have witnessed too many other activities not appropriate for children in this area. Other park visitors to Baker Beach who want a ‘no dog’ experience but do not want to be exposed to the nude sunbathers can go to the area to the left of Lobos Creek or China Beach. Both the area to the left of Lobos Creek and this timed-use area are easily accessible from the parking lots.
5. Parking lots. Park visitors with dogs must have their dogs on leash in the

parking lots.







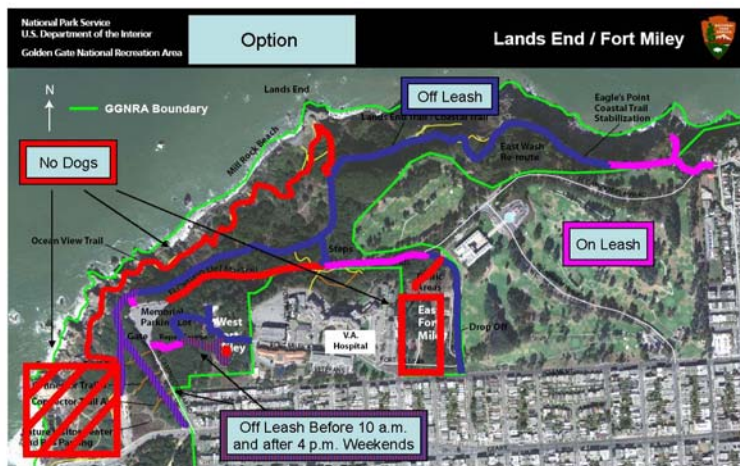
Lands End and Ft. Miley Summary

Lands End and Ft. Miley are included as one unit in these proposals. As a result of the small group discussion, a proposed compromise is included in addition to the proposed options. Each option provides a variety of visitor experiences including accommodating the needs of the elderly, the disabled and other park visitors with dogs who need a flat stable trail to walk upon while using the park with their dogs. These proposals do not include timed use in habitat areas.

Small Group Discussion (Other Than West Ft. Miley)



The Small Group Discussion provides for a no dog experience on the Ocean View Trail, on leash for the Coast Trail and off leash in a combination of East Ft. Miley and the El Camino Del Mar trail. An additional option is to provide a no dog experience on El Camino Del Mar and provide for timed use and off leash on the Coast trail to the Eagle Point overlook.

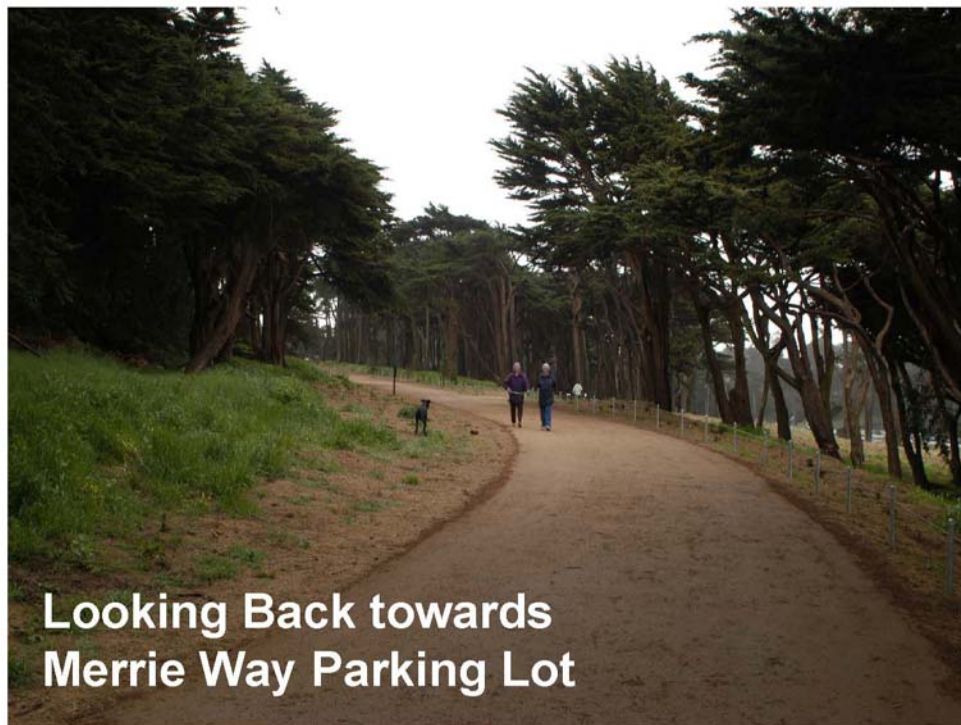


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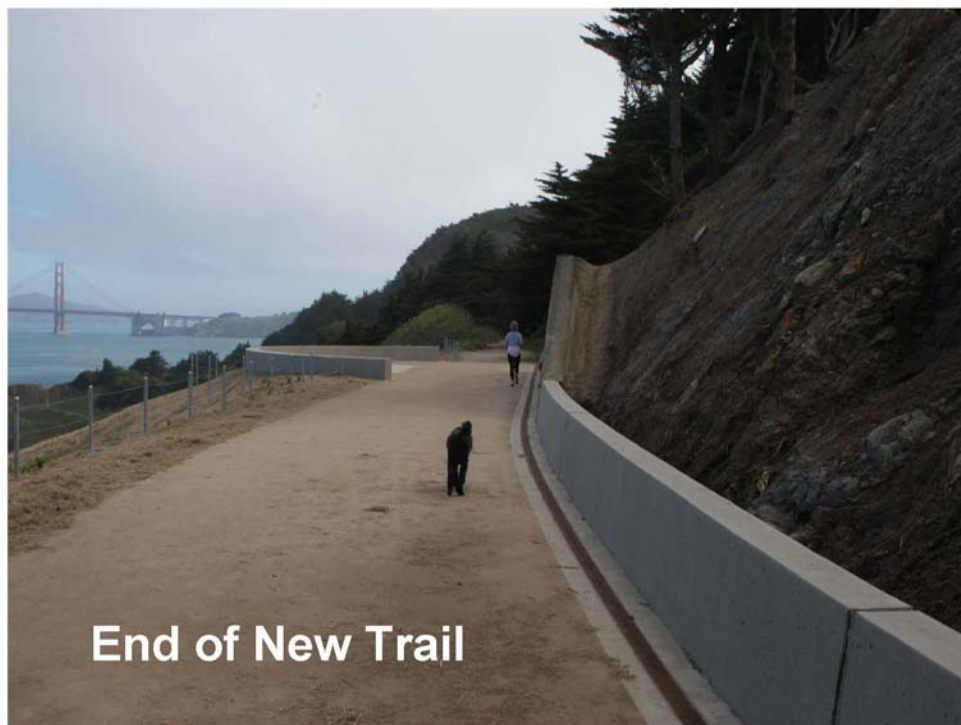
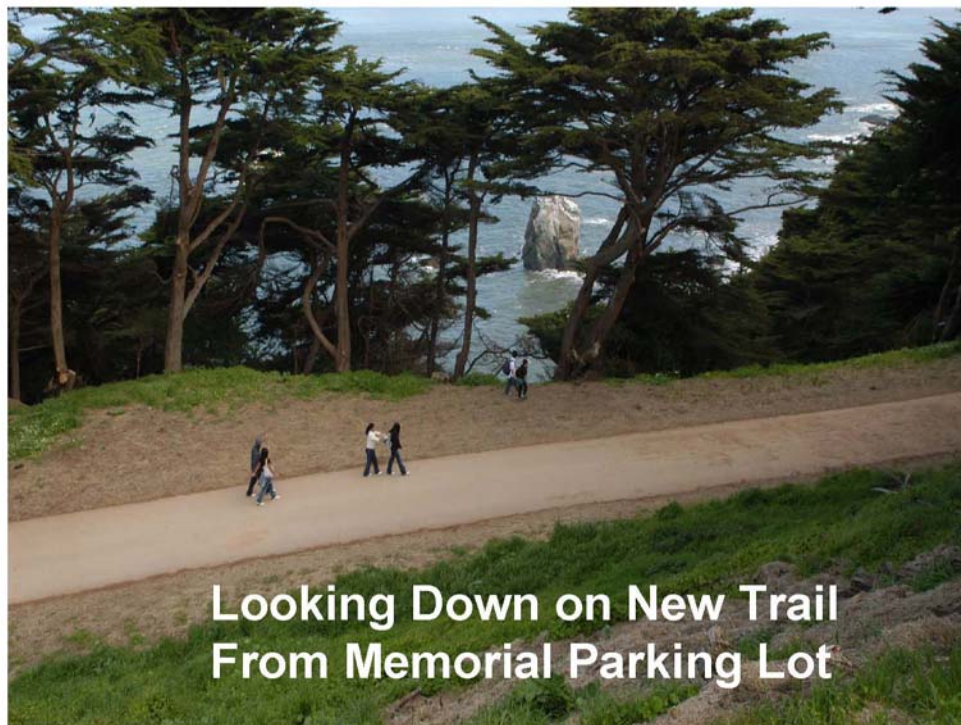




**Looking Back towards
Merrie Way Parking Lot**



**Approaching Lookout Below
Memorial Parking Lot**



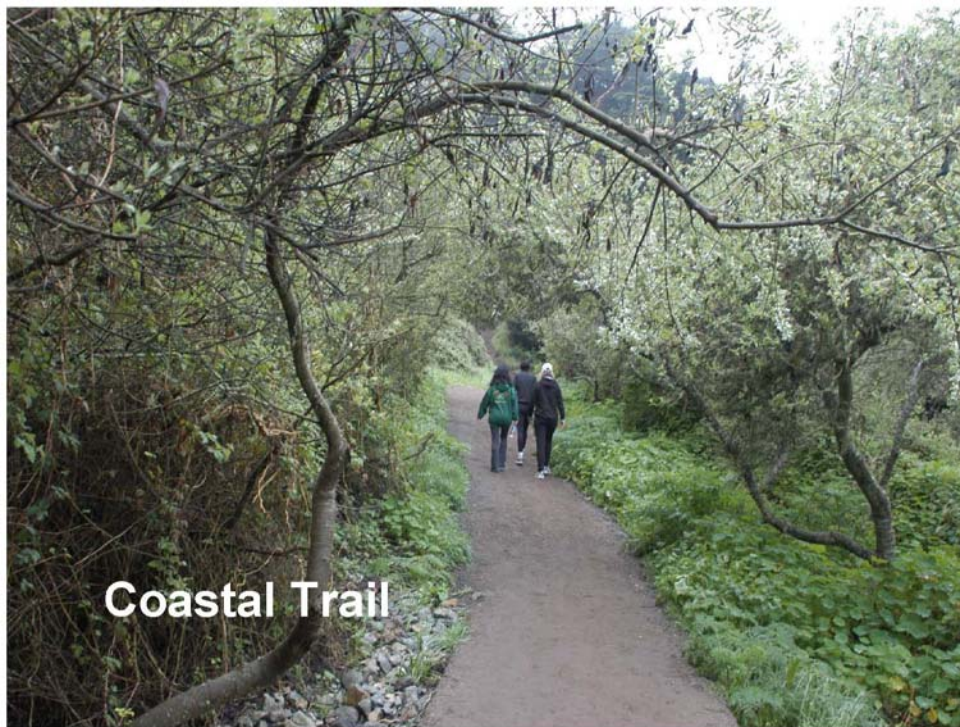


Unimproved Trail Beyond New Trail



**Coastal Trail Beyond
Museum Intersection**

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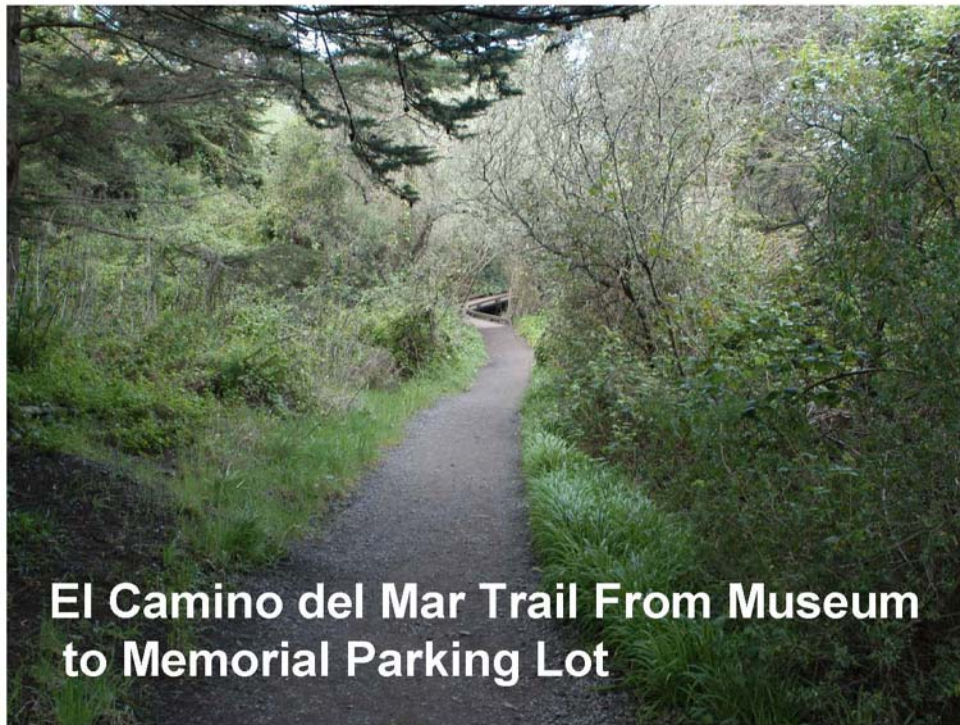


Coastal Trail



End of El Camino del Mar Trail from
Museum to Memorial Parking Lot

[Link](#)





Lands End Current Conditions

The newly restored Coastal Trail has high use on weekends and holidays during the summer when the weather is favorable. The restored portion of the Coastal trail is a wide flat path clearly marked that has concrete walls or very steep hillsides on one side and a sharp drop off on the other side that provides little opportunity to stray far from the path. Past the restored Coastal Trail the width of the trail varies from single file track to wide open areas similar to what you would expect for a railroad right of way. Again because of the topography, there are often sharply rising hillsides on one side and not very far away steep hillsides down to the rocky beaches that are not very conducive for dogs to roam from the trail. The Ocean View trail is at points rigorous and seemingly remote from the rest of Lands End. El Camino Del Mar is a very short walk from the Museum to the Memorial parking lot. On one side of El Camino Del Mar, there are sharply rising hillsides. On the down hill side of El Camino Del Mar, there is often not much of a drop off and it is possible for dogs to roam further from this trail.

East Ft. Miley

Summary

East Ft. Miley is characterized by very few park visitors and no known conflicts. There are two picnic areas, a number of buried concrete buildings, and one grassy area. There appears to be uncertainty, based upon other experiences in San Francisco with quail restoration, if this area has all of the ingredients necessary for a successful quail habitat.

Current Conditions

East Ft. Miley is very similar to west Ft. Miley with a history of few park visitors and few conflicts with other park visitors and staff. East Ft. Miley connects local access

from the Richmond neighborhood to Lands End and (through the Veteran's Hospital Parking lot) to West Ft. Miley. There are existing sunken concrete structures now used as part of the maintenance facilities. The San Francisco Quail Recovery Program does not cover this site (Lincoln Park is adjacent). Quail recovery efforts in San Francisco are not working and it is not clear why. East Ft. Miley does not have all the attributes for Quail Habitat which according to the Save the Quail Campaign, Presidio Trust is: "Ideal habitat is characterized by dense shrubs for daytime shelter, dense trees for nighttime roosting and open shrubby vegetation for nesting."

East Fort Miley





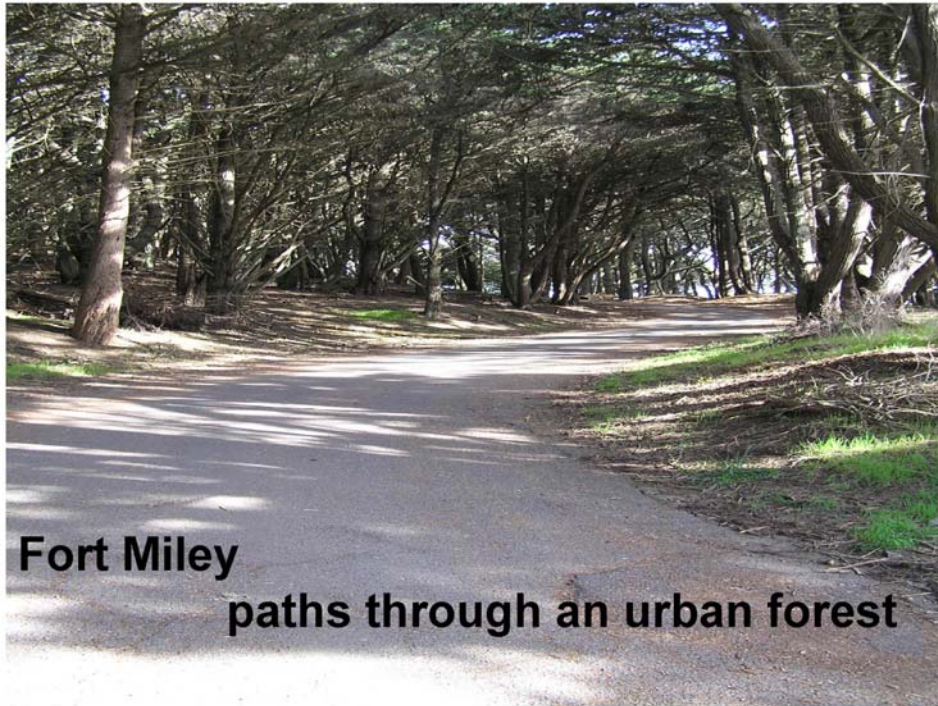




West Ft. Miley

Summary

West Ft. Miley is characterized as having few park visitors and very few conflicts. Located in West Ft. Miley, are historical concrete gun emplacements, the Octagonal House (a former costal signal station), the San Francisco State University Ropes Course as well as a sizable grassy area that overlooks Ocean Beach with an adjacent picnic area. No known threatened or endangered species have been identified in West Ft. Miley.



Fort Miley
paths through an urban forest



San Francisco State Ropes Course



Octagonal Signal Station



Trail to Overlook



Historical Army Battery



Ocean Beach





**View from South End of South Parking lot
at Sloat Looking south**



Ocean Beach North from the Cliff House





Ocean Beach/ Fort Funston

Overview

According to GGNRA records, Fort Funston receives over 700,000 visits per year. The vast majority (approx 85%) of these visits are by people who bring a dog – either on or off-leash. Given the high number of visitors, there are relatively few conflicts. Fort Funston also has an active user group which organizes cleanups, provides bags for cleanups, and educates new visitors in expected conduct for walking their dogs.

The Fort Funston proposals are combined with Ocean Beach proposals in order to present a unified beach proposal.

In order to gain a sense of how the public views Fort Funston, we suggest that interested parties establish a Google news alert for “Fort Funston”. Almost daily, tourists & residents post pictures and stories about what an incredible place it is. In the last 6 months, there has not been one negative story about dogs at Fort Funston.

An example of one day’s Google Blogs Alert for: "Fort Funston"

Salifornia!!!

By Steve and Lizzie(Steve and Lizzie)

One night with Cam... an early morning walk at **Fort Funston** with Cam and Karen and the dogs... ..then off to hook up the trailer and hit the road...the gorgeous California Coast through Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur. ...

Cubin Travellers - <http://cozycubin.blogspot.com/>

Dog Fun

By Baby Girl(Nunna Yurbewzax)

clipped from maps.google.com. Though this isn't **Fort Funston**, Glen Canyon is pretty great if you have a dog. ca-pub-9310370165676221.

FromSF - <http://fromsf.blogspot.com/>

Summary

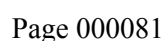
Most of the acreage along the bluffs have been removed from active recreation and is either planned for dune restoration or has undergone a recent restoration. These areas are separately signed and fenced. There are low to moderate visitor conflicts reported on the beach. The shorebirds are found primarily along the northern portion of the beach area (toward Sloat). Due to the closure of most of Ocean Beach to off-leash dogs, and to media focus on Fort Funston as an off-leash destination, the visitor count has increased dramatically in recent years.

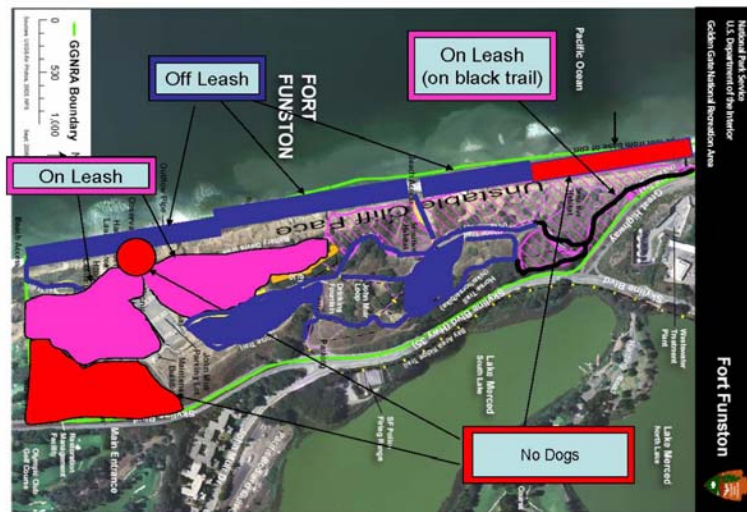
During the week, on foggy & windy days, Fort Funston is used almost exclusively by park visitors with dogs. On weekends or sunny days, Fort Funston is a popular destination for park visitors who want to take a short walk along the Sunset trail or watch

South of Panama Point, beach access is only available by hiking quite a distance from the parking areas, then climbing down the dunes. This means that beach users on this portion of the beach tend not to be families with lots of kids and coolers.

Options for Fort Funston

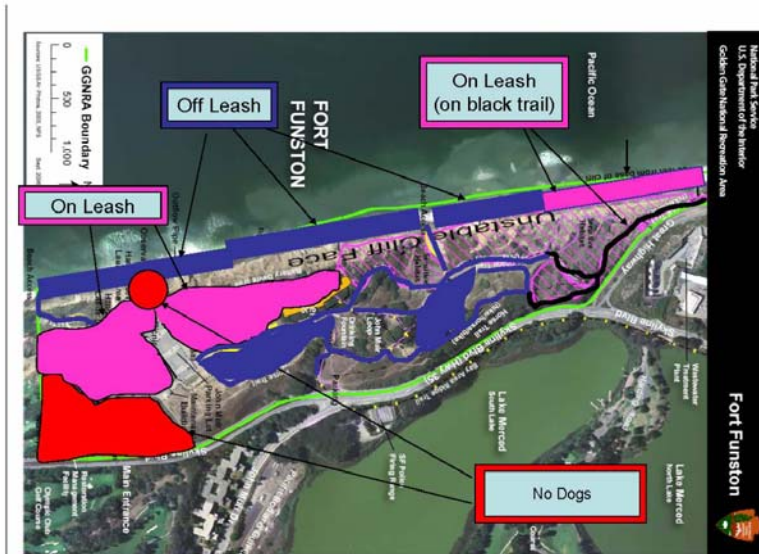
Option1: The description of the Fort Funston Option 1 (along with Ocean Beach Option 1) and its supporting rationale follows (this option assumes that the chipped trail can be modified to support handicapped access – the Sunset Trail is used extensively now by handicapped people who walk their off-leash dogs):





1. Ocean Beach: Off leash from the Cliff House to stairwell 24.- This extends the off-leash area on the northern beach to accommodate the large number of park visitors expected in this area.
2. Ocean Beach: On leash from stairwell 24 to Sloat.- This provides the protection requested by the Park Service for Snowy Plovers and shorebirds. It also gives park visitors several miles of beach where they can recreate without the presence of off leash dogs. This split is easy to explain and easy to mark (go one direction from the parking lot for off-leash; go the other direction for on-leash).
3. Fort Funston: No dogs around ranger station, hang glider platform, Ocean Beach from Sloat to Panama Point – This provides park visitors with a no dog experience at a beach adjacent to easy parking. This no-dog beach is buffered on the north side by a leash only beach and on the southern side by Panama Point – an obvious rocky point that will be easy to sign.
4. Fort Funston: On leash: Hang glider landing area, Sunset trail, most of central grassy area, on trails around northern-most closed areas – This reduces the risk of dogs going over the dangerous cliffs and also provides casual park visitors the ability to walk along the Sunset Trail without encountering off leash dogs.
5. Fort Funston: Off leash: Inclusive, between “chipped” trail and horse trail, on beach from Panama Point south, on central & sand-ladder trails to beach – This provides the hiking experience sought by off leash walkers, as well as the ability to take a loop hike from the chipped trail, down to the beach, and back up the sand ladder.
6. Parking lots. Park visitors with dogs must have their dogs on leash in the parking lots.

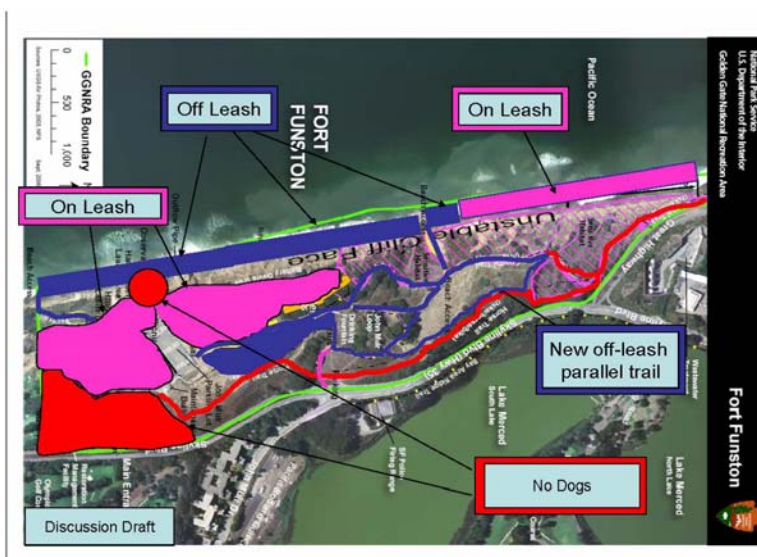
Option 2: The description of the Fort Funston Option 2 (along with Ocean Beach Option 2) and its supporting rationale follows (This option is identical to option 1 with exceptions as noted):



1. Ocean Beach: No dogs from Quintara to Sloat – This provides park visitors with a no dog experience at a beach adjacent to easy parking (go right at the Sloat parking lot for no-dogs, left for on leash dogs).
2. Ocean Beach/Fort Funston: On leash from Sloat to Panama Point – provides a buffer between the no dog & off leash beaches.
3. Fort Funston: On leash on horse trails - This provides a north-south trail for

equestrians & other park visitors who don't want to encounter off leash dogs; and reduces active recreation in an area recently identified by the Park Service as having sensitive species. Where the horse trail is the only eastern-side trail (primarily true on the northern portion), build an adjacent trail in the off-leash area.

Option 3: Option 3 is the Discussion Draft for Ocean Beach and Fort Funston. The description (as provided by the Park Service) follows, along with comments from the dog caucus. (This option is identical to option 2 with exceptions as noted):



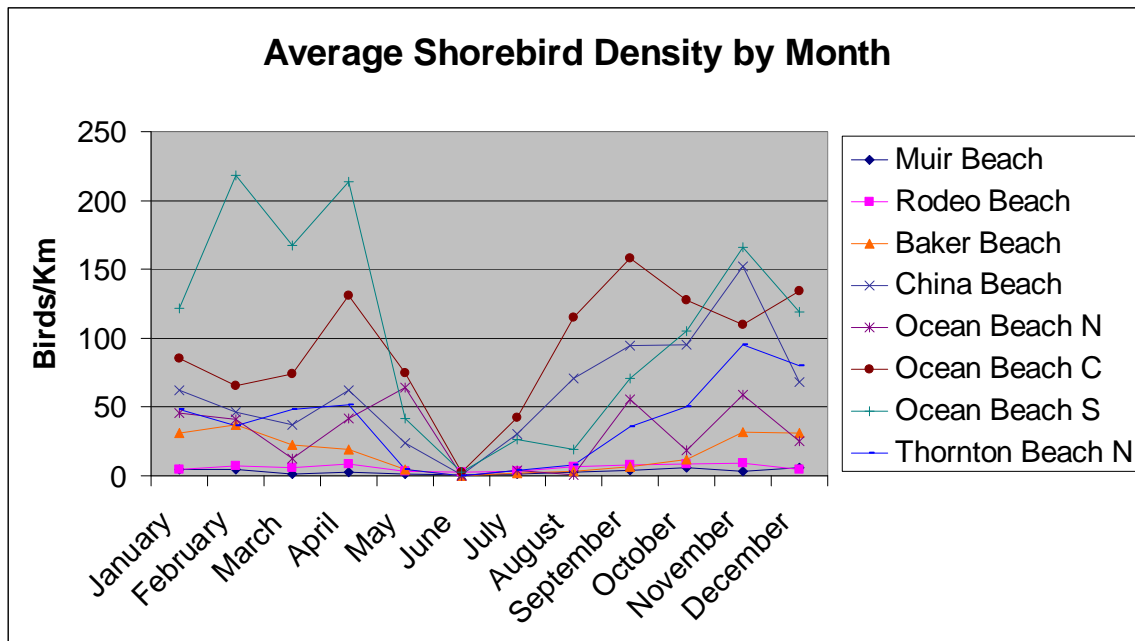
1. Ocean Beach: No dogs from Quintara to Sloat –

- ❑ The Park Service has expressed concern about enforcing the leash law on Ocean Beach because the beach is so wide. By the time a ranger is able to get to the dog owner, the dog is leashed up.
- ❑ Given the low number of off leash violations that have been issued in this since it was closed to off leash dogs, it is inaccurate to state that the regulation can't be enforced.
- ❑ Consider using cameras to record the violation, and then issue the ticket regardless of whether the dog(s) has been subsequently leashed.
- ❑ *We see it as a failure of imagination to create no dog areas simply because the Park Service perceives enforcement to be too difficult; other measures should be considered first, and closure of the area to on leash dogs should be part of the adaptive management measures if there is low compliance in the on leash areas.*

2. Fort Funston: No dogs on horse trails –

- ❑ Equestrians with dogs would not be able to use these trails
- ❑ If enforcement is the issue, we recommend using the TAG program for the educational and enforcement solution here. (Use the TAG video to educate people about native species near the trails; use the tag enforcement – and threat of losing off leash privileges – to gain leash law compliance)
- ❑ *Again – no dogs on the horse trails should be part of the adaptive management measures if there is low On leash compliance on these trails.*
- ❑

These proposals are consistent with the shorebird data that has been provided:



Management Measures for Fort Funston/Ocean Beach

Commercial Dog Walkers: CDWs must apply and receive a commercial permit to walk dogs from the GGNRA. Limit number of dogs walked at one time.

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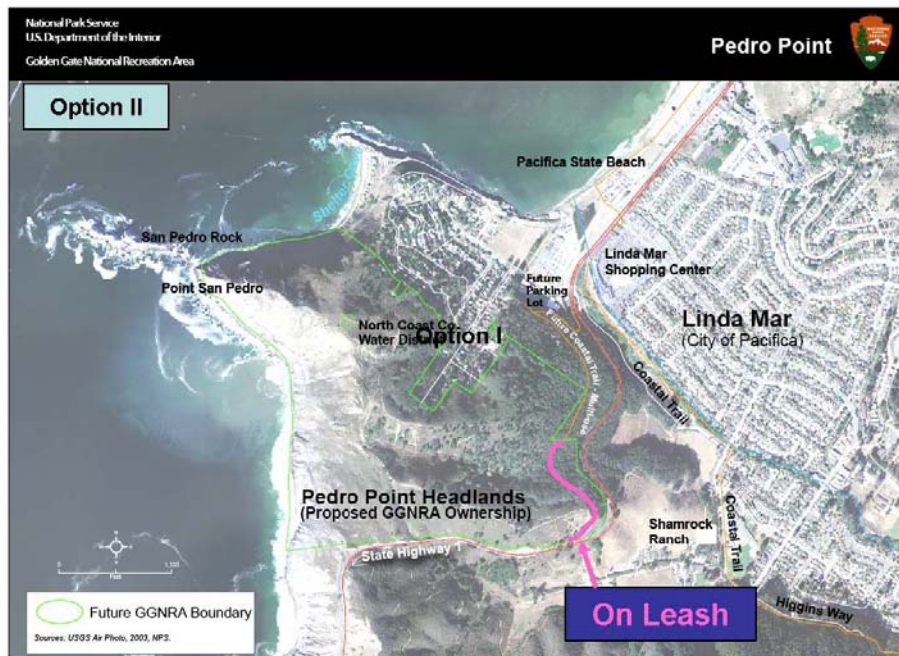
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Pedro Point

Option 1



Option II



Management Measures for Pedro Point

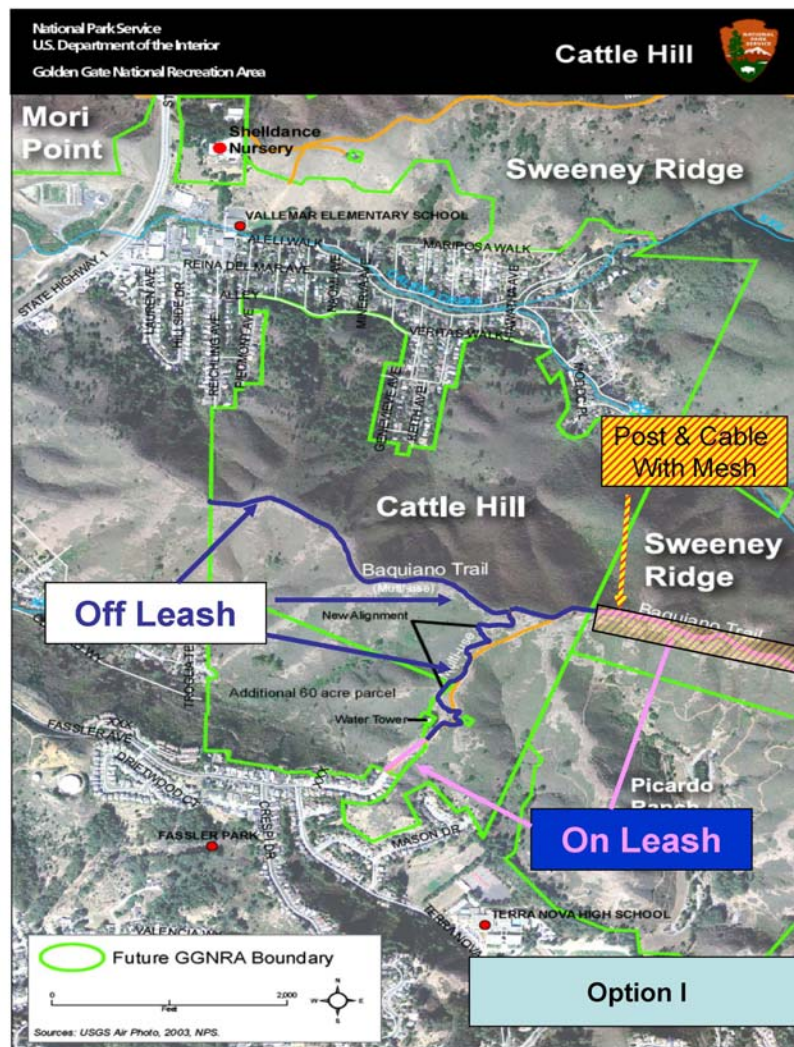
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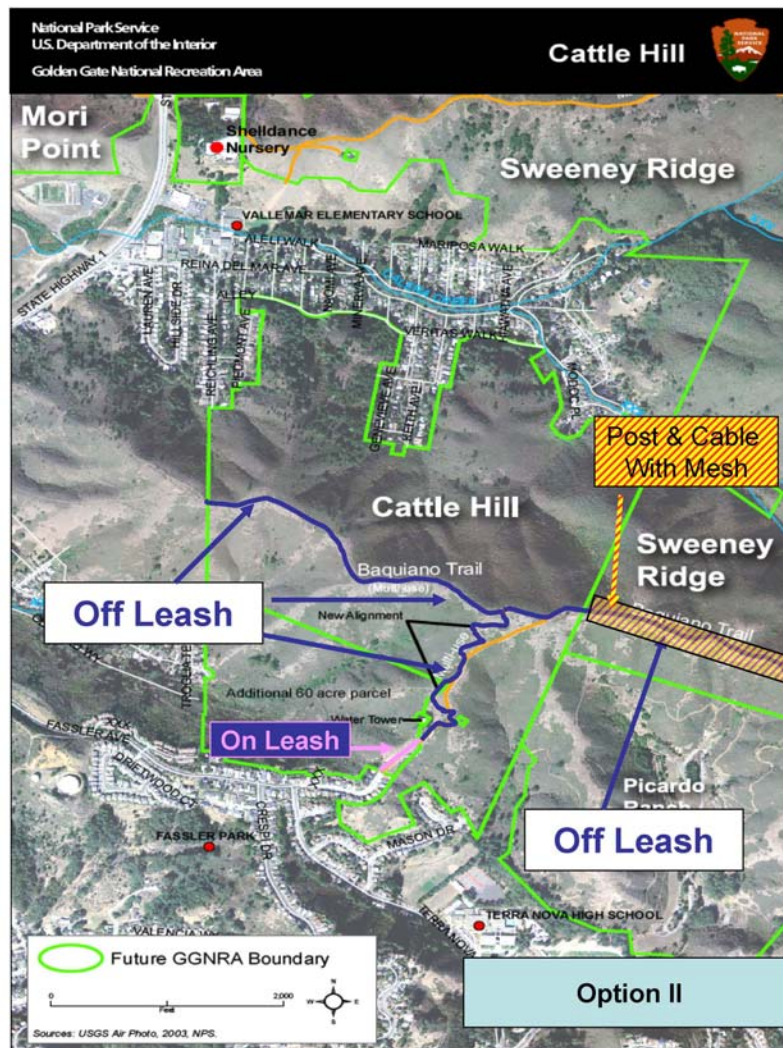
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Cattle Hill

Overview

Cattle Hill is lightly used by joggers, hikers, and dog walkers. The two proposed options include on leash from Fassler Ave. parking area to the gate and off leash up the steep hill and for about a mile on Baquiano Trail (to the left). Option One proposes a post and cable fence with mesh as you enter the Sweeny Ridge portion (to the right) of the Baquiano trail, with dogs on leash. Option Two proposes the post and cable fence with mesh will protect people and dogs from trampling on the lupine (to protect the Mission Blue Butterfly).





Summary

Cattle Hill was transferred to the GGNRA in mid 2007. The size of this newly acquired property is approximately 326 acres. It is comprised of coastal scrub and is fairly inaccessible for park visitors due to its steep grade. Street parking is available (off of Fassler Ave.) but there is not a parking lot area for the public. Because of these physical constraints, there is very low park visitor usage and no known conflicts. These physical constraints also limit access for families, seniors and disabled visitors. Park visitors include hikers, joggers and dog walkers.

Park visitors have to walk up a steep trail (0.5 mile) in order to reach the only trail, Baquiano Trail. The Baquiano Trail is approximately one mile long and is not a loop trail. This trail connects to the Sweeney Ridge area (to the east) that is directly adjacent to Cattle Hill. At this time, there are no other developed trails in Cattle Hill for park visitors.

Management Measures for Cattle Hill

Develop a Management Plan for Cattle Hill that would address:

- Better public access, including parking lot by moving the gate 50 feet back (from the Fassler Ave. entrance) so it can accommodate at least ten cars;
- Identify how park visitors can use public transportation to get to Cattle Hill;
- Identify areas where seniors and the disabled can enjoy the park; and
- Develop a trail system within Cattle Hill that will connect with Sweeny Ridge; develop a loop trail for the interim.

OTS/TAG Program: Each dog owner must apply, review the video and receive a TAG to walk their dog in the GGNRA. This GGNRA sponsored program will allow the park the ability to educate and enforce dog etiquette and leash law requirements.

Public outreach: Create brochures, clear signage about off leash, on leash and no dog areas. Make sure that these areas are posted at trailheads (and fire roads), and on bulletin boards, and web site postings at the park. Designate a point person for the dog walking community to contact. Conduct waste clean up events. Make doggie bags and trash cans available.

Other Sites for Consideration for On leash and No Dogs As Required by the National Park Service

Below are the sites the National Park Service identified for on-leash or no-dog consideration only:¹

1. Alta Road
2. Fort Baker
3. Homestead Valley
4. Milagra Ridge
5. Mori Point
6. Stinson Beach
7. Sutro Heights
8. Sweeny Ridge
9. Marin Trails
10. Coastal Trail from McCullough to Muir Beach
11. Miwok Trail from Tennessee Valley to Highway One
12. County View Road off of the Miwok Trail
13. Orchard and Pacheco Fire Roads
14. Miwok Trail to Wolf Ridge to Hill 88
15. Lagoon Trail
16. South Rodeo Beach Trail
17. Drown Fire Road, Ft. Baker

It is important to remember that many of the dog walkers using these sites are local residents who are accustomed to taking daily walks with their dogs and are unaware of this reg-neg process. Losing these traditional off leash areas is going to be a huge change for these people; if they can't even use the areas with their dogs on leash, their lives will be profoundly affected. The impact of this change will have to be carefully evaluated in the NEPA process as well as why mitigation measures, such as post and cable fences with mesh, have not been considered to protect habitat and sensitive species while allowing continued historical off leash recreational activities.

If, as committee members, the only recommendation we can make for these sites is on leash recreation or no dogs, we select for on leash recreation at all of the sites except where sensitive species exist and adequate mitigation cannot be taken.

1. Alta Road
 - On-leash along Alta Trail

¹ The ANPR and Notice of Intent to Establish Committee does not appear to require these limitations. At a number of these locations, Alta Road, Fort Baker, Homestead Valley and Mori Point, after careful consideration of habitat and sensitive species, there are still methods to mitigate the impact of any off leash recreational activity at these sites. We believe these sites should still be considered for off leash recreational activity because the impact on park users from closing these sites to historical recreational off leash activity will be significant. In summary, we strongly believe that some of these areas should have been considered for off leash recreation.

- ☐ Post and Cable or similar protections adjacent to Mission Blue Butterfly habitat (to minimize impact of all park visitors)
- 2. Fort Baker
 - ☐ No dogs on Chapel Trail
 - ☐ On leash on other trails
 - ☐
- 3. Homestead Valley
 - ☐ On leash on trails
- 4. Milagra Ridge
 - ☐ On leash on trails
- 5. Mori Point
 - ☐ No dogs (and people) around ponds
 - ☐ On leash on trails
- 6. Stinson Beach
 - On leash in parking lot and picnic area
- 7. Sutro Heights
 - ☐ On-leash on trails
- 8. Sweeny Ridge
 - ☐ No dogs on Notched Trail
 - ☐ On leash in other trails
- 9. Marin Trails-all of these trails are on leash

LOOP TRAIL

COASTAL TRAIL FROM RODEO BEACH TO HILL 88,
WOLF RIDGE TRAIL FROM HILL 88 TO MIWOK TRAIL,
MIWOK TRAIL TO LAGOON TRAIL TO RODEO BEACH



Pink = on-leash

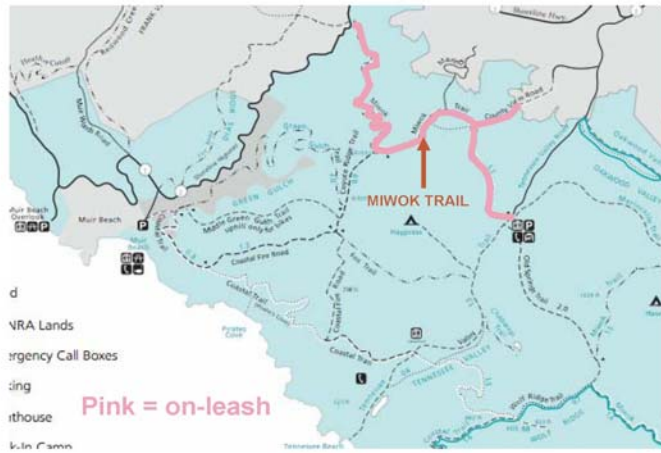
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MIWOK TRAIL FROM TENNESSEE VALLEY ROAD TO HIGHWAY 1
WITH COUNTY VIEW ROAD ACCESS



COASTAL TRAIL
FROM MCCULLOUGH ROAD TO MUIR BEACH



Professional Dog Walkers Guidelines for GGNRA Lands

1. Professional Dog walkers must carry a leash for each dog in their care.
2. Professional Dog walkers must pickup dog waste for all dogs in their care.
3. Professional Dog walkers will be limited to the number of dogs allowed by the county that the GGNRA land abuts, i.e. Marin county 6 dogs; San Francisco county 6-8 dogs; etc. If the county does not have a limit, the default limit will be 6 dogs.
4. Professional Dog walkers will carry a liability insurance policy for \$1 million. Proof of policy must be shown to acquire permit.
5. Professional Dog walkers will be able to use the GGNRA lands from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday Professional Dog walkers will be not allowed in the GGNRA lands from 11 am to 3 pm.
6. Professional Dog walkers will pay a permit fee to use the GGNRA lands, (recommend \$100 per dog walker, as they also must pay county permit fees).
7. Professional Dog walkers will transport dogs in a safe well ventilated vehicle.
8. Professional Dog walkers must have their dogs under voice control.
9. Professional Dog walkers must abide by all rules regarding off leash dogs, on GGNRA lands
10. Having more than the allowed number of dogs will result in a fine for every dog over the limit. Second offense will result in a doubling of the fine, per dog. Third offense will result in suspension of dog walkers' permit for up to three months.

Proposed GGNRA Off Leash Tag System (“OTS”) (Non-Commercial)

Overview

To promote public awareness within the dog walking community of the unique resources within the GGNRA where off leash dog recreation is permitted as well as to inform GGNRA visitors with dogs of their rights and responsibilities for voice and sight off leash dog recreation within the GGNRA, the National Park Service should implement a mandatory Off Leash Tag System (“OTS”). This proposal assumes that there is sufficient space for park visitors with dogs such that the program will be viable.

OTS Voice and Sight Rules and Regulations

All GGNRA visitors with dogs who wish to engage in off leash recreation with their dogs would be required to obtain an OTS tag that would have to be attached to the collar of each off leash dog. In order to obtain the OTS tag, each GGNRA visitor with a dog (including each member of their household who wishes to walk a dog off leash) would be required to view an educational video through a variety of media, acknowledge that they had viewed the video and agree to abide by the OTS voice and sight rules and regulations.

The OTS tag is specific to the GGNRA visitor – not the dog. No off leash dog recreation would be possible in the GGNRA without an OTS tag. Violation of the OTS voice and sight rules and regulations will subject the GGNRA visitor with dogs off leash to fines which escalate. If a GGNRA Visitor with a dog off leash has 3 violations in 24 months, they lose their OTS rights. GGNRA visitors with dogs who lose their OTS rights must successfully complete an OTS approved certification course and agree to be bound by the OTS voice and sight rules and regulations in addition to paying a reinstatement fee before they can walk dogs off leash in the GGNRA again.

Voice and Sight Control

- Each dog must be under voice and sight control at all times.¹ Voice and Sight control means that GGNRA visitors with dogs off leash must be able to recall their dog promptly, and shall demonstrate this ability when requested by authorized personnel. For example, a GGNRA visitor with a dog off leash must be able to recall a dog to their side that has started to chase any wildlife.
- GGNRA visitors with dogs who promptly recall their dogs or have promptly and successfully leashed their dogs shall have complied with these regulations.

¹ Hand signals or other forms of communication are deemed to be included in the term “voice and sight control” where used to issue commands.

- GGNRA visitors with dogs off leash are responsible for knowing where their dogs are and for being able to recall their dogs.
- Limit to 3 off leash dogs per GGNRA visitor.²
- Aggressive dogs must be leashed immediately (snarling, unwanted jumping)

Visitors

Visitors to the GGNRA will be able to review the video and sign the necessary acknowledgement of OTS voice and sight rules and regulations at designated Visitor Centers in addition to web access. During the implementation phase, there will also be outreach programs to make sure that OTS tag is available to the public across a broad spectrum including, if possible, through public libraries online access programs.

Fees

- Initial Fee - \$20
- Annual Renewal - \$10
- Lost OTS Tags - \$5

Fines³

- 1st Violation: \$50
- 2nd Violation in 24 months: up to \$100
- 3rd Violation in 24 months: minimum of \$250

Reinstatement only after passing OTS approved certification course, agreeing in writing to abide by OTS voice and sight rules and regulations and paying a reinstatement fee of \$50.

Initial Start Up Costs

Estimated start up costs are approximately \$350,000 with an annual budget of \$100,000. The goal for the start-up costs would be corporate sponsored funding, donations, revenue produced by the purchase of OTS tags and National Park Service allocation of personnel. In addition, the OTS program may include a partnership arrangement between the National Park Service and a non-profit organization to assist with administration of the program.

² At Lands End, because of its unique characteristics, only one dog may be off leash at the same time on the Coast Trail.

³ Fines are the province of the Justice Department. These are only suggested based upon the Bolder Colorado fine scale.

Proposed Education and Outreach

- Video describing expectations about dog etiquette, leash requirements and the importance of compliance.
- Brochure depicting (with a map) areas for off leash, on leash and no dogs.
- Having a map of San Mateo and Marin county sites plus maps for individual sites for San Francisco.
- At least one large map posted in each area clearly identifying recreational dog parameters, i.e., off leash, on leash, no dogs:
 1. Proper dog etiquette (voice and sight control/leash/collar/tag, etc.)
 2. Natural resource protection/awareness
 3. Seniors/disabled awareness
 4. Safety: Children/School groups
 5. Marine mammals
 6. Horses
 7. Other park users
 8. Clear signage/Enforcement
 9. Public outreach: SF SPCA/Marin Humane Society/Vet clinics/Pet shops in the 3 counties (need a 4-6 months' PR Program)
 10. Public/private partnership