

THE NEW GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

NEW TRAILS AND OVERLOOKS WITHIN THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate Bridge may be the world's most glamorous "trail." The iconic landmark that defines San Francisco to the world is a route to three trail systems: California Coastal Trail, San Francisco Bay Trail, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The Golden Gate Bridge is flanked by the Marin Headlands to the north and the Presidio to the south—both sites within the Golden Gate National Parks. As part of the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, dramatic improvements have been made to the trails that lead to and from and converge at the south end of the span. These trail enhancements will allow Bridge visitors to go from the splendor of a national landmark to the wonders of a spectacular national park.

<u>Presidio Coastal Trail</u>: The California Coastal Trail corridor traverses the Presidio's western edge, from Golden Gate Bridge to the 25th Avenue Gate. Significant upgrades here included trail improvements from the Merchant Road trailhead to Washington Boulevard; two new coastal viewing areas, the Golden Gate Overlook and Pacific Overlook; and bike lanes and roadway improvements along the corridor to offer a multi-use trail experience that provides spectacular views of the Bridge as well as access to cultural and natural resources along the coastal bluffs.

This trail also includes improved interpretation and connections from the western edge of the Presidio to the Bay Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Anza Trail, Rob Hill Campground, and Immigrant Point Overlook.

<u>Presidio Promenade and San Francisco Bay Trail at Battery East:</u> An important link in the regional San Francisco Bay Trail now provides a connection from Long Avenue at Lincoln Boulevard west to the Golden Gate Bridge. This segment meets outdoor accessibility guidelines and significantly improves visitor experience and safety by moving cyclists and pedestrians off Lincoln and onto the dedicated off-roadway, multi-use trail. The segment can now accommodate up to 6,000 cyclists a day on busy weekends, and up to 3,000 weekdays.

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