

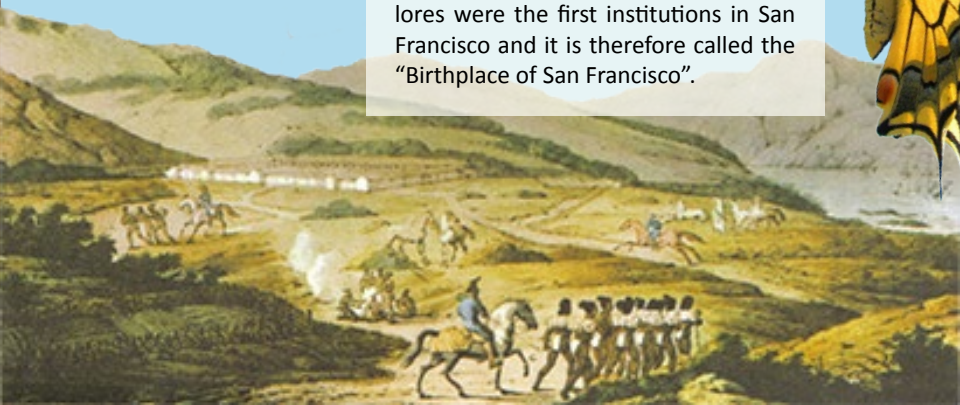
the Presidio  
of San Francisco



# History



The Birthplace of San Francisco  
The Presidio of San Francisco is located in the northern most part of the City and is currently a National Park. Originally The Presidio was home to the Ohlone and Coastal Miwok Native Americans. In the 1700's the Spanish arrived in California and established El Presidio Real De San Francisco, or the Royal Fortress of Saint Francis. El Presidio was established on September 17, 1776 and became a Spanish colony. The Presidio, along with Mission Dolores were the first institutions in San Francisco and it is therefore called the "Birthplace of San Francisco".



## El Presidio

In 1822, after the Mexican War of Independence, The Presidio became an outpost of Mexico and a beacon for trade as explorers and merchants sailed the Pacific Ocean.



## United States Army Base

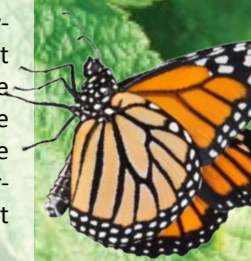
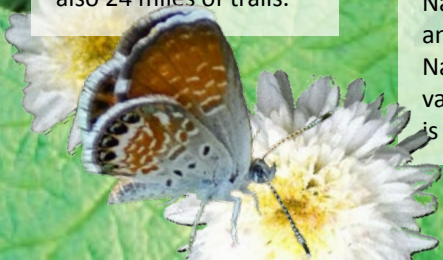
In 1846 the US army took over the post and expanded the fort. The original Presidio became known as the Main Post. The Presidio remained a military base until 1994 when it was transferred to the National Park Service.



# Habitat in the Presidio

The Presidio remains a National Park today and is home to 300 acres of eucalyptus, cyprus, and pine groves. It is also the home to 13 native plant colonies including 330 native plant species, two water sheds, 230 species of birds, 30 species of butterfly, and 60 species of bees. Within the presidio are also 24 miles of trails.

Currently the National Park Service is working to restore one of the two watersheds that exist in The Presidio. The Tennessee Watershed covers 270 acres which is the majority of the park and includes three freshwater streams that provide water for the marshlands. Because The Presidio has a long military history, much of the park's natural habitat is now gone, however The Presidio Trust is working with the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservatory to restore what is left.





## Thompson Reach

Thompson Reach is a restoration project that started in 2005 when 77,000 tons of army era landfill was removed in order to daylight a portion of creek. To restore the wildlife habitat, volunteers planted 35,000 native plant seedlings. Currently the ecosystem is teeming with life. Nesting Birds have increased, and the Sickleback Fish population has improved.

# Restoration

## El Polin Springs

The restoration of El Polin Springs is an ongoing project that will help restore the heart of the watershed. It was made into an outdoor classroom for History and Science in 2011.

## Inspiration Point

Inspiration Point, a popular outlook, is above one of the few serpentine grasslands in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and it includes two federally listed plants. In this area eucalyptus and cyprus trees have been removed, and thousands of grasses planted along with wildflowers and shrubs.






# Events and Attractions

## Outdoor activities

Crissy Field  
Hiking Trails  
Baker Beach  
Golden Gate Bridge walk  
Bicycle rentals  
Julius Khan playground  
Playing fields

## Indooractivities

House of Air  
Planet Granite  
Presidio Bowl  
Museums



## Eateries

Presidio Social Club  
Warming Hut  
Presidio Golf Club  
Arguello  
The Commissary  
Brunch Hut Café  
Transit Café

## Museums

Disney museum  
Crissy Field Center  
Lover's Lane audio tour  
Andy Goldsworthy around the Presidio



Beach



Recreation



Restoration and Wildlife



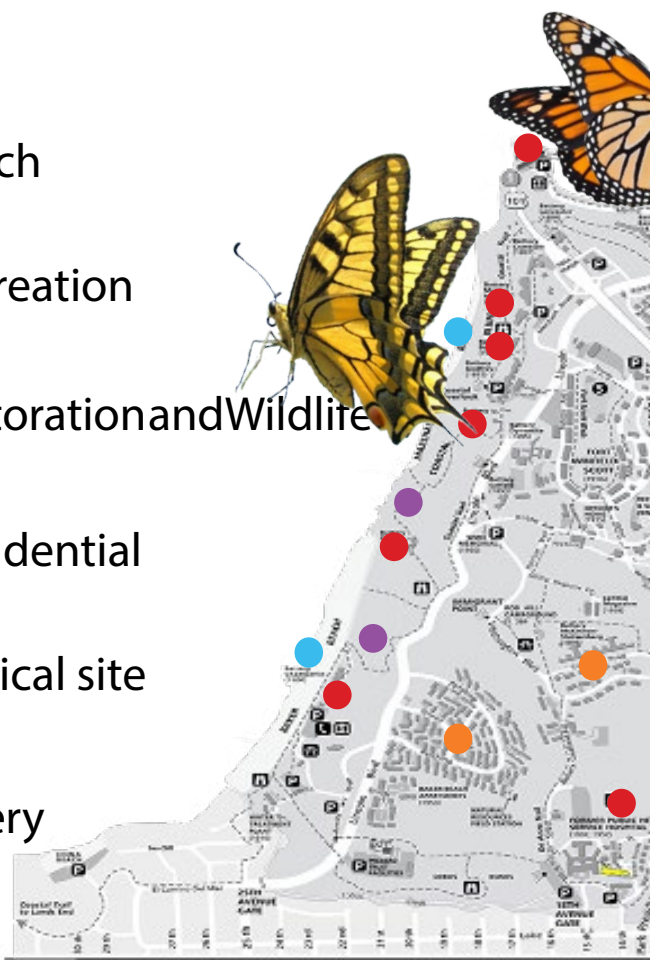
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