

FACT SHEET



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SITE FEATURES

Presidio Tunnel Tops is a new attraction in the Presidio, a national park site. It's built on top of the Presidio Parkway tunnels, with amazing Golden Gate views that can't be found elsewhere in San Francisco. This new 14-acre destination connects the center of the Presidio to the park's Crissy Field waterfront. Presidio Tunnel Tops features gathering and picnic areas, overlooks, play spaces for kids, a campfire circle, and places to walk in a variety of gardens and native plant areas.



Presidio Plaza

Presidio Plaza is an arrival point and gathering place. It's located next to the Presidio Visitor Center and the Presidio Transit Center, the hub for the [Presidio Go Shuttle](#) and public transportation. In Presidio Plaza, visitors can relax, people watch, picnic, or enjoy bay views and the adjacent gardens.



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Campfire Circle

Located at the northern edge of the Main Parade Lawn next to the Western Lawn, the Campfire Circle provides a quintessential national park experience. With a central gas firepit and seating for up to 75, it's a unique spot for Ranger talks or community gatherings. Its garden setting includes large boulders, trees, and shrubs that provide wind protection.



Cliff Walk + Overlooks

The Cliff Walk follows the sinuous edge of the bluff, 30 feet above Crissy Field and San Francisco Bay. It features sculpted benches made from fallen Cypress trees of the Presidio. Along the Cliff Walk there are three overlooks that offer unique vantage points and themes. The Bay Overlook looks toward Alcatraz and takes inspiration from the story of the Presidio as an Island of Refuge, its nature significantly protected from development. The Crossroads Overlook features a view of Angel Island, where Crossroads of Culture is the story: San Francisco's protected harbor has attracted people for centuries and served as a gateway for exploration, immigration, and commerce. At the Veterans Overlook, visitors have views of not only the Golden Gate Bridge, but National Cemetery. Here the theme is Guardians of the Gate, a tribute to the military history of this land. The Presidio is the final resting place for many who served in the armed forces.



Picnic Areas

Picnic Place features 16- to 23-foot community tables under a shaded grove of trees. Visitors can bring food for grilling or purchase from a nearby food service facility that will soon offer a variety of grab and go food options. Strung lights will make for a festive evening atmosphere. Tables and barbecues are reservable on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Additionally, community picnic tables near Presidio Transit Center are available on a first-come, first-served, basis (not reservable, no grills). There are also many benches and lawns to enjoy your picnic or food from the Presidio Pop Up mobile food vendors.



Meadows

Presidio Tunnel Tops features three lawns. Golden Gate Meadow is surrounded by gardens, native grasses and perennials. It's a go-to place for spreading out on a blanket, picnicking, kite-flying, and hanging out with family and friends. East Meadow, located nearby, offers similar bay views. The smaller Western Lawn is an intimate place to gather near the Campfire Circle. The Eastern Meadow and West Lawn are available for rental for special events.



Presidio Steps

Presidio Steps connect the Cliff Walk to the Outpost below through a series of lawn viewing terraces that step down the steep hillside. The steps face the Golden Gate Bridge, inviting visitors to linger while enjoying dramatic views, including the Golden Gate sunsets.



Outpost

The Outpost is a two-acre outdoor play area immersed in native habitat that invites kids of all ages to explore, create, and imagine. Inspired by the Presidio's natural and cultural history, it's a new kind of playscape based on the concept of "beneficial risk." It's designed to promote independence and self-confidence through self-directed activities like balancing, swinging, climbing, crawling, and playing with others. The one-of-a-kind, large features are made of natural elements like wood, stone, and water and increase from east to west in the level of challenge to allow kids to self-select their comfort level and grow in confidence over time. The Outpost offers full body activities along the northern side and along the southern side, self-guided exploration in the Builder's Area, Art Area, Science Area, and a Discovery Area for young children.



Field Station

The Field Station is where youth can explore the Presidio's natural and cultural world through the lens of science, art, and imagination. A cabinet of curiosities, it is curated with real objects, materials, and tools that stimulate the senses and promote critical thinking. Kids can study historic maps or create their own, examine the seeds, rocks, and plants of the Presidio through the lens of a microscope, or a sketch an owl in a field notebook.



Crissy Field Center + Learning Labs

For two decades, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, Presidio Trust, and National Park Service have offered youth programs that support environmental learning and leadership development at the Crissy Field Center. The Presidio Tunnel Tops project expands the Center's facilities, upgrading the existing building and adding a new lab with classrooms. In combination with the Field Station and the Outpost, the new facilities will serve even more youth and families than ever before.

