



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ERA 1970 - PRESENT

The U.S. military down-sized in the 1980s and 1990s. Congress indentified many military areas for surplus to reduce costs, including several in the San Francisco Bay Area. Urban parks were gaining popularity to reach the residents of growing cities such as San Francisco. Public-led conservation movements, like the People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area, worked to preserve open space. From these events, the largest national urban park was born.



GGNRA, Park Archives, People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area Papers, GOGA 33304.0509



GGNRA, Park Archives, Fort Point NHS Dedication Slides, 1968, GOGA 6469.07
Day of Fort Point Dedication Ceremony as a National Historic Landmark

1970 - Fort Point National Historic Site established by the National Park Service

1972 - Golden Gate National Recreation Area
President Nixon signs the bill to create Golden Gate NRA. Alcatraz, Fort Point, Fort Mason and other National Park Service lands are administered by the new park.

1973 - Alcatraz Island opened to the public for visitation.



GGNRA, Park Archives, Richard Frear Photograph Collection, 1979-1980, GOGA 18326

1974 - 1975- Marin Headlands, Fort Miley and Lands End added to Golden Gate NRA
National and local actions add the first of many new lands to the park.

1989 - Base Realignment and Closure Act

Congressional act lists the Presidio of San Francisco for closure by 1995. Original legislation from 1972 designates inclusion in Golden Gate NRA.

1990 - Coast Guard Station at Fort Point decommissioned; moves to Fort Baker



Fort Baker, GGNRA, NPS

1994 - Presidio of San Francisco transfers to the National Park Service.

Oldest continuously-operating military base in the country closes.



Crissy Field, GGNRA, NPS

1995 - Fort Baker transfers to the National Park Service

2000 - The last soldiers leave Fort Baker

Present - Golden Gate NRA
The park manages and interprets the former military sites for millions of visitors and future generations.



GGNRA, Park Archives, Sixth Army Inactivation Photographs, 1994, GOGA-2278