

# Candlestick Point

## State Recreation Area



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## From Candlestick Point State

Recreation Area, panoramic views of San Bruno Mountain, the East Bay Hills and San Francisco Bay give visitors a sense of solitude and relaxation. Its location on the western shoreline of the bay—surrounded by millions of urban dwellers—provides a great variety of recreational opportunities, from fishing to windsurfing to strolling. The walking trails, open lawns, and fishing piers at this 252-acre park offer a chance to get away from it all, answering the human need for fresh air, open space and wholesome leisure activities.



*Angler on fishing pier*

## HISTORY

The name Candlestick Point dates back to the 1800s, when a U.S. Coast Guard survey gave the designation to a rock outcropping that resembled a candlestick. A somewhat more colorful local fable tells of the burning of abandoned sailing ships during the 19th century, and the flaming masts that resembled lighted candlesticks as they sank into the bay.

At the beginning of World War II, the United States Navy filled in tidelands to create the nearby Naval Shipyard (now closed). Today the part of this landfill on which the park sits is a cultural resource that demonstrates the effect of major land changes in ecologically sensitive areas.

## RECREATION

Close to major routes of travel, Candlestick Point State Recreation Area was the first California State Park unit purposely acquired to bring state park values into an urban setting. This made both passive and active recreational opportunities available to Bay Area residents of all physical abilities.

Wind-sheltered individual and group picnic areas with spectacular views provide visitors with enjoyable outdoor experiences. Call ahead to reserve one of the four group picnic areas. Distances from the parking lot to the picnic areas vary from 30 to 250 yards.



*The Old Pier*



*View of Plover Group Picnic Area*

Mudflat walks, bird walks and fishing

programs are provided to schools and other groups on request. Visitors strolling down a trail might encounter an artist, complete with easel, immortalizing the breathtaking bay view on canvas. Along the way they might look up to see brightly colored kites bobbing in the brisk sea breeze. Anglers find the convenience of two piers where they can fish for halibut, striped bass, sturgeon, perch or flounder.

The Community Gardens offer city dwellers individual garden plots for growing vegetables and flowers, and there is a fitness course for those who wish to stay in shape. Windsurfers will discover a wind-whipped bay with excellent opportunities for those at intermediate and advanced levels.



## WILDLIFE

The mud and sand beds of the wetland habitat are home to clams, ghost shrimp, marine worms and other small animals. The bay waters support a great variety of sea life, as well as resident and migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. Squirrels and rabbits make the park their home, and birdwatchers can enjoy the sight of hawks, brown pelicans, cormorants, surf scoters, western grebes, terns, and snowy and common



egrets, among many other species.



*Sheltered bay coves offer peace and tranquility*

## ACCESSIBLE FEATURES

Accessibility is continually improving. Call the park for the latest information.

- One-and-a-half miles of mostly level, paved trails
- Three picnic tables at the Last Port Area, and four picnic tables with barbecue grills at the Plover Group Picnic Area
- Restrooms — At Plover Group Picnic Area (Restroom #4), Sunrise Point (Restroom #5)



*Adjacent Candlestick Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers football team*

## HOW TO GET THERE

The park is most easily reached from Highway 101. Take the Candlestick Park exit heading towards the stadium and follow the shoreline to the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area parking lot. Public transportation is also available: Take the Municipal Railway (MUNI) bus #15-Third Street to Arleta and Bayshore; transfer to the #15 Rutland, and exit at Executive Park Plaza. Walk across the road to the San Francisco Bay shoreline. From the East Bay take Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to Balboa Park station and transfer to the #15-Third Street MUNI bus.

## PLEASE REMEMBER

- The park is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to posted closing time (approximately sunset).
- Groups of 8 to 20 people may request special fishing instruction programs.
- Group picnic sites are available by advance reservation for \$40 per site (maximum of 60 people to each site). For picnic site reservations, call the ranger office at (415) 671-0145.

## NEARBY STATE PARKS

- Angel Island State Park, in San Francisco Bay. Ferries from Tiburon/Vallejo/San Francisco (415) 435-1915
- San Bruno Mountain State Park, San Mateo County Parks (650) 992-6770
- Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach, East Bay Regional Park District (510) 521-7090

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## Legend

- Paved road
- Paved trail
- Trail
- Nature Trail
- Bicycle Trail
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Windsurfing
- Picnic Area
- Group Picnic Area
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Accessible Feature



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