Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

Our Mission
The mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

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Surrounded by millions of urban dwellers, the park provides a great variety of recreational opportunities, from fishing to windsurfing to strolling.

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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.

**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
chandelier. 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
chandeliers 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.

Angler on fishing 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,
imortalizing 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.

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)

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