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New Recreational Opportunities Available at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

Opportunities include six new campsites

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Today at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (Candlestick Point), California State Parks Director Lisa Mangat, Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) Executive Director Patrick Marley Rump, Assemblymember David Chiu and a number of partners celebrated new recreational opportunities at Candlestick Point. Starting October 1, outdoor enthusiasts can begin enjoying the panoramic views of the San Francisco Bay, the East Bay Hills and San Bruno Mountain from six new campsites located at the Sunrise Point, within Candlestick Point. Trail enhancements will provide ADA travel to the new campsites. In addition, for the first time in 20 years, new interpretive panels telling the story of how people's actions have shaped the shoreline will be displayed.



“California State Parks is proud to work with Literacy for Environmental Justice to offer these new recreational opportunities for families to create lasting memories at Candlestick Point,” said Lisa Mangat, California State Parks Director. “Our partnership and the new hiking and camping opportunities at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area will result in long-term park stewardship and make parks relevant to a much broader audience.”

The new campgrounds are the first step in a multi-phase plan to enhance Candlestick Point, which is one of two state park units developed to bring park values into the urban setting.

California State Parks works with LEJ on maintaining the state recreation area. Over the last three years, LEJ and their volunteers have provided critical support in restoring this urban park with native plants.

“The improvements to Candlestick Point State Recreation Area will increase environmental health and strengthen community in Bayview Hunters Point,” said Patrick Marley Rump, Executive Director at Literacy for Environmental Justice. “We are excited to continue our work with California State Parks and build community pride, ownership, and stewardship of Candlestick Point, our cherished Southeast San Francisco natural resource.”

In addition to LEJ, the Candlestick project is supported by a broad coalition of community groups, as well as environmental and civic leaders, including the San Francisco Parks Alliance, Strategic Growth Council, SF Environment, Donna Plunkett of PracticeNature, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.



Located on the western shoreline of the San Francisco Bay, Candlestick Point provides a variety of recreational opportunities from windsurfing, fishing, bird watching and walking to simply relaxing. The trails, group picnic sites, fishing piers and now new camping sites offer a get-away of open space and outdoor activities at this urban park.

Visitors can start inventing their next adventure at Candlestick Point online at www.parks.ca.gov/CandlestickPoint. For information on the new outdoor opportunities, please click [here](#).

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