

GGNRA General Management Plans Comparison

Summary

Under the proposed General Management Plan, which could be signed off on any day, many areas that were previously characterized as *high visitor usage zones* will be reclassified for *low-to-moderate visitor use* levels (moderate levels being expected only at entry points or points of interest: in which access opportunities may be highly managed).

See exact wording below: Some 90% of the GGNRA would be thus designated, and only about five percent of the entire 80,000-acre GGNRA would be designated as a “diverse opportunity zone” where high levels of use would be expected and visitor access would be a dominant aspect of the zone.

GGNRA Purpose	
1980 General Management Plan	Proposed 2014 General Management Plan
“In order to preserve for public use and enjoyment certain areas of Marin and San Francisco counties, California, possessing outstanding natural, historic, scenic, and recreational values and in order <u>to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space necessary to urban environment and planning</u> , the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is hereby established.”	“The purpose of Golden Gate National Recreation Area is to offer national park experiences to a large and diverse urban population while preserving and interpreting the outstanding natural, historic, scenic, and recreational values of the park lands.”

GGNRA Visitor Use Levels and Public Access		
Area	1980 General Management Plan	Proposed 2014 General Management Plan
Most of Ocean Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively <u>high use levels</u> • These areas “are in fact man-created landscapes” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<u>Low to moderate use levels</u> with moderate use levels only at entry points or points of interest.” • “Access opportunities subordinate to the natural setting and may be highly managed (i.e. <u>restrictions on access</u>)”
Most of Ft. Funston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively <u>high use levels</u> • These areas “are in fact man-created landscapes” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<u>Low to moderate use levels</u> with moderate use levels only at entry points or points of interest.” • “Access opportunities subordinate to the natural setting and may be highly managed (i.e. <u>restrictions on access</u>)”
Land’s End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively <u>high use levels</u> • These areas “are in fact man-created landscapes” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<u>Moderate use levels</u>” • “Visitors would explore designated portions of historic landscapes and structures, participate in contemporary activities” • “Access would blend with the historic setting”

GGNRA Visitor Usage and Public Access		
Marin Headlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural resources and processes remain as unencumbered as possible given a <u>relatively high level of park users</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "<u>Low to moderate use levels</u> with moderate use levels only at entry points or points of interest." "Access opportunities subordinate to the natural setting and may be highly managed (i.e. <u>restrictions on access</u>)"
Muir Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muir Beach was not in the 1980 general management plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "<u>Low to moderate use levels</u> with moderate use levels only at entry points or points of interest." "Access opportunities subordinate to the natural setting and may be highly managed (i.e. <u>restrictions on access</u>)"

Public Outreach for Plan Development		
Area	1980 General Management Plan	Proposed 2014 General Management Plan
Citizens' Advisory Council	Yes	No
Public hearings	Yes	No; held open house meetings instead
Number of people who attended meetings and submitted comments	<u>About 10,000</u>	<u>About 1,500</u> (300 comments submitted in 2006; 300 attended open house meetings; 380 letters and comments about preliminary alternatives; another 541 letters and comments submitted in response to EIS)
Notified/met with county Boards of Supervisors	Yes	No mention in plan of San Francisco and San Mateo supervisors; Marin supervisors are mentioned
Met with local recreation and parks departments and planning departments	Yes	Unknown; those agencies aren't specifically named in the plan.

The 1980 General Management Plan and the proposed 2014 plan can be found at the following URL: <http://www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/index.htm>