

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Key

- Picnic Area
- Garden
- Restroom
- Sports Field
- Dog Park
- Playground
- Food
- Rowing
- Segway Tour
- Bike Rental
- Parking
- Big Bus Tour Stop (buy ticket on bus)
- Paths**
 - Bicycle Path
 - Pedestrian Paths & Trails

Bus Lines

- 5
- 71
- 18
- 28
- 29
- 44

Rail Line

- N
- Call 511 for MUNI times

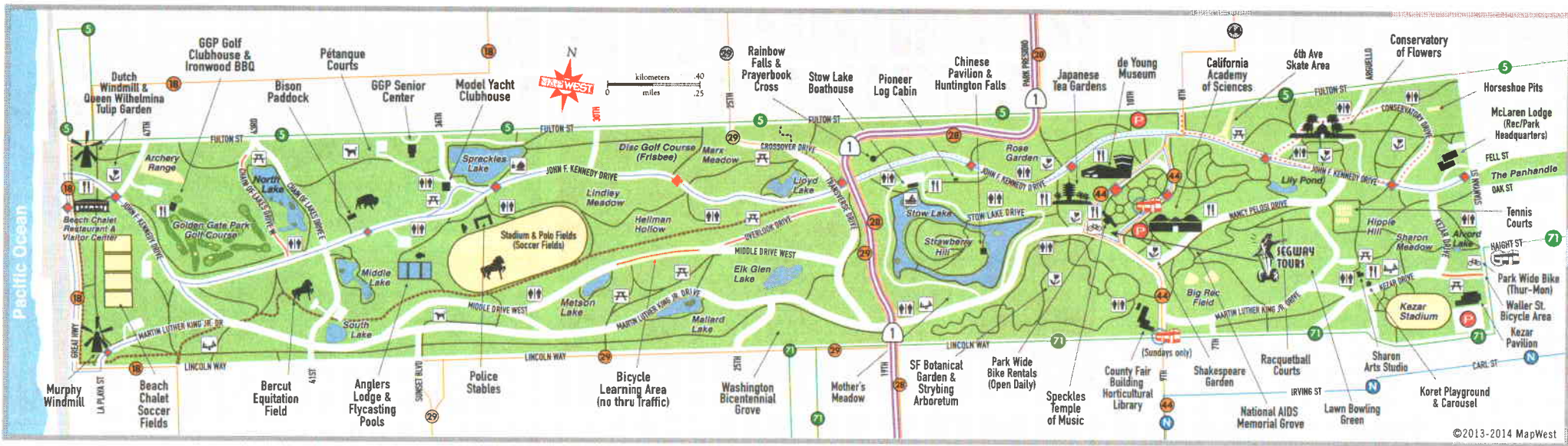
Golden Gate Park Shuttle

Operates 9:00am-6:00pm weekends & legal holidays. Runs every 15 minutes. Free shuttle.

- Shuttle Loop
- Shuttle Stop

Car-Free Roads & Closures

- Areas closed to traffic:
- Saturday (April-Sept.)
 - Sunday (Includes Saturday Area)
 - Permanent Road Closures



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We Come

Make the most of your Golden Gate Park visit! Explore hidden gems and discover park lore on a Golden Gate Park Segway Tour, Bike Rental, or Boat Rental! See exotic plants at the Botanical Garden, Conservatory of Flowers, or Japanese Tea Garden. Step into the California Academy of Sciences or the De Young Museum for hands-on exhibits and hours of fun.

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Recreation & Park Department Office
(415) 831-2700

Pioneer Log Cabin
Permits & Reservations Office
(415) 831-5500

Golden Gate Golf Course Clubhouse
(415) 751-8987

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How It All Began

Golden Gate Park transformed from inhospitable sand dunes to today's green oasis thanks to the efforts of engineer William Hammond Hall. William Hall coaxed life out of the barren sand dunes by planting grasses, shrubs, and finally trees at the Western end of the Park. This wind break allowed the development of the remainder of the Park, and the rest is history!

Changes in the Park

John McLaren, horticulturalist and Park superintendent, envisioned the Park as a pastoral setting where city residents could escape the clamor of industrial life. McLaren opposed including statues and buildings in the Park's natural setting, but the Midwinter International Exposition of 1894 brought the exhibits and cultural attractions the city residents desired. These museums, sculptures and attractions have become permanent fixtures of the Park and create today's world-famous cultural destination.

Fun Facts

- Golden Gate Park's 1,017 acres are built upon reclaimed sand dunes once referred to as the "Outside Lands," covering an area larger than Central Park!
- The Park served as a tent filled refugee camp for more than 40,000 survivors of the 1906 earthquake.
- During the Midwinter International Exposition of 1894 the Japanese Tea Garden was the first place in the U.S. to serve a "fortune cookie"
- The Park was once home to zebras, peacocks, ostriches, and California's last grizzly bear, Monarch. Monarch is on display at the California Academy of Science and served as the model for the bear on California's State Flag.
- Since 1890, a herd of American Bison have lived in the Park. The herd is cared for by the San Francisco Zoo staff.
- Golden Gate Park has 680 acres of forest, 130 acres of meadows, 15 miles of drives and 33 acres of lakes.
- An ornate pedestrian suspension bridge, Observatory and a gambling casino were all located in the park during the 1890's.
- The Shakespeare Garden only features plants and flowers mentioned in William Shakespeare's works.
- The Dutch Windmill at the Northwestern end of the park once pumped up to 1.5 million gallons of water daily for irrigation use to a reservoir now named Stow Lake!
- The recently restored Murphy