

# MANY PARKS, ONE PARKS CONSERVANCY

## FROM LARGE PROJECTS TO SMALL MOMENTS, YOUR IMPACT WAS FELT IN 2019.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is more than what you can see at a handful of beautiful parks. Far more. In 2019 and throughout our nearly four decades of community science, programming, engagement and stewardship, the Parks Conservancy has been dedicated to improving these parks we all love. With your help and in conjunction with our partners, we help care for the land, protect endangered species, build trails, and connect people to nature.

In this graphic, you can see a sampling of our broad impact in 2019. From the massive effort to save coho salmon in Muir Woods, to the small moments of wonder at our native plant nurseries, the importance of your support was felt across almost 84,000 acres of parklands in 2019. Thank you for making an immeasurable difference for these Bay Area national parks.

### PARKS CONSERVANCY PROGRAMS KEY

- Park Stewardship & Volunteer
- Visitor Centers and Services
- Projects
- Youth Programs
- One Tam
- Science
- Institute at the Golden Gate
- Community Engagement

### 1. POINT REYES SCIENCE ADVENTURE

In this intensive science education and leadership program, youth spend a week at Point Reyes' Historic Lifeboat Station and work with professional scientists.

### 2. PARKRX

The Park Prescription movement had a moment in 2019. The work of the Parks Conservancy was featured on PBS NewsHour, Outside Magazine, and Time Magazine, among others.

More doctors are prescribing time in nature for its healing powers. The Conservancy's Institute at the Golden Gate has been at the leading edge of ParkRx since 2010, and that work is paying off. The outdoors "nature cure" is needed now more than ever.

### 3. PARK ACADEMY CLASSES

Our park experts expand your knowledge base, on topics ranging from botany to meditation. We offer these classes as a special perk to volunteers and park staff.

### 4. LINC

In LINC (Linking Individuals to their Natural Community), a program led by our Park Stewardship team, high schoolers spend the summer caring for our parks and learning valuable leadership skills.

### 5. PARK STEWARDSHIP MARIN

Nobody knows the trails of Marin better than this team. They've spent many hours on projects that benefit people and wildlife alike, ensuring the future of our parks for both.

### 6. ONE TAM

Five partners unite across Mt. Tamalpais' borders to ensure the long-term health of a beloved mountain. The unique partnership has become a model for others across the nation.

### 7. REDWOOD RENEWAL

If you visited Muir Woods in the fall, you would have seen a big operation for the small but endangered coho salmon. Trees were dragged across trails into Redwood Creek to create "woody debris" for juvenile fish to survive. In future years of this NPS project, visitors will see improvements to Muir Woods bridges and trails.

### 8. BOTHIN MARSH

This is a critical junction as the Bay Area addresses sea-level rise. For more, see the story earlier in this Report to the Community.

### 9. MARIN HEADLANDS NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Volunteers help collect seeds, prune plants and get them ready for planting in the parks. The Marin nursery is one of four native plant nurseries run in partnership with the NPS.

### 10. GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY

For the last 35 fall seasons, citizen scientists have taken to Hawk Hill to observe and record the movements of the majestic raptors flying overhead.

### 11. MIGRATORY STORY

This Crissy Field Center program, in conjunction with NPS, brings middle schoolers to Hawk Hill to learn about raptor migrations and parallels with human migration.



### 12. CRISSY FIELD CENTER

The Center's youth programs served nearly 20,000 participants in 2019, from 70 different schools across the region.

### 13. PRESIDIO TUNNEL TOPS

In November 2019 we celebrated this new park site with a "Ground-making" ceremony. For more, see the story earlier in this Report to the Community.

### 14. SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Public libraries and public parks fit together better than ever! In 2019 we brought the library's Summer Stride to the Presidio and other park sites with events, StoryWalks, and more.

### 15. CHINA BEACH

An upcoming and much-needed revamp for this hidden gem will include restored amenities and also improved facilities for the NPS Ocean Rescue team.

### 16. LANDS END LOOKOUT

Our cozy outpost—featuring food, apparel, and history—was named by the San Francisco Chronicle's John King as the best new public building built in the 2010s.

### 17. ROVING RANGER

Our orange-and-green converted food truck dispensed park info far and wide in 2019, from Pacifica Fog Fest to San Francisco State, where it was helping to recruit interns.

### 18. OCEANA HIGH SCHOOL NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

For more than 20 years, students at this Pacifica high school have learned about plants and the environment around them thanks to a unique program and partnership.

### 19. 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCUPATION OF ALCATRAZ

The NPS welcomed original Occupiers and their families in November to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic island takeover by the Indians of All Tribes.

### 20. FUTURE IDS AT ALCATRAZ

An Art in the Parks installation that utilized the unique history of the island, *Future IDs* reinvented incarceration in unique ways through art and programming in 2019. The ID-inspired artworks are created by and with individuals who have conviction histories as they conceive and develop a vision for a future self.

### 21. ALCATRAZ HISTORIC GARDENS

These gardens are flourishing after more than 15 years of volunteer dedication and ingenuity, like a 2019 project that saw "historic" prison laundry water repurposed for use in the garden.

### 22. TRAILS FOREVER

The future of our great trails looks bright, thanks to your dedicated support! Since 2003, we've raised more than \$100 million for our park's trails and overlooks.

## IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU



Thank you to our generous donors for their support in 2019! We are very grateful for your impact through giving. To ensure privacy, a list of donors is not included in this online report. A full donor list will be printed in the August issue of Gateways, our membership newsletter.



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