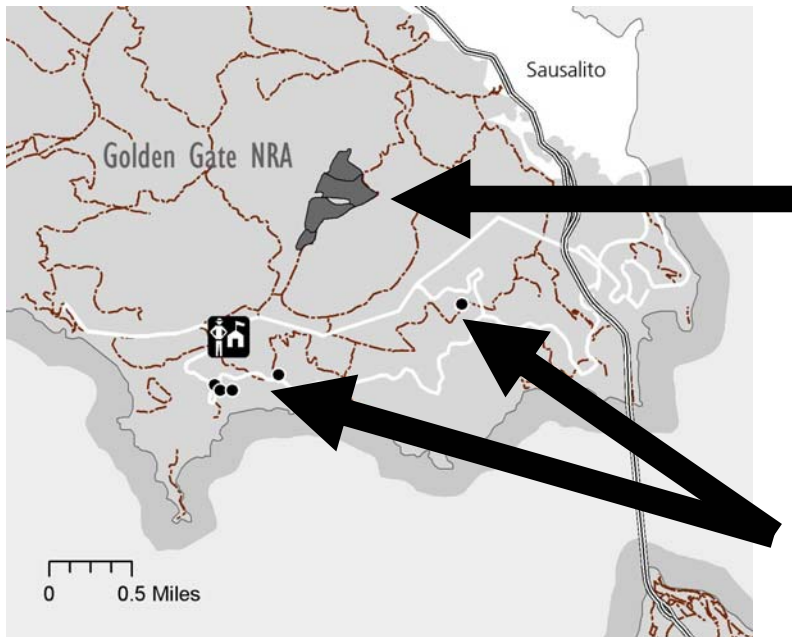


Prescribed Fire in Marin Headlands

2009 Restoration Projects



Gerbode burn to remove tall fescue, an invasive, non-native grass

Mission blue butterfly research burns to restore critical habitat

Golden Gate National Recreation Area is planning 3 days of controlled burning in the Marin Headlands this fall between late September and early November. One day of burning will be done as part of a research project to improve habitat for the Mission blue butterfly. Two additional days of burning will be done to remove an infestation of non-native grass along Bobcat Trail in Gerbode Valley. Burning will only take place if weather conditions allow. Smoke from these projects may be seen or smelled from a distance.

Burning for butterfly habitat will be confined to metal burn boxes which are 5 meters by 5 meters in area and 1 meter in height. Burning to remove the non-native grass will be done in 10-20 acre units, for a total of 60 acres.

Trails in the project area will be temporarily closed while burning is in progress. For more information, contact NPS Fire Education Specialist Jennifer Chapman at 415-464-5133.