

Buildings - Parade Ground

The buildings in the Parade Ground area consist of partial foundation walls and rubble piles of remnant building materials. Apartments A, B and C remnants define the interior space of the Parade Ground along its west side. The remnant foundations of the Officers' Quarters - Duplex (Building 83) and Officers' Quarters 72-75 are on its east side. There are remnant foundations of a Gymnasium and a playground centrally located at the base of the Escarpment Slope to the Summit.

Table 25: Buildings - Parade Ground - Figure 3-358

	<i>Bldg #</i>	<i>Figure #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Condition</i>
Officers Quarters' 72 and 73	72,73	3-322 3-323 3-325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible trash, debris - demolished in 1971 	Poor
Officers Quarters' 74 and 75	74,75	3-322 3-324 3-325	Both concrete foundations remain, but first floor building platforms are missing. A portion of Officers' Quarters 74 Foundation wall adjacent to sidewalk still remains. Area is scattered with debris. Demolished in 1971.	Poor
Officers' Quarters - Duplex	83	3-325	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trash, debris - demolished in 1971. Exposed stone foundation with building footprint platform. 	Poor
Apartment A Remnant	A	3-326 3-327	Large pieces of concrete debris surround the openings to both building entrances, creating two pronounced debris mounds. Vegetation has taken over the remaining area providing waterbird habitat. Demolished 1971.	Poor
Apartment B Remnant	B	3-326 3-328	The west concrete edge of Apartment B is intact along with most of the original south and west concrete landscape walls. The southwest building entrance is noticeably surrounded by large pieces of concrete debris. Vegetation is interspersed within concrete rubble. Demolished 1971.	Poor

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<i>Feature (Type)</i>	<i>Bldg #</i>	<i>Figure #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Condition</i>
Apartment C Remnant	C	3-326 3-329	The collapsed opening to the southwest building entrance marks the western edge of Building C rubble mound. Sandstone walls (not original) define the edges. Portions of the original building landscape walls are extant. Vegetation and escaped vegetation is interspersed within the concrete rubble. Demolished 1971.	Poor
Gymnasium	31	3-330	Concrete foundations of Gymnasium, Playground/Sandbox, and Handball Court at base of Escarpment slope	Poor
Playground		3-330	Concrete curb outlines playground	Poor



Figure 3 - 322. Officers’ Quarters 72, 73, 74 and 75. Remnant materials under vegetation overgrowth (MBD P1030924-Crop.JPG)



Figure 3 - 323. Officers' Quarters 72 and 73. Remnant stone foundation walls and debris. (MBD P1020862.JPG, MBD P1020858.JPG)



Figure 3 - 324. Officers' Quarters 74 and 75. Remnant concrete foundation walls. (MBD P1040233.JPG, MBD P1040280.JPG)



Figure 3 - 325. Officers' Quarters – Duplex (Building 83) remnant, Officers' Quarters 72-75 at left, view from above; San Francisco and Bay Bridge in background (MBD IMG_2906.JPG)



Figure 3 - 326. Apartments 'A' (foreground), 'B', and 'C' remnants, and view to San Francisco and Bay Bridge (MBD DSC00194.JPG)



Figure 3 - 327. Apartment 'A' remnant materials (MBD P1030921.JPG, MBD P1040031.JPG)



Figure 3 - 328. Apartment 'B' remnant materials. Southern portion of Apartment 'C' remnant materials are visible in top image at bottom right of photo. Flagstone seatwall added by NPS in foreground of lower image. (MBD DSC_0327.JPG, MBD P1040021.JPG)



Figure 3 - 329. Apartment ‘C’ remnant materials. Flagstone seatwall added by NPS at base (MBD P1030994.JPG, MBD P1040001.JPG)



Figure 3 - 330. Playground and Gymnasium foundations (foreground) and Officers' Quarters 72-75 remnants (background) South edge of Building 64 at left. (MBD DSC-0326.JPG)

Structures - Parade Ground

These include Firebox #2, Foghorn South, and two remnant batteries: South Battery, and the Temporary Battery of (Three) Twenty-four-pounder siege guns-West Side.

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<i>Feature (Type)</i>	<i>Bldg #</i>	<i>Figure #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Condition</i>
Firebox #2		3-331	Located at base of slope to Summit, directly under the Warden's House	Fair
Foghorn South and Fogbell (1867)		3-332	(1867 Map; Thompson 1979; Barker 2009) Located west of the Agave Walk	Fair
South Battery - 1870s (structure collapse)		3-333 3-334	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brickwork curb for earthwork frontal slope - Portions of the brickwork curbing added to hold the angle of repose of earthen fill placed in front of the sandstone wall of 1850s South Battery in the 1870s collapsed off the bluff edge in early 2005. A discovery assessment was made by Leo Barker, park archeologist, with the assistance of John Martini, historian. Other parts of the brickwork remain. Annual monitoring of the material lying on the rocky bay shoreline will be conducted to examine the eroding brickwork, and an island wide shoreline survey has been planned to identified additional vulnerable sites and structures. (Barker, Cantwell, Merkle 2005) 	Fair
Buttress		3-334	Sandstone wall nearly perpendicular to Fortification Wall	Fair
Sewer Chase		3-334	Concrete block chase emptying at shoreline next to Buttress below Fortification Wall	Fair
Buttresses at Wharf		3-335	2 Concrete block Buttresses south of Building 64	Good



Figure 3 - 331. Firebox #2 with fencing (SR71, SR72, and MBSR26) in foreground, as viewed from west side of Building 64 (MBD DSC00407.JPG)



Figure 3 - 332. Foghorn South, viewed from water; Lighthouse tower in background (MBD IMG_2712.JPG)



Figure 3 - 333. South Battery (Fortification Wall) (MBD P1000961.JPG)

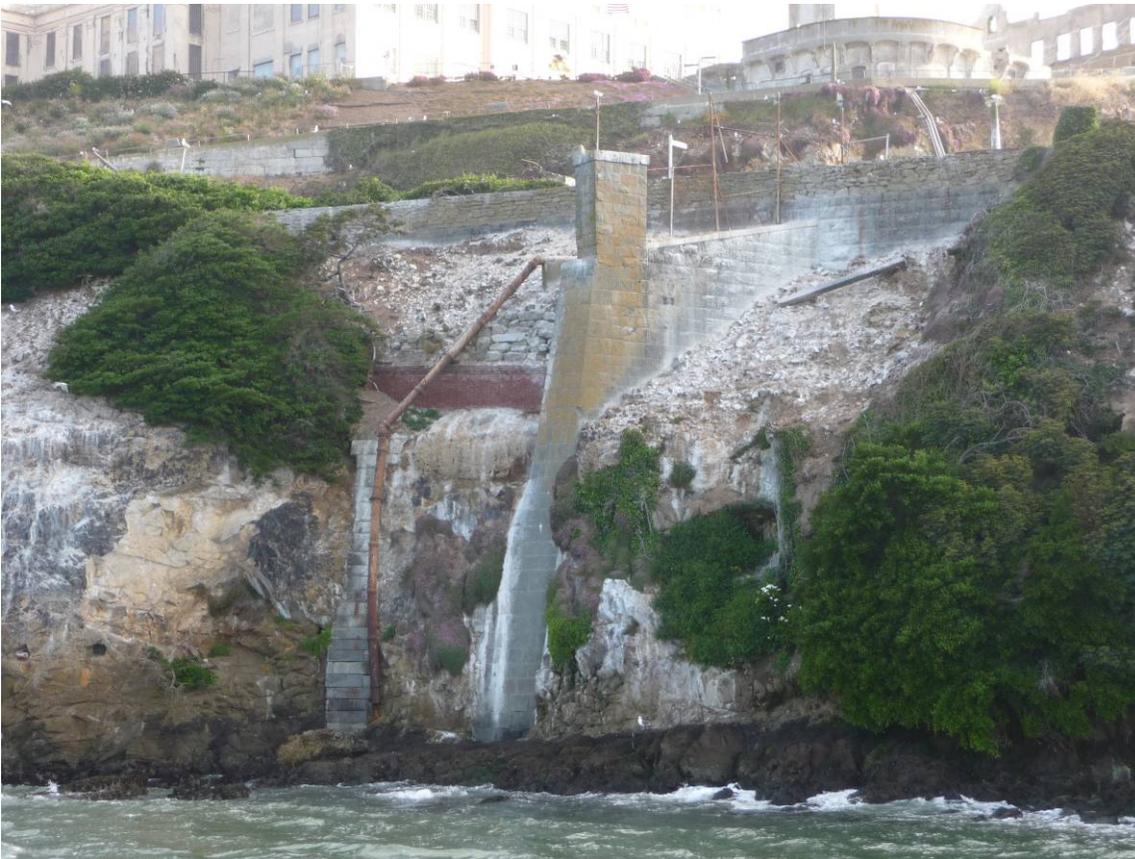


Figure 3 - 334. Left to right: Sewer Chase, South Battery (red brick), Sandstone Buttress, and Seawall Planter along top of shoreline (MBD PI000957.JPG)

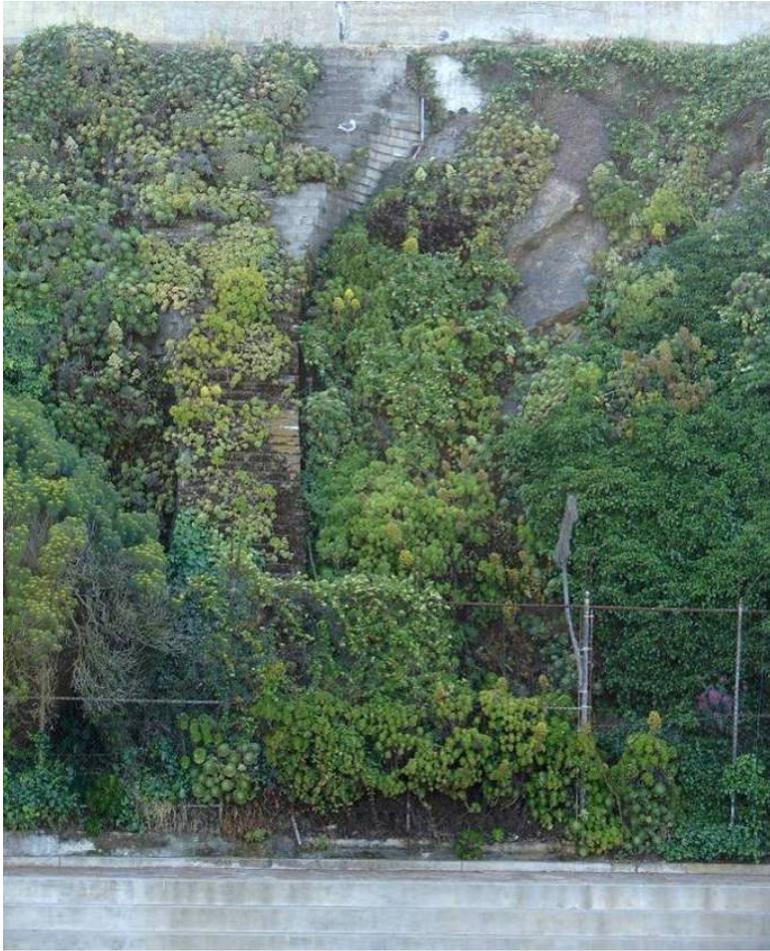


Figure 3 - 335. Buttresses at Wharf; Wharf Terraced Steps and SF2 in foreground (MBD DSC02661.JPG)

Small-Scale Features - Parade Ground

Small-scale features in the Parade Ground include a stone Seawall Planter along the Parade grounds perimeter, remnants of cyclone fencing, concrete light standards, a Federal Penitentiary period warning sign on the coast, a fortification buttress, and anchor-holes along the west cliffs (remnants of the Island's perimeter sentry walk); rock walls around the edge of the mounds of remnant building materials, benches, trash receptacles, and pipe-rail fencing.

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<i>Feature (Type)</i>	<i>Bldg #</i>	<i>Figure #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Condition</i>
Road to Parade Ground		3-336	Concrete road surface, extending from connection at main road around the perimeter	Good
Parade Ground Paving		3-337	Concrete paving on excavated terrace, circa 1930; in distinct geometric pattern	Fair
Parade Ground Road and Parade Ground Sidewalk and Curb		3-338	Concrete surface perimeter road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete walk adjacent to Parade Ground Road; follows road for most of its length • Concrete curb 	Road: Fair Sidewalk/ Curb: Good
Flagstone Seawall	B,C	3-339	Concrete wall with sandstone veneer	Good
Agave Walk with SR3		3-340 3-341 3-342	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving: crushed aggregate • Retaining walls: cast in place concrete • Stairs: cast in place concrete with sandstone veneer • SR3: Steel pipe railing on seawall, NPS 1995 	Good
'Warning' Sign on Agave Walk		3-343	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painted lettering on plywood sign mounted on wood posts • Sign has been rebuilt extensively and repainted by NPS Staff c1980s. 	Fair
Southeast Seawall		3-344	Concrete seawall with replacement steel guardrail (built by NPS) from Wharf to western terminus of Agave Walk	Fair to Poor
Windy Gulch Trail		3-345	Path from Upper West Road to Parade Ground	Fair
Staircase to Apartments with SR65	A	3-346	Concrete stairs with concrete wall below; near Apartment 'A' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR65: Decorative concrete railing, circa 1920 	Stairs: Poor SR65: Poor

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Stairs to Barracks with SR69, SR70, SR4	64	3-347	Staircase: Cast in place concrete stairs on eastside of Parade Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR69: Steel pipe rail, NPS 1980 • SR70: Cyclone security fence, NPS 1980 • SR4: Decorative concrete railing, NPS 2000 	Stairs: SR69: Good SR70: Good SR4: Good
Staircase from Wharf/Agave Walk to Officers' Quarters 72-75		3-348	Concrete steps beginning south of the Wharf's Amphitheater Steps to remnant Officers' Quarters 72-75	Poor
Stairs to Foghorn South		3-349	Wood stairs and railing east of Foghorn South at Seawall Planter	Fair
Seawall Planter		3-350	Stone and earth wall south of Parade Ground	Fair
Rubble Wall		3-351	Concrete rubble wall below Road to Parade Ground (west)	Poor
Pre 1940s Playground near Apt 'A'		3-352	Area northwest of Apartment 'A' below rock outcropping-flat space, with overgrown vegetation	Poor
Wood slate fence near Apartment A		3-352	Constructed by NPS in 1980s as safety measure around collapsing road section	Poor
SR67		3-325	NPS chainlink fence to prevent visitor access	Good
SR68		3-330, 3-331	Federal Penitentiary period Security Fence at base of Escarpment Slope	Poor
Pipe railing at Seawall Planter			NPS metal pipe railing in area of collapsing Seawall Planter on west side of Parade Ground	Good
Concrete Light Standards along Seawall Planter		3-338	Five remnant concrete lights along Seawall Planter	Poor
High Security Lighting along SR58 of Gym Foundations		3-330, 3-331	Remnant Federal Penitentiary security lighting on SR68.	Poor

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Sentry Catwalk Foundations - Southwest Side		3-353	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recesses chiseled in face of cliff to support sentry catwalk on southwest side of island; catwalk gone. • Cut rock and mortises on southwest cliff - circa 10' apart and 10' above tidepools - supported with stone, brick and concrete in mortises (Kelly 1976:68) - 1928 map may show the alignment of the catwalk - begins around incinerator and ends below location of Officers' Quarters 75. (Kelly 1976:68, 1928 Alcatraz Map, Barker 2009) 	Poor
Children's Names above Garden Plots			At least one child's name "Prudence McCreay" is painted on Seawall Planter across from Building C near Foghorn South.	Poor



Figure 3 - 336. Road to Parade Ground, view to south from Main Road Switchback Two. Staircase to Officers' Row at right, Building 64 on left (MBD P1000320.JPG)



Figure 3 - 337. Parade Ground paving, and playground at lower center. Officers' Quarters-Duplex at upper center and Apartment B and C remnants at upper right. (MBD IMG_2908.JPG)



Figure 3 - 338. Parade Ground road and adjacent concrete curb and Parade Ground sidewalk to the left; Seawall Planter on the right, view towards the east (MBD DSC00331.JPG)



Figure 3 - 339. Flagstone Seatwall with Apartment B, on left and Apartment C, on right (MBD DSC00328.JPG)



Figure 3 - 340. Agave Walk with steel mesh railing (SR3) and seawall on left; concrete retaining wall and Eucalyptus grove on right; view to south with San Francisco in background (MBD DSC00280.JPG)



Figure 3 - 341. Agave Walk, steel guardrail, concrete retaining wall, and concrete and wood benches (DSC00283.JPG)



Figure 3 - 342. Agave Walk sandstone bench; sandstone stairs and steel railing in background. (MBD DSC_0204.JPG)



Figure 3 - 343. South Island 'Warning' Sign on Agave Walk, Southeast Seawall below (MBD DSC02920.JPG)



Figure 3 - 344. Southeast Seawall at low tide (MBD DSC02926.JPG)



Figure 3 - 345. Windy Gulch Trail, viewed from Parade Ground (MBD P1030797.JPG)

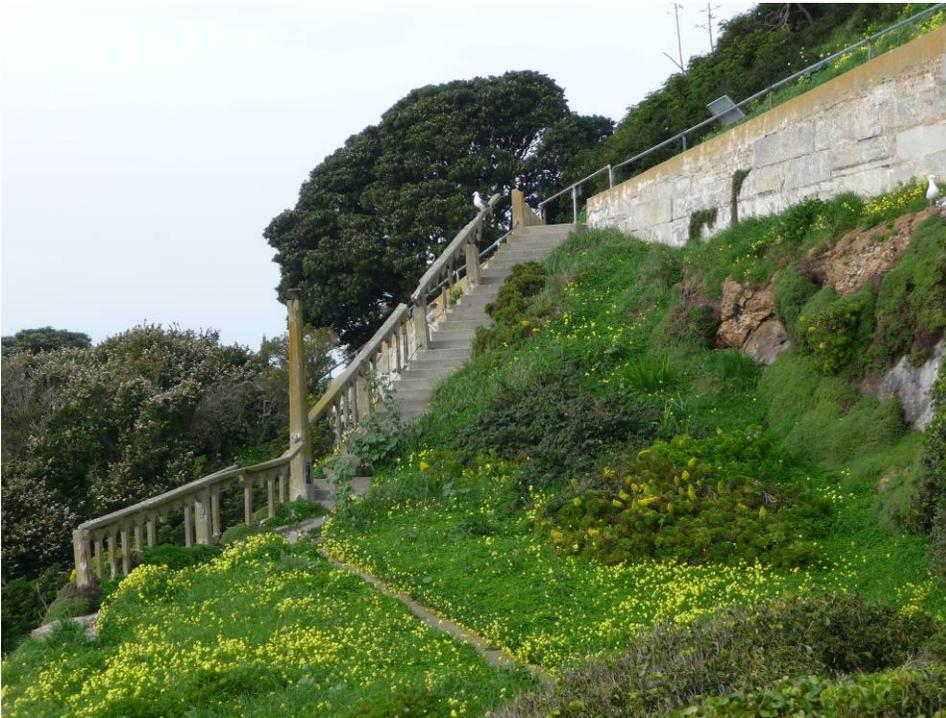


Figure 3 - 346. Staircase to Apartments, viewed from area west of Windy Gulch Trail. (MBD P1030636.JPG)



Figure 3 - 347. Staircase to Building 64 (MBD DSC00395.JPG)



Figure 3 - 348. Staircase from Wharf to Officers' Quarters 72-75 (MBD DSC00395.JPG)



Figure 3 - 349. Staircase to Foghorn South (MBD: IMG_2709.JPG)

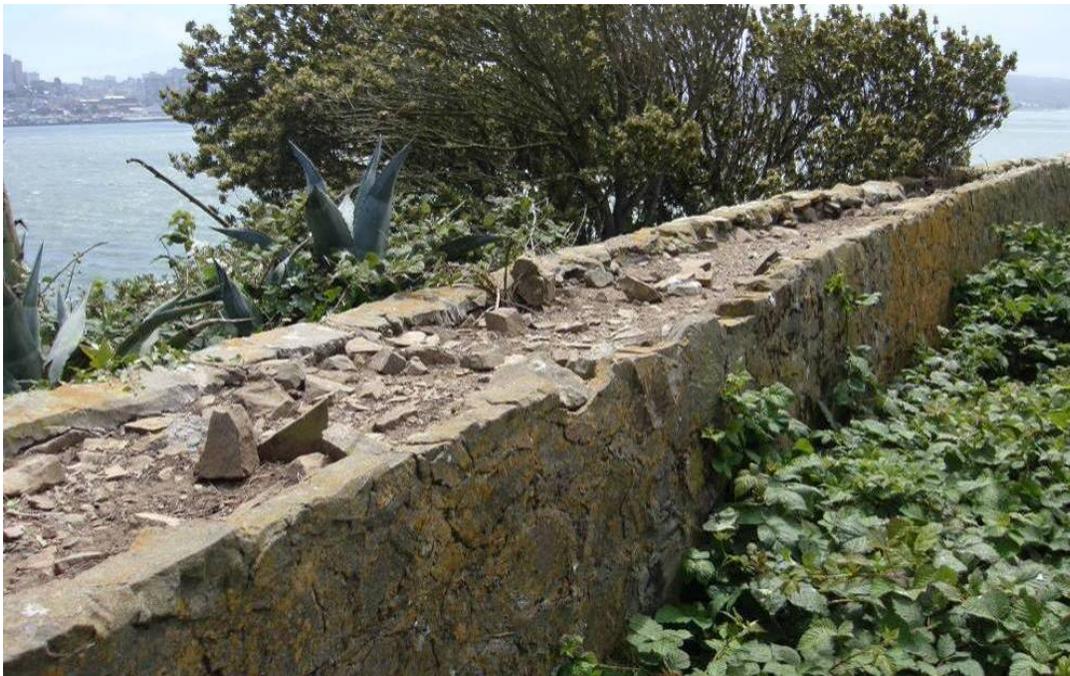


Figure 3 - 350. Seawall Planter along perimeter of Parade Ground (MBD DSC00320.JPG)



Figure 3 - 351. Rubble wall below Seawall Planter, next to brick Fortification Wall - South Battery (MBD: DSC02940.JPG)



Figure 3 - 352. Pre-1940 Playground and Wood slate fence near Apartment 'A', viewed from Upper West Road (MBD IMG_2916.JPG)



Figure 3 - 353. Southwest Sentry Catwalk - sockets in cliff for support beams (MBD DSC02946.JPG)