

VESTIGES of Lands End

Cliff House Suspension Bridge

In the 1880s a rope and wood bridge linked the Cliff House to one of the Seal Rocks known as Flag Rock. It hung 25-30 feet above the sand or shallow water depending on the tide and provided a close and dramatic view of the pounding waves.

In April 1884 several boys rocked the bridge so rigorously that it flipped upside down, throwing 35-40 people to the sand and shallow water below, seriously injuring several of them.

The bridge was not repaired and visitors returned to admiring Seal Rocks from afar.

Top: Visitors walking across suspension bridge to the American flag flying on Flag Rock; *Bottom:* People on the beach during low tide with broken suspension bridge hanging above.

