

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*

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Fog envelopes Monterey Cypress trees along Lands End Trail.

## Fog

The fog that rolls in at Lands End is a legendary and iconic element of the place. Romantic, mysterious, magical, dangerous, beautiful, frustrating, inspiring, subtle, and consuming. Fog is one of San Francisco's most famous sights.

Fog forms here when warm, moist air blows from the central Pacific Ocean over the cooler waters of the California Current, which flows just off the coast. It develops most often in the spring and summer months, but can occur at any time of year.

There are few places in the city where the fog is as dramatic as at Lands End, blowing in fresh off the sea. It has inspired art, music, literature, and cinema for two centuries, and led to the invention of another local icon -- the foghorn.

But fog has also been responsible for navigational failures that have led to tragic plane and ship accidents. The look, feel, and even sounds of Lands End can be completely altered by the fog.