

## 48th Ave. Train Depot

The Ferries & Cliff House Railway, often referred to as the Cliff Line, was a steam train line that gave San Franciscans access to Lands End for the moderate sum of only 5 cents.

The Cliff Line's inner terminus was at California St. and Presidio Ave. From there riders could transfer to cable cars that serviced the Ferry Building and downtown. To reach Lands End the Cliff Line followed a scenic route along the shore that offered views of the Golden Gate, Fort Point, and the Marin Headlands.

From 1888 to 1905 the Cliff Line ended at a gable roofed wooden depot near the corner of 48th and Pt. Lobos Avenues, right across from the Sutro Heights main gate. The depot was remodeled in 1905 when the steam train line was converted to an electric streetcar.

The 48th Ave. depot remained a stop on the streetcar line but the terminus was changed to the Sutro Depot, across from the Sutro Baths. Service to the 48th Ave. depot stopped in 1922 when the building was demolished to make way for today's El Camino del Mar. Streetcars continued to run past the site for another three years until damage from landslides closed the line forever.

*Top:* Ferries & Cliff House train at 48th Ave. Depot ca. 1900; *Center:* Old 48th Ave. Depot on Ferries & Cliff Line, 23 February 1905, John Henry Mentz, United Railroads Photographer, U00370; *Bottom:* New 48th Ave. Depot on Ferries & Cliff Line, 23 September 1905, John Henry Mentz, United Railroads Photographer, U00370A.



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