

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*

## Lincoln Park Golf Course

At the turn of the 20th century golf was growing in popularity in San Francisco and private golf and country clubs were quickly being established. There was no municipal golf course in the city for use by those who could not afford the private clubs.

The City of San Francisco banned burials within city limits in 1901 and ordered the Golden Gate Cemetery to move. This allowed the first municipal golf course to be constructed in 1902: a three-hole course created on the site of the former Potter's Field. These original three holes are now the first, twelfth, and thirteenth holes of the present day course. The City golf course remained a popular three-hole course for 6 years.

In 1909, the SF Board of Supervisors turned approximately 150 acres of former cemetery land over to the Parks Commission. This became Lincoln Park, named by the Board of Supervisors in honor of President Lincoln. City Cemetery relocation and golf course construction began that year.

The links were open to the public in 1912 and by 1914 the course had expanded to 10 holes. The course had a full 18 holes by 1917, when it hosted the first City golf tournament. The Lincoln Park Golf Course was San Francisco's only municipal golf course for 23 years. It is still an active course and boasts some of the most scenic views of any urban golf course.



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*Top: Golfer teeing off with Golden Gate Bridge in background, color postcard, ca. post-1937; Bottom left: Golfer putting with view of Golden Gate Bridge in background, ca. post-1937; Bottom right: Lincoln Park Golf Course, 2011.*