

# VESTIGES of Lands End



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*Left:* Pre-restoration view of Golden Gate Bridge from Lands End Trail, 2005; *Right:* A view from the same location after improvements were made, 2012.

## Landscape Restoration

People have been changing the Lands End landscape for well over a century. The construction of railway systems, Sutro Baths and Heights, El Camino Del Mar, Lincoln Park and Golf Course and the Legion of Honor have decimated the native plant species that once dominated the area for millenia prior to these 19th- and 20th-century developments.

The Lands End Restoration project, led by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, focuses on protecting and restoring native habitats, controlling invasive plants, improving public safety, increasing biological diversity, reducing non-natural erosion, improving scenic viewpoints, and providing public education.

This program has made great strides towards returning the health of the natural environment. Native plant and animal communities have been restored since work started in 2004. Progress continues today with the help of hundreds of Conservancy volunteers.