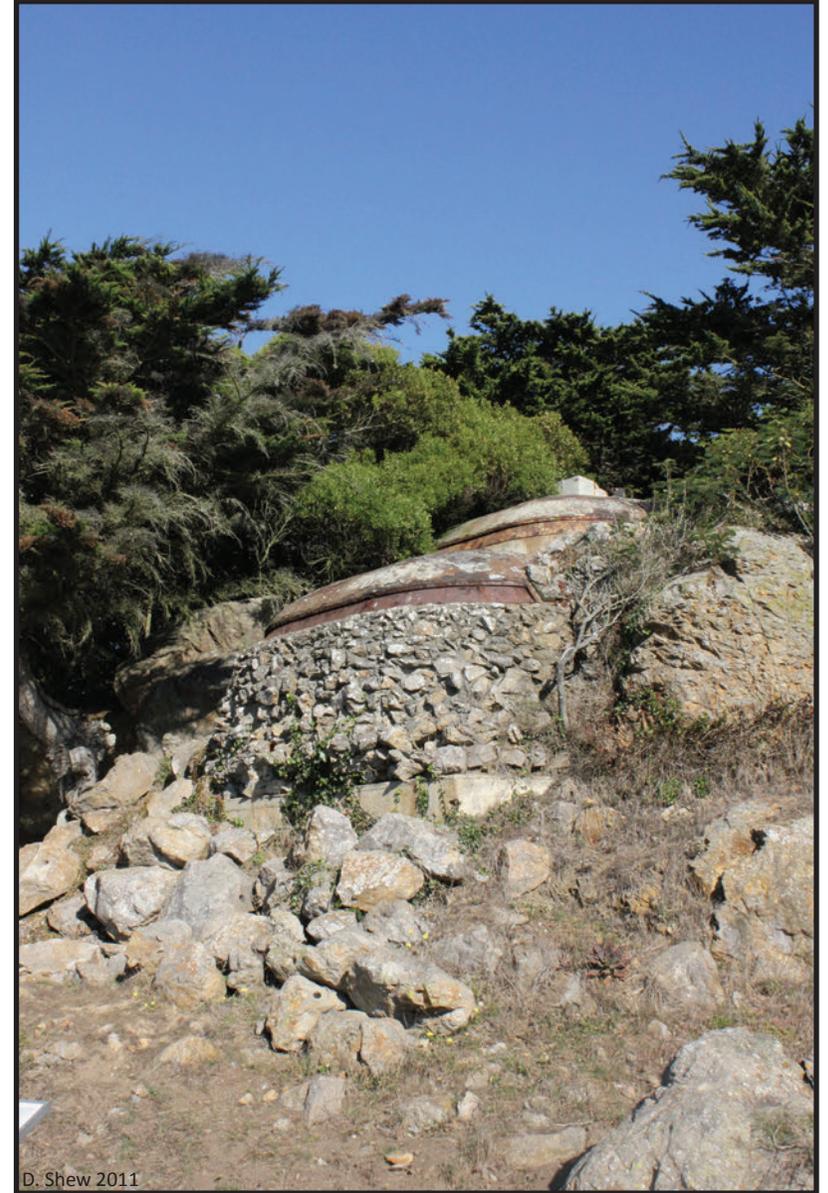


## Sutro Heights Base End Stations

During WWII, Sutro Heights was taken over by the US military and closed to the public. Two base end stations were erected to the north of the Sutro Heights Parapet in 1942. Soldiers working in the stations used telescopes to determine a target's angle (azimuth), location, and direction of travel. These sightings were relayed to nearby gun batteries to calculate aiming instructions.

The first station spotted for a battery at Fort Barry, in the Marin Headlands and the second for a battery at Fort Winfield Scott in the Presidio, San Francisco. Abandoned after the war, the stations were vandalized once the park reopened.

The structures have now been sealed and stabilized by the Park Service and can still be seen today.



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Base End Stations on the north side of the Sutro Heights slope, 2011.