

VESTIGES of *Lands End*



Left : A carriage rides past the Sutro Heights lower gate guarded by a pair of sphinxes, ca. 1910; *Right*: A modern view of the location where the gate once stood, 2012.

Sutro Heights Lower Gate

Facing Point Lobos Avenue, the Lower Gate was a private entrance to Sutro Heights for horses and carriages. A smaller, less ornate version of the main gate, it was made of wood, flanked by a pair of sphinxes and surmounted by yet another of Adolph Sutro's ubiquitous classical statues.

A gatekeeper's cottage stood next to the gate. This octagonal wooden building had a low-pitched pyramidal roof topped by a weathervane in the figure of a rooster.

It is likely that the Lower Gate was demolished in 1939, at the same time as the main gate. The former site of the gate and cottage is now a small parking lot across Point Lobos Avenue from Louis' Restaurant. Only the sphinxes' pedestals can still be seen there.