

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*

## Vantage Points

The cliffs around Lands End provide one of San Francisco's best vantage points to the sea.

Historically, the cliffs near the Cliff House were the gathering point for crowds to view the arrival of ships, wrecks, whales, swimming and other athletic feats, and even the activity of the ocean during storms. The popularity of Lands End as a vantage point continues today, as crowds gathered there to watch fireworks in commemoration of the Golden Gate Bridge's 75th anniversary.

The Lands End area is under consideration as an Urban Night Sky Preserve; the open western sky, nearly free of artificial lights, provides a unique urban opportunity for astronomical viewing. Amateur astronomy groups often set up telescopes at the Point Lobos parking lot for public astronomy programs. The zodiacal light is visible from the Merrie Way Parking Lot.



A crowd gathers along the Cliff House and Ferries railway to watch the arrival of the Pacific Fleet in May of 1908.