

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*

## Wind

Relentless wind has always been a prominent component of the Lands End experience. Wind sculpted the sand dunes that once surrounded the district and bends cypress trees into oddly aerodynamic shapes; wind still buffets those who stroll along the paths and beaches, and whips the ocean into whitecaps.

A *San Francisco Call* newspaper article from 1902 describes the damage caused by heavy winds at Ocean Beach, as well as the entertainment it provided to beachgoers that day:

“The few people who ventured out to the ocean beach were rewarded with a sight of tumbling, boiling waters that dashed over the roadway leading to the Cliff House. The wind blew in fitful gusts and at the corner of the Cliff House seemed to concentrate all its energy. Hats and caps were sent flying before the wind and umbrellas were turned inside out to the amusement of those ensconced on the porches of Host Wilkins' resort.”

*Top:* Kites flying above the Cliff House on a windy Ocean Beach day, 2012; *Bottom:* The wind on Ocean Beach carrying a kite above the beach, 2012.

