

Collections:

Park collections are a fundamental resource to the park and are vital for making connections to visitors, the local and regional community and the scientific community. The artifacts are the basic tools for interpretive programming and help bring the stories alive by humanizing and personalizing history. The collections are also vital for supporting the park's management of resources throughout the park. Currently, the park's collections are relatively inaccessible to visitors and researchers largely due to facility and staffing constraints. Further, the facilities for housing the collection are insufficient to adequately protect and access the collection. The collections are spread out throughout the park in numerous buildings some of which is inefficient to manage. Many of the buildings

Want to be able to

Don't have the facilities to manage and protect collections.

Don't have the staff to process, manage and provide access to the collections

Lack of access to the collections by visitors and researchers

Not accessible for resource management and interpretation

Need to create an awareness

The GMP will articulate the value of the collections and identify how collections can be better utilized to facilitate desired visitor experiences and research opportunities. The GMP will also examine and identify the most effective preservation approach for the park's collection, including required staffing levels.

Factors/Considerations:

- The NPS needs to work with the Presidio Trust to identify management responsibility of the Presidio Trust collection
- One of the current storage facilities on the Presidio needs to be vacated in the near term
- The preservation of park collections is very staff and resource intensive
- The collections are currently housed in buildings that don't fully meet NPS and museum standards

Givens:

- Need to identify a centralized storage facility that meets NPS and museum collection standards
- Need to maximize opportunities for the to be available for scientific, educational and park management related purposes

Options:

- Promote a touring collection that could be taken around the country
- Promote the story of preservation of collections as part of interpretive programming – helps promote stewardship
- Increase the number and location of exhibit opportunities in and out of the park
- Exhibits could be used to create a gateway to park sites, particularly for Alcatraz
- Parkwide visitor center that includes cross sections of the collections on exhibit

- Governmental records in the park archives could be transferred to the National Archives in San Bruno
- Presidio resources could be transferred to the Presidio Trust for management
- Natural resource collections...