



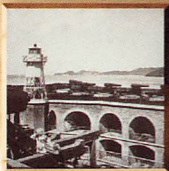
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PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO

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In 1776, a handful of Spanish colonists began building a tiny adobe fort near the entrance to the Golden Gate, which they named the Presidio of San Francisco. For 218 years the Presidio developed in size and importance as it served successively under the flags of three nations - Spain, Mexico, and the United States. During its American history, the Presidio has protected commerce, trade and migration, and has played a logistical role in every major U.S. military engagement since the Mexican-American War ended in March 1848. The Presidio of San Francisco was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1962, with over 500 buildings contributing to its historic significance.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Located within the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Presidio of San Francisco offers forests, streams, trails, views, historical architecture, and history. General Manager, Presidio of San Francisco, P.O. Box 29022, San Francisco, CA 94129, (415) 561-4323, TDD (415) 561-4314.

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