

# Northern California weekend

**Inside** Beyond the trails in the Bay Area's national park »  
Hollywood is back, baby—and it's not what you remember »



## 1. The latest in landscape art

British artist Andy Goldsworthy returns to the Presidio with **Wood Line**, a sinuous shape that he's making with downed eucalyptus branches. Like the environmental sculptor's first piece here, 2008's *Spire*, it's destined to merge, slowly, with the surrounding forest. *Between Lovers' Lane and Presidio Blvd.*, or take the free PresidiGo Shuttle to stop 47 and walk up Lovers' Lane; [www.presidio.gov/experiences](http://www.presidio.gov/experiences)

BY CHRISTINE RYAN

## San Francisco day trip The Presidio

**What it is:** A full-fledged outdoors—and, yes, arts—destination with a weekend's worth of things to do. And the changes just keep coming. **What it was:** A military base until the Army decamped in 1994. **Why does the Presidio keep evolving?** By 2013, the park must be financially self-sufficient. **What's with all the bulldozers?** It's a five-year project to replace the Golden Gate Bridge approach with a safer, greener parkway. **Park acreage:** Nearly 1,500 **Presidio population in 1905:** 77 officers and 2,304 enlisted men **Population in 2010:** 2,700 civilian residents **What \$7,800 gets you:** A month's rent in a new, ultra-green three-story townhouse near the park's southern edge. **What \$100 gets you:** A night at Rob Hill, the city's only campground—they're group sites, so invite 29 of your friends. **More shiny new things:** The hilltop Lobos Valley Overlook (*shuttle stop 27a*), with views of the Pacific. And a 22-room guesthouse—the park's first overnight lodging—that's under construction in historic Pershing Hall. **The best ways to see the park's ongoing transformation?** Read on.

Explore more on page 26 »