The New Urban Park: Golden Gate National Recreation Area And Civic Environmentalism

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Through a pair of case studies at urban parks in coastal US cities, two anthropologists explore the ways that visitors, park staff and planners, state officials, and others express and negotiate what it means to be an environmentalist, and how that sits within often very different visions of parks as public or civic spaces. Shirley Wang presents a range of innovative understandings of environmentalism at two iconic San Francisco parks and asks about their potential to shift patterns of racial exclusion. For many years she produced ethnographic studies for the National Park Service, including a grant to conduct fieldwork in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. New Search. Open Access Preprints Full-Text available. Show more. Hal K. Rothman. The New Urban Park: Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Civic Environmentalism. (Development of Western Resources.) Lawrence: University Press of Kansas.
The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a U.S. National Recreation Area protecting 82,027 acres (33,195 ha) of ecologically and historically significant landscapes surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area. Much of the park is land formerly used by the United States Army. GGNRA is managed by the National Park Service and is the most visited unit of the National Park system in the United States, with more than 15 million visitors a year. It is also one of the largest urban parks in the world Golden Gate Park’s largest body of water, Stow Lake is a popular spot for strolling, picnicking, and pedaling around in boats, which can be rented at the boathouse. Created in 1893, the National AIDS Memorial Grove is a living tribute to all whose lives have been touched by AIDS, and a dedicated space where people can gather to heal, hope, and remember. Construction of the new Golden Gate Park Tennis Center is underway. The proposed project scope includes the complete renovation of the Golden Gate Park Tennis Center including: the installation of 17 new