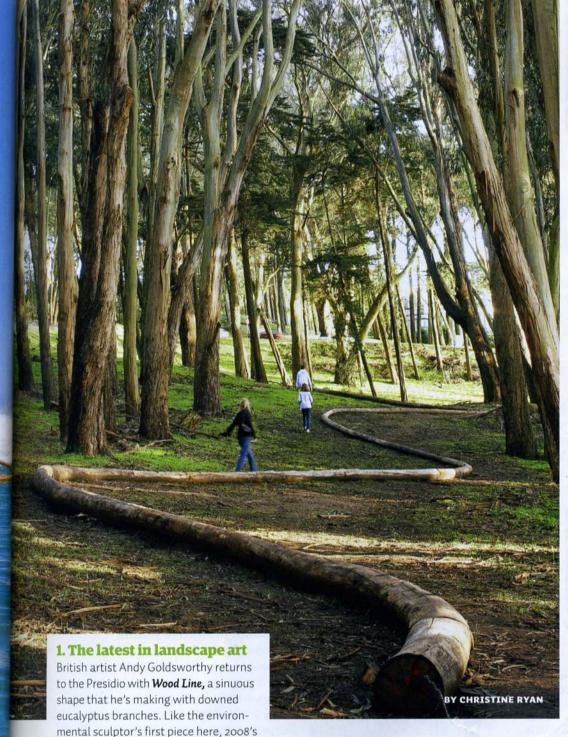
Northern California

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



San Francisco day trip The Presidio

What it is: A full-fledged outdoors-and, ves, artsdestination 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.

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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