

POPLAR BEACH

GATEWAYS PLAN ALTERNATIVES



The Vision

The Half Moon Bay Parks Master Plan expressed a Vision for Poplar Beach Park as a “passive park designed for enjoyment of nature and the views to the ocean, with access to the beach below the bluffs.”

The Challenge

Poplar Beach’s bluffs are retreating up to 3 feet per year due to erosion - impacting beach access, trail and overlook locations, and ultimately, reducing the size of the park. The City’s challenge is to determine the improvements that will best serve the community by preserving the park’s natural environment while enhancing the users’ recreational experience.

The Goals

Through a Community Visioning Process, including an on-site workshop in September 2018, the major goals for the park were defined:

- Protect and enhance the natural resources and open spaces of Poplar Beach Park.
- Consider bluff erosion and the effects of sea level rise in planning of park improvements.
- Balance access to and through the Park and the beach for all users.
- Provide low-impact amenities to support passive enjoyment of the park.
- Provide for a well-maintained, safe, and secure Park and surroundings.

The Alternatives

The City is exploring options and alternatives for the design of the Coastal Trail along the bluffs, location and character of a limited number of overlooks near the bluff edges, the options for managing access to protect the bluffs, features to be included at the Poplar Street entry area, and the look of a proposed gateway feature for the park.

Once preferred alternatives are chosen, a Draft Poplar Beach Gateways Plan will be prepared, and made available for further public comment.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

The options under consideration for Coastal Trail section and materials, bluff-top overlooks and access, entry features and amenities can be seen on the City’s website:

www.half-moon-bay.ca.us/556/Poplar-Gateways-Plan

You can provide your comments on the website, or by contacting:
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Trail Layouts



Trail Materials

ASPHALT GOOD FOR BIKES & STROLLERS	\$	Requires surface treatment every 5-10 years	Most closely resembles the current trail
DECOMPOSED GRANITE GOOD FOR RUNNERS	\$\$	Requires surface treatment & rehabilitation	Blends in with natural surroundings
CONCRETE GOOD FOR BIKES AND STROLLERS	\$\$\$\$	Very little maintenance costs	Significant visual impact due to light color

Bluff Access Management



Overlook:

Locations



Character



Entry Features

