



# SUTRO HEIGHTS TREE PROJECTS

The *Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy*, together with the *National Park Service*, has developed a tree management plan for Sutro Heights Park. This plan identifies management zones within the park and provides prescriptions for tree management based on site priorities and each zone’s unique attributes.

Tree work at Sutro Heights will prioritize visitor safety, enhancement of natural appearance, protection of historic structures, and maintenance and restoration of historical viewsheds. Our top priority is locating and pruning or removing trees that pose a hazard to park visitors.

This map illustrates the seven tree management zones at **Sutro Heights Park** and the prescribed actions for each zone.

## 1 CENTRAL PICNIC AREA

- Remove hazardous trees.
- Stabilize and/or structurally prune mature specimen trees.
- Remove any downed trees.
  - These can be chipped, or cut into rounds for “natural” seating.
- Plant new trees within this zone to replace dead/dying trees.

>>> PRIORITY: **High (First)**

## 2 PARKING LOT TO PALM AVE

- Keep the large, downed tree in place – it is actively being used as a nature play area by local children.
- Remove hazard trees and prune any hazardous limbs near trail edge or overhanging the downed tree which is being used by park visitors as a play area.
- Selectively clear overgrowth around the downed tree to facilitate safer access to it as a recreational feature.

>>> PRIORITY: **High (Second)**

## 3 VIEWSHED

- Selectively prune and/or remove trees to restore or maintain historic views of Ocean Beach.
- Light structural pruning along the pathway in the northwest section of the Viewshed area across from the parapet.

>>> PRIORITY: **Medium**

## 4 PALM AVE TO 48TH AVE

- Remove hazardous trees.
- Thin dead branches to improve aesthetics.
- If additional thinning of trees is desired in this area, thin trees to 15-foot spacing.
- Remove dead palms on Palm Avenue.
- If funding permits, replace palms on Palm Ave.
- Plant new trees to replace trees that have died along 48th Ave

>>> PRIORITY: **Medium**

## 5 SOUTHERN DUNE

- Remove any juvenile non-native trees to address encroachment on dune habitat.

>>> PRIORITY: **Low**

## 6 SOUTHERN SLOPE

- Remove lower tree branches to create a more open understory.
- Remove weedy understory vegetation

>>> PRIORITY: **Low**

## 7 NORTHWEST CORNER

- This is a low use area and there are no goals or recommendations for it at this time.

>>> PRIORITY: **Low**