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Clarification on Wolfback Ridge Road Access

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On Monday, March 12, 2018, the City of Sausalito began receiving inquiries as to whether or not Wolfback Ridge Road is a publicly accessible conduit to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The answer is no. Although the road is within Sausalito City limits, it is private and restricted to use by neighborhood residents and their guests.

The status of Wolfback Ridge Road as private was confirmed by a state court ruling in 1970, Glass v. Gulf Oil. That case contributed to the delay and ultimate demise of the Marincello development, which would have created a community of 30,000 people in the Marin Headlands, in the jurisdiction of Marin County.

In 2015, inaccurate information in a County of Marin mapping database led Sausalito City staff to erroneously refer to Wolfback Ridge Road as public. The misinformation was corrected in the database, and the County Assessor's records were updated to reflect that the road is a private right-of-way easement, but not before posts citing the inaccurate information from 2015 made their way onto the internet.

Since receiving the new inquiries about Wolfback Ridge Road, the City of Sausalito has endeavored to educate the public about the road's private status. However, the City has been made aware that people may gather on Wolfback Ridge Road in protest, based on the inaccurate information from 2015. The Sausalito Police will monitor the area to protect the safety of all involved.

For those seeking access to the Golden Gate Recreation Area from Sausalito, the National Park Service recommends the Morning Sun Trail adjacent to the Spencer Avenue parking area, or the Rodeo Avenue Trail at the Rodeo Avenue exit from southbound Highway 101.

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