

Update from the National Park Service - September 3, 2007

Effective the first week of September, our contractor(s) will be setting up new construction fence that effectively closes the remainder of the historic parade ground during the restoration project. We expect the closure to be in effect until approximately June 2008, when the new drought-tolerant grass turf is fully established.

The parade ground restoration will include installation of an irrigation system, planting of approximately 30 trees, and re-turfing the 14-acre site with a special drought-tolerant hybrid fescue ("Aurora Gold") that was evaluated in a series of turf test plots over a two-year period here at Fort Baker. The restoration will also include removal of the existing paved parking lot, demolition of the metal garage building opposite the USCG station, and construction of a sidewalk-like gravel path along Center Road. Bundled with this work will be repaving Center Road between BADM and the USCG station, and establishing an "allee" of trees on both sides of the roadway.

While the parade ground is fenced off during the turf establishment, the best open space for activities would be at the waterfront. Ongoing construction of the new parking lot and dropoff south of the BADM - now underway - is expected to end the first week of October 2007. The construction fence around the BADM parking project will be removed at that time.

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