



Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915

San Francisco celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal and the recovery from 1906 earthquake at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The fair was built at the water's edge, partially on Presidio land. In addition to visiting the attractions of the fairgrounds, the public came to the Presidio to watch parades, listen to military bands and see soldiers demonstrate powerful coast defense cannons.

I cannot with words give you an idea of the wonderful beauty, the scope and the grandeur of the Exposition. There is so much beauty that it is overwhelming.

Laura Ingalls Walker, 1915

