The New Urban Park: Golden Gate National Recreation Area And Civic Environmentalism

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Through a pair of case studies at urban parks in coastal US cities, two anthropologists explore the ways that visitors, park staff and planners, state officials, and others express and negotiate what it means to be an environmentalist, and how that sits within often very different visions of parks as public or civic spaces. Shirley Wang presents a range of innovative understandings of environmentalism at two iconic San Francisco parks and asks about their potential to shift patterns of racial exclusion. For many years she produced ethnographic studies for the National Park Service, including a Tufts Summer Scholar and received a grant to conduct fieldwork in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. New Search. Open Access Preprints Full-Text available. Show more. Hal K. Rothman. The New Urban Park: Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Civic Environmentalism. (Development of Western Resources.) Lawrence: University Press of Kansas.