

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (CA)



Growing up in the Snoqualmie Valley of Washington State was certainly a significant factor in Kendall Eldredge's childhood that piqued her passion for the outdoors and the beautiful mysteries found on dirt paths. Kendall attended Western Washington University where she received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology with an emphasis in Ecology, Evolution, and Organisms. Through this major Kendall participated in a summer internship course in the Alvord Basin of Southeast Oregon where she and other students from across the country monitored reptile behavior and researched desert ecology. This internship course opened the door for Kendall to return to the Sage Steppe ecosystem after graduation to work for The

Nature Conservancy of Oregon where she was employed as a Sagebrush Ecology Technician. The primary task for this position was in piloting the new technology of carbon-coated-seed pods and pellets as a revegetation method after wildfires. Experience in performing laboratory studies with this reseeding method then created an opportunity of employment with the USDA-ARS as a Biological Sciences Technician. In this position, Kendall began her journey as a field research lead and discovered her urge to pursue leadership roles. After working in Southeast Oregon for over a year, Kendall returned to Washington to work as an Assistant Supervisor for the Washington Conservation Corps. Restoring riparian ecosystems in the Puget Sound revived Kendall's affinity for the great Pacific Northwest and working for the AmeriCorps revealed the CVA program as a desirable next chapter. Her love for exploring and the west coast has brought her to work as the CVA for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area where she aspires to become an effective leader in engaging community members with this historic and scenic land so that generations to come can enjoy the same wild wonders in the future.