By 1883, Sutro Heights had impressive gates to both the main and the private entrances. The main entrance was at the intersection of Point Lobos Avenue and Palm Avenue, the palm tree-lined boulevard that ran through Sutro Heights.

The main gate was an ornate 25-foot tall decorative wooden structure with a high central arch for carriages and a pedestrian arch on each side. The original structure was demolished by the Works Progress Administration in 1939 but replicas of the two reclining lion statues that flanked the gate are still in place today.