

Mirada Surf and Quarry County Park

Quarry: 1195 Columbus Street, El Granada
Mirada West: 101 Alameda Avenue, Half Moon Bay
Park HQ (San Pedro Valley Park) 650-355-8289
Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency 911

San Mateo County Parks

Reservations 650-363-4021
General information 650-363-4020
www.SMCoParks.org

The Department manages parks, trails, and historic sites to preserve public lands and provide opportunities for education and recreation. The system's properties, located throughout the County, encompass more than 16,000 acres.

The parks represent our region's wondrously diverse natural settings, from rugged tidepools, lush mountain forests, and remote campsites to Bayfront shoreline, sunny picnic areas, and popular playgrounds.

The Department sells annual passes, offering unlimited entrances to all County Parks for a year.

Support your parks

You can volunteer to help rangers protect and improve parklands and serve park visitors.

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation raises funds to improve the quality of County Parks for our community. For information, visit www.SupportParks.org.

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Mirada Surf West is one of the few undeveloped coastal bluffs in the region, and offers expansive views of Half Moon Bay and the ocean. Mirada Surf East, across Highway 1, includes 41 acres of protected open space and a trail leading to Quarry Park. This 517-acre community park, nestled in the town of El Granada, includes play areas, a bicycle pump track, picnic facilities, and hiking trails, many of which allow walking dogs off-leash.



Activities and facilities

Mirada Surf West includes the popular multi-use California Coastal Trail, which meanders through the 19-acre coastal bluff. Hikers can access the beach from the southern end. Another multi-use trail leads through Mirada Surf East to Quarry Park.

Quarry Park includes hiking trails, a play area and tree house, a pump track for bicycles, a drop-in picnic area with barbeques, a community garden, and open fields.

From the main parking lot, two trails head up through a dense eucalyptus forest, yielding to an old quarry, a labyrinth, and great ocean views.

Reservations are not required for picnic sites, but are required for special events or jumper use. To make reservations, visit www.SMCoParks.org or call 650-363-4021.



Natural features and history

Mirada Road ran along the El Granada Beach bluffs until the late 1960s, when the shoreline eroded and the road fell into the ocean. The bluff property was historically used for cattle grazing and farming of hay, red oats, and root crops, and was eventually split into west and east by the Ocean Shore Railroad and Highway 1.

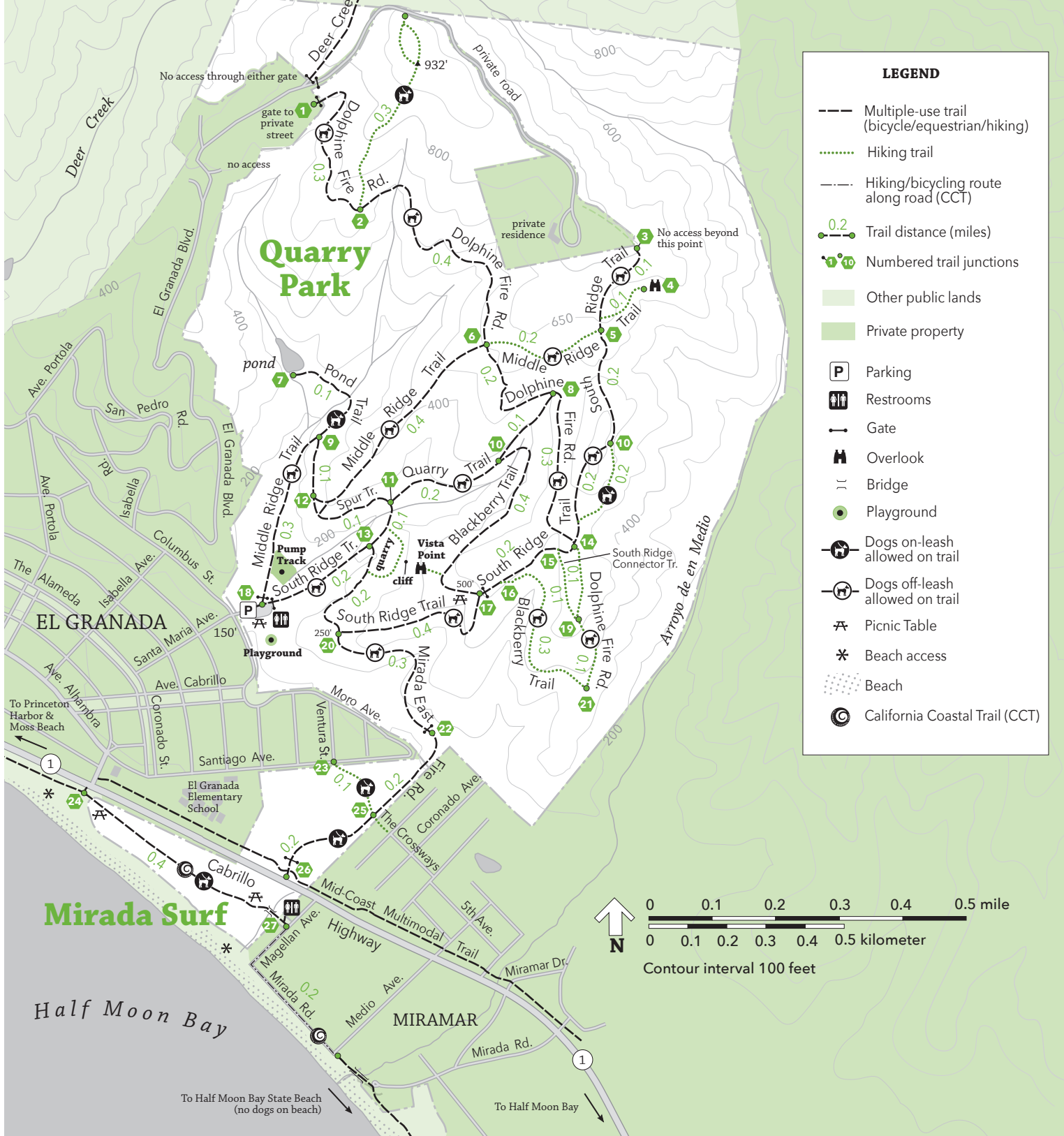
Designated as a community park in the 1978 Mid-Coast Community Plan, Mirada Surf became public parkland only after denial of several development proposals. Today, its easily accessible scenic blufftop includes coastal scrub wetlands and grasslands with habitat for numerous birds and other wildlife.

Part of the massive 1906 Burnham Plan for the town of El Granada, Quarry Park was later used for grazing, then as a quarry that supplied rock for Highway 1 and the Half Moon Bay Airport. In 1995, San Mateo County purchased the land as a community park managed until 2013 by the nonprofit Midcoast Parklands.

The park's trails lead through non-native eucalyptus forests to the Mesozoic-age granite of the old quarry floor, the terrace wetland, and views of Pillar Point. The area is home to more than 50 bird species.

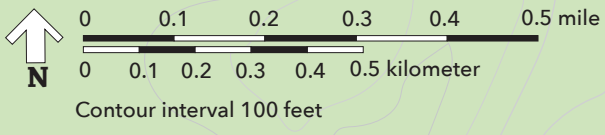
Quarry Park and Mirada Surf

Rancho Corral de Tierra
(Golden Gate National
Recreation Area)



LEGEND

- Multiple-use trail (bicycle/equestrian/hiking)
- Hiking trail
- Hiking/bicycling route along road (CCT)
- 0.2 Trail distance (miles)
- 1 10 Numbered trail junctions
- Other public lands
- Private property
- P Parking
- Restrooms
- Gate
- H Overlook
- Bridge
- Playground
- Dogs on-leash allowed on trail
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- Picnic Table
- Beach access
- Beach
- California Coastal Trail (CCT)



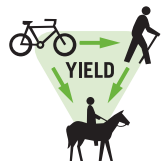
Park hours and use

- Hours** Mirada Surf and Quarry Park open at 8am. Closing time changes seasonally, and is posted.
- Pets** Dogs on leash are allowed on all trails in both Mirada Surf and Quarry Park. Dogs are allowed off-leash on marked trails in Quarry Park.
- Fires** Barbeques are allowed only in barbeque pits using charcoal; no portable barbeques.
- Smoking** No smoking in County Parks, on trails, or at historical sites.

Please protect the Parks' natural environment and do not disturb or remove any plants or animals.

Trails

- Meadow Trail to pond** 0.4 miles
- Middle Ridge Trail** 1.0 mile one-way
- South Ridge Trail** 1.1 miles one-way
- Dolphine Fire Road** 1.4 miles one-way



- Hikers, runners, bicyclists, and equestrians share these trails. Please be alert and courteous to all trail users.
- Always yield to equestrians by stepping to the edge of the path.
- Weather conditions may cause seasonal trail closures.

For current trail advisories and closures, visit www.SMCoParks.org.