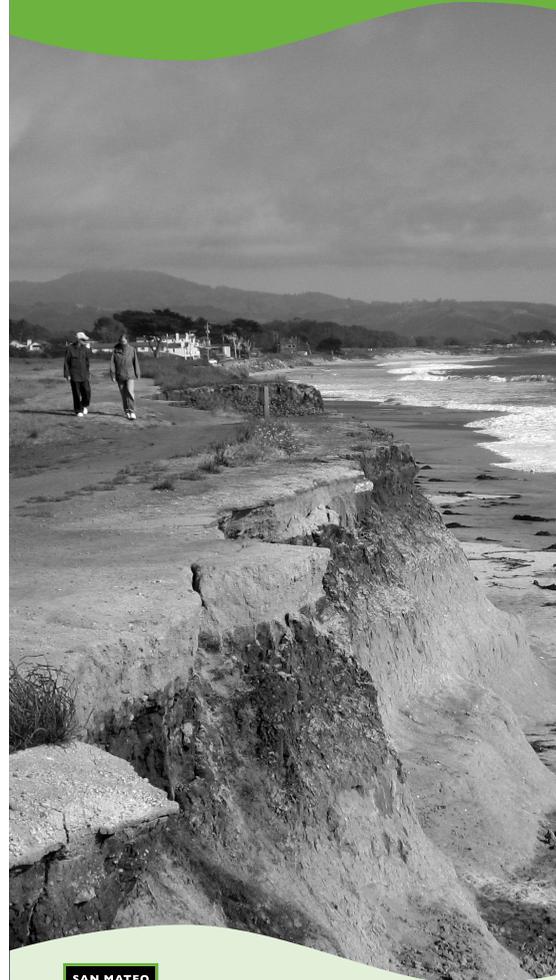


## Mirada Surf and Quarry County Park

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

# Mirada Surf and Quarry

## San Mateo County Parks



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### San Mateo County Parks

Reservations 650-363-4021

General information 650-363-4020

[www.SMCoParks.org](http://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 include parks, preserves, trails, and historic sites located throughout the County and encompassing more than 17,000 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](http://www.SupportParks.org).

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## Mirada Surf and Quarry County Park

Mirada Surf West is one of the few undeveloped coastal bluffs in the region. The popular, multi-use California Coastal Trail meanders through the 19-acre coastal bluff offering expansive views of the ocean and access to the beach from the southern end. Mirada Surf East, across Highway 1, includes 41 acres of protected open space and a trail leading to Quarry Park, a 517-acre community park. Nestled in the town of Granada, this park includes play areas, picnic facilities, and hiking trails.



### Activities and facilities

Mirada Surf West offers expansive views of Half Moon Bay and the ocean. The California Coastal Trail meanders through the bluff, with access to 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 drop-in picnic area with barbecues, a community garden, and open grassy areas.

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

Reservations are not required for picnic sites, but are required for special events or jumper use. To make reservations, visit [www.SMCoParks.org](http://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.

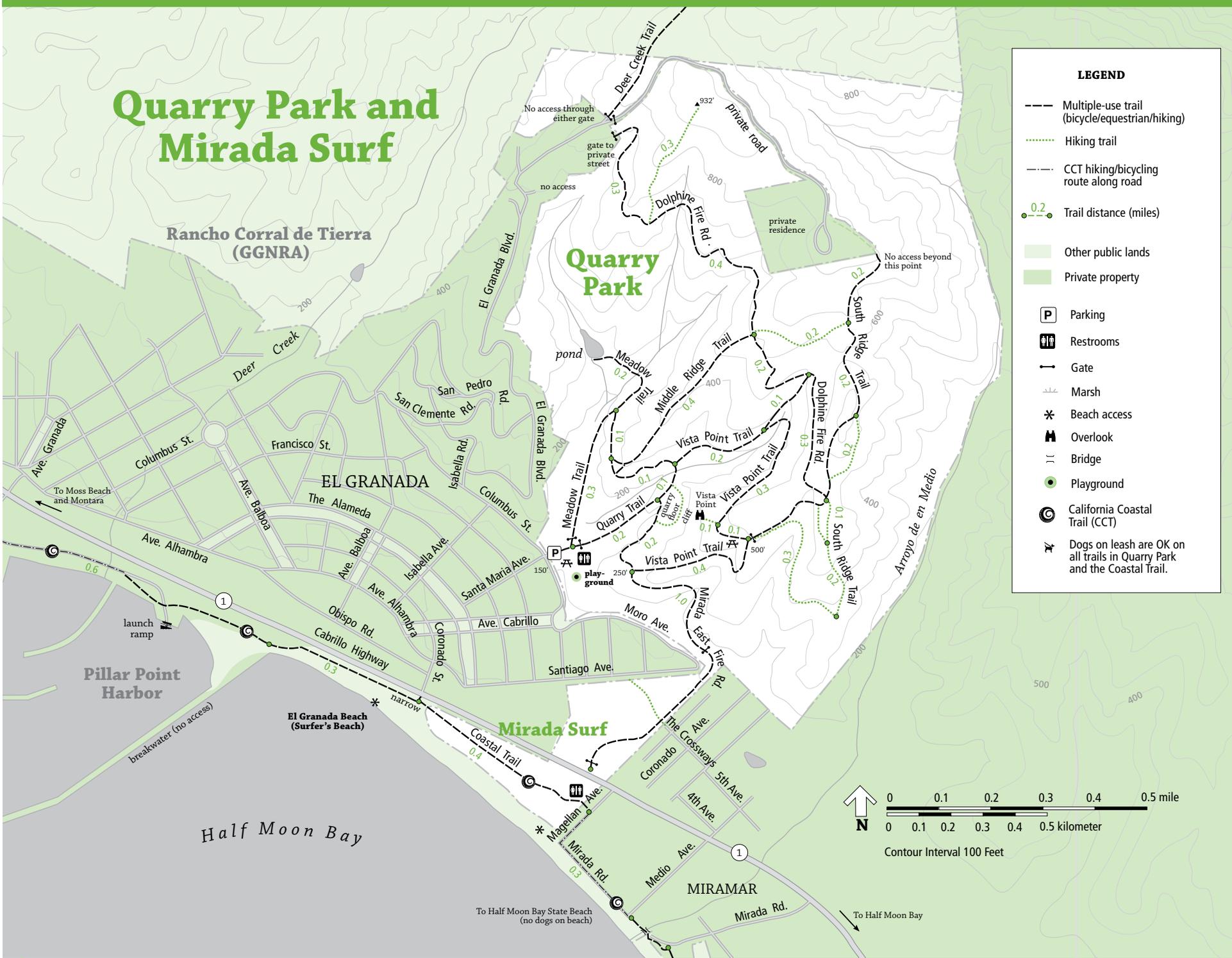
The park's trails lead through non-native eucalyptus forests to the Mesozoic-age granite of the old quarry floor, the terrace wetland, and views of Pillar Point. The area is home to more than 50 bird species.

# Quarry Park and Mirada Surf

Rancho Corral de Tierra (GGNRA)

Quarry Park

Mirada Surf



**LEGEND**

- Multiple-use trail (bicycle/equestrian/hiking)
- ..... Hiking trail
- CCT hiking/bicycling route along road
- 0.2 Trail distance (miles)
- Other public lands
- Private property
- P Parking
- Restrooms
- Gate
- Marsh
- \* Beach access
- Overlook
- Bridge
- Playground
- California Coastal Trail (CCT)
- Dogs on leash are OK on all trails in Quarry Park and the Coastal Trail.

## 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 trails in both Mirada Surf and 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** 0.5 miles
- South Ridge Trail** 0.9 miles one-way
- Vista Point Trail loop** 1.3 miles
- 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.
- Bicyclists must stay on the California Coastal Trail and park service roads only.
- Always yield to equestrians by stepping to the edge of the path.
- Weather conditions may cause seasonal trail closures.



For more trail information, visit [www.SMCoParks.org](http://www.SMCoParks.org).

