



Miramar Park is situated on 1.6 acres is located at 201 Paseo de la Playa and Calle Miramar in South Torrance. The name means “sea view” and indeed the park is located just above Torrance Beach. Miramar was a cooperative effort by the City of Torrance and Los Angeles County. The park itself is owned and maintained by the City of Torrance. It was dedicated on January 11, 1984. Many years were spent acquiring fee ownership and easements along the beach to assure access and recreation facilities for the people of Los Angeles County. The decision was made a long time ago to place the operation of the beaches with the County to assure consistency.

Miramar boasts many benches with view of the beach and ocean. It also has a ramp/walkway to Torrance Beach, security lighting, and a sprinkler system. The park contains a statue of a dolphin and a *plaque* which was donated by the Torrance Historical Society designating it as the *historic site of the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club* which existed from 1931 to 1958. The site was developed by a 1920’s Oregon native real estate developer, Clifford Reid who had a dream of creating a European-style community in the South Bay. Reid wanted to develop the coastal hills and beachfront into a replica of the European cities he and his wife had visited. However, in 1931, as the Great Depression was taking hold, Reid finished work on the Hollywood Riviera Club, a spectacular beach-front operation open to everyone who bought land in the development. The historic site plaque dedication took place on February 24, 1985.

On April 25, 1990, a “Fido Fountain” (drinking fountain designed especially for dogs) was installed. It is designed with a basin at ground level for the comfort of dogs whose owners have walked them on the beach. It also has a frog statue that was donated in 2009 by former mayor Dan Walker.

Various art groups have help art shows/ sales at the park during the months with good weather. In 2010, the City began offering wedding ceremony permits for

groups up to 100 people. For more information about holding a wedding ceremony, please see the Facility Booking [website](#).