

La Mirada was once part of a Spanish land grant called Rancho Los Coyotes. The herds of cattle found in this area, when the land was part of the Abel Stearns rancho in the 1860's, are gone today. Gone too, are the sheep that later grazed La Mirada fields after alternating floods and drought destroyed the cattle business and contributed to the breakup of the Stearns holdings in 1868.

Subsequently, in 1890, Andrew McNally, president of Chicago's Rand-McNally atlas firm, purchased the 2,278 acres of land. He dreamed of creating "country gentlemen's estates" on 20 acres of this land, featuring fine homes and trees for the production of citrus fruits and olives.

Many olive trees are still visible in La Mirada. The one remaining olive grove is located on the Biola University campus along La Mirada Boulevard. Many front yards of homes in the community still feature olive trees for decorative purposes. These olive trees are silent reminders of La Mirada's earlier days.



You can learn more about La Mirada's history by browsing the internet, reading books and going for a walking or biking tour.



George House

The George House, located at the Neff Estate, is the oldest home in La Mirada.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EFFORTS IN LA MIRADA, DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE LA MIRADA COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION AT 13700 LA MIRADA BOULEVARD.



Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs

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La Mirada History Tour



Bicycle & Walking Guide



Total Tour Length 9.5 Miles



La Mirada City Hall
13700 La Mirada Boulevard

The La Mirada City Hall provides a wide variety of public services for the community.

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La Mirada Regional Park
13701 Adelfa Drive

This park was built by Los Angeles County in 1971. The 80 acre park provides a wide variety of recreational facilities.

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La Mirada Post Office
14901 Adelfa Drive

The lobby of the post office houses a display of historical photographs, figures and text depicting La Mirada's early years.

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Veterans Park
15055 Adelfa Drive

Veterans Park opened in 2000. The park is dedicated to La Mirada's veterans.

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La Mirada Theatre
14900 La Mirada Boulevard

The award-winning La Mirada Theatre for Performing Arts has served the region's cultural needs since 1976.

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Windermere Park
15261 Cheshire Street

This park was once the location of Lake Windermere.

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Neff Estate
14300 San Cristobal Drive

The Neff Estate covers 10 acres and includes three historic buildings. The Neff site was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1978 in recognition of its role as a historical, educational and social center.

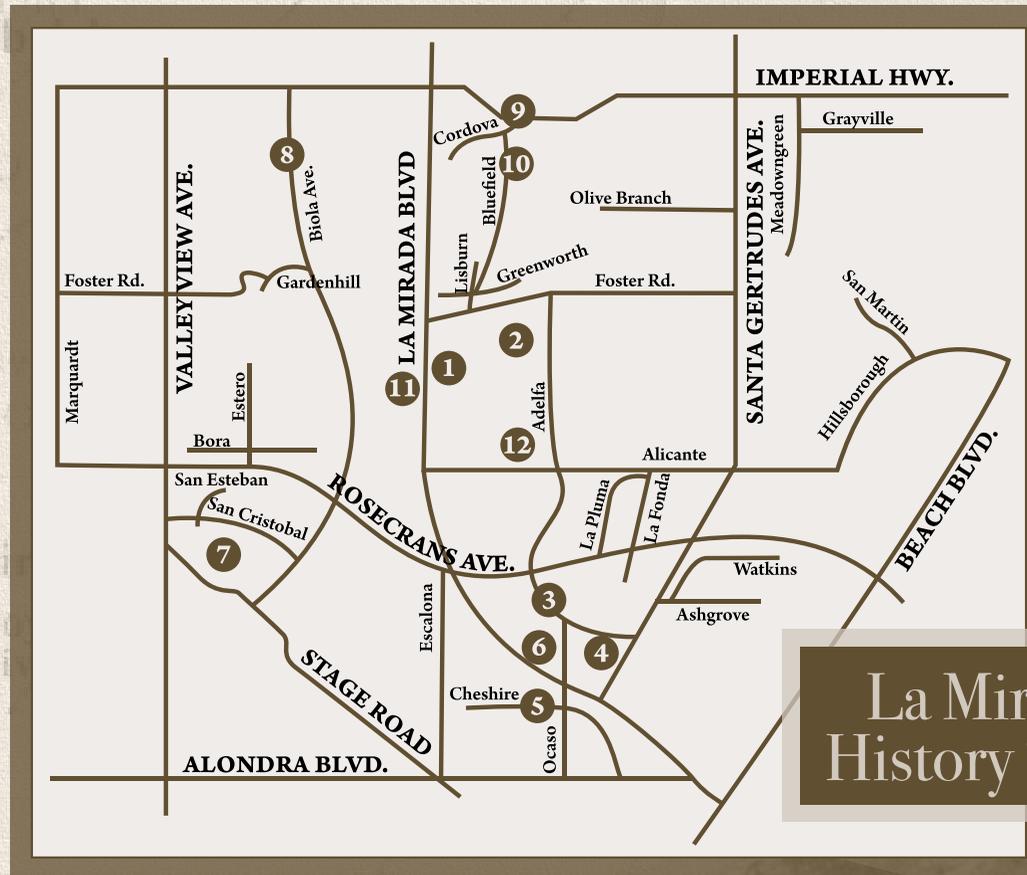
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Biola Avenue
13800 Biola Avenue

This roadway was once a dirt path. Biola University was built at this location in 1959.

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La Mirada History Tour



Imperial Hwy & Cordova Road

This location was once the site of a stage coach stop. A historic marker is found at this location.

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Kling Center
12900 Bluefield Avenue

This property has been used for public and private school purposes, and housed the City's recreation and human services offices for many years.

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Olive Grove

Located on the west side of La Mirada Boulevard across from the Civic Center, this site is the last remaining olive grove in the community. La Mirada once had a flourishing agricultural industry which raised olives and citrus fruit.

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La Mirada Civic Center
13700 La Mirada Boulevard

The La Mirada Civic Center provides a wide variety of facilities serving the community such as City Hall, Splash!, Activity Center, Resource Center, Community Gymnasium and the Los Angeles County Library.

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