



Torrance Park is situated on 10.2 acres at 2001 Santa Fe Avenue. It is located in the South East area of the City. The land was acquired in parcels from June of 1934 to 1956. A dedication was planned for [August 19, 1934](#) but unseasonably rainy weather pushed the event to the following week on [August 26, 1934](#). Dedicated by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was then called "Municipal Park". It is the City's first public park and is rich in history. Torrance's original park possesses all the majesty and tranquility reminiscent of our City's past.

Built from 1932 to 1934, it contains many features that were common to parks in the 1920's and 1930's, including a formal arrangement of paths and planting. It has neatly trimmed hedges and a lovely rose garden. Along with its tall shady trees, it has secluded picnic niches (with barbecues) for small groups or a larger, partially covered picnic area with over 20 tables for bigger groups. The larger picnic area has a band shell with plenty of spectator seating and handicapped access. Amplified sound is allowed in the band shell with the appropriate permits.

The park features a night lighted baseball field which was renamed Kendall Field in 2001. It was named after Fred and Jason Kendall, a father and son team that graduated from Torrance High School and both became Major League Baseball players. The park also includes a wide assortment of play equipment for children to include swings (with a tire swing and rubberized surface), small rock climbing wall, a 1955 fire engine truck donated in 1961 by the City's Fire Department, a basketball court, and horseshoe courts. It has ample parking with 2 parking lots (for 65 cars and 56 cars) located on the east and west side of the park.

Over the years, Torrance Park has seen a number of additions and enhancements; however, it retains much of its original charm, seems to suit every need and has remained one of the City's favorite spots.