

How “park poor” is Redondo Beach?

Redondo Beach currently has 2.22¹ acres of park per 1,000 residents. This number includes our beach and Edison Right of Way licensed to the city – national analyses do not include lands that are not officially designated as parks – so keep this in mind when comparing to other areas cited below.

The national average is 16.2 acres per 1000 residents, Los Angeles area averages 8.2 acres per 1000 residents², the South Bay averages 2.5 acres per 1000 residents and of the South Bay’s Beach Cities Redondo Beach is last with 2.2.

Table: Comparison of Parkland/1000 Residents for Urban Areas

Urban Area	Park Acres / 1000 Residents
Redondo Beach (Current)*	2.22 (1.43 designated parkland only)
Redondo Beach (Heart Park)**	3.36
Redondo Beach (Village)**	2.44
Long Beach***	6.0
Los Angeles***	8.2
San Diego***	31.9
San Jose***	4.3
New York***	4.6
Average, High Population Density Cities (Redondo Beach fits this category)***	8.0
National Average for Urban Areas***	16.2

*Calculated from parkland cited in “City of Redondo Beach 2004-14 Recreation and Parks Element”, June 7, 2004, The Lightfoot Planning Group

** Calculated from vision briefings submitted to Planning Commission

*** “The Excellent Park System – What Makes It Great and How to Get There”, Peter Harnick, The Trust for Public Land, 2003, page 37

Table and narrative excerpted from “DTA Fiscal Analysis in Perspective” – prepared by the South Bay Parkland Conservancy. See full report plus the original DTA Analysis at www.heartpark.org

¹ Calculated from parkland cited in “City of Redondo Beach 2004-14 Recreation and Parks Element”, June 7, 2004, The Lightfoot Planning Group; and from 2004 Census data cited on line in the Los Angeles Almanac

² “The Excellent Park System – What Makes It Great and How to Get There”, Peter Harnick, The Trust for Public Land, 2003, page 37 – 40