

THINGS TO DO !

All Your Go-To Places Near UC Irvine



Orange County

Irvine Farmers Market: Walkable from campus, Saturday mornings 8am–12pm

Huntington Beach: Surf City USA! The town has many restaurants, bars, cafes, shops, and of course a nice beach

“Top of the World” Hike in Laguna Beach: Features amazing ocean views!

The Wedge (AKA Newport Peninsula): You can experience incredibly huge waves here or watch surfers take them on!

Corona Del Mar State Beach: This is the closest beach to UCI

Whale/ Dolphin Watching: Visit the Newport Coastal Adventure website page: newportcoastaladventure.com/

Sherman Gardens: Small botanical gardens right along the main part of Corona Del Mar

Balboa Island: Delightful island with a main street of little shops, cafes, and restaurants, and then many blocks of very attractive homes -- some on the water and some not.



Crystal Cove State Park: (between Newport Beach and Laguna Beach) coastal walks, hilly hikes, and tide pools

Kayaking and Stand-Up Paddle

Boarding: Renting and launching from Southwind Kayak and SUP -- under an overpass of the Pacific Coast Highway

Local Breweries: Docent, The Bruery, Barley Forge, Gunwhale Ales (and many more!)

Mission San Juan Capistrano: One of the 21 missions established along the CA coast by Spanish Missionaries—dates to 1776

Los Angeles

Huntington Gardens: Botanical gardens in Pasadena

The Getty Center: Greek, Roman, and Etruscan art and architecture up high on a hill overlooking LA

Warner Bros. Studio: Guided studio tours

Griffith Observatory: Enjoy views of the LA basin and their observatory and planetarium



Museums: La Brea Tar Pits, LACMA, Natural History Museum, California Science Center, The Broad, MOCA (and many more!)

Aquarium of the Pacific: Impressive aquarium with a focus on California’s ocean life

Biking Information

<https://www.ocregister.com/2010/08/30/best-bike-trail-2/>

<http://ocbike.org/resources/bike-paths-in-orange-county/>

<https://www.octa.net/Bike/Bicycling-in-Orange-County/>

https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=bike+paths&find_loc=Orange+County%2C+CA

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/top-lists/best-family-friendly-bike-trails-in-oc/>

Map of Biking Trails:

<https://www.cityoforange.org/DocumentCenter/View/1594/Orange-County-Bikeways-Map-PDF?bidId=>

