

12 Stunning, Dog-friendly Hikes

TO EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

THERE'S NOTHING MORE REVITALIZING THAN A GOOD HIKE WITH YOUR PUP.

That's why we've put together this list of the 12 most stunning, interesting, and accessible hikes you can do with your dog in Southern California.

TAKE A LOOK & PLAN A HIKE THIS WEEKEND!

REGIONS

- San Diego Area
- Angeles National Forest Area
- Palm Springs Area
- Malibu Area
- San Bernardino Area
- Ventura / Ojai Area

SAN DIEGO AREA

CABRILLO TIDE POOLS

Location & Directions : 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 5 miles in <1 hour

Info : This is not your usual hike! A beautiful, beach-based hike for you and your dog. During low tide, which typically occurs in daylight during fall and winter months, you can check out an [amazing intertidal ecosystem](#) while exploring some really cool tide pools.

SUNSET TRAIL - LAGUNA MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

Location & Directions : 9006 Sunrise Highway, Mount Laguna, CA 91948

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 3.25 miles in 2 hours

Info : About a 40 minute drive from San Diego, this hike will give you and your dog the best of all worlds. You'll experience beautiful conifer forest and a wide open meadow where your pup and run around off-leash, but you'll still be able get some panoramic views of the ocean, too!

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL TO EAGLE ROCK

Location & Directions : 31273-31377 California 79 Warner Springs, CA, US 92086

Difficulty : Moderate

Hike Distance & Time : 5.5 miles out and back in 2.5 hours

Info : This is a perfect day hike with a really cool reward at the end -- Eagle Rock! Can you see the resemblance? The terrain ranges wildly and the hike is VERY hot in the summer. It's best hiked in the fall, winter, and spring months.

SAN ELIJO LAGOON

Location & Directions : 3200-3298 Manchester Ave, Encinitas, CA, US 92024

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 3 miles in 2 hours

Info : Take your pup around the wetlands and plant life of the San Elijo Lagoon! This hike is a great way to see tons of nature without straying too far from the coastal cities and towns.

PALM SPRINGS AREA

PYRAMID PEAK TRAIL

Location & Directions : 32000 Morris Ranch Rd, Mountain Center, CA, US 92561

Difficulty : Moderate

Hike Distance & Time : 7 miles in 4 hours

Info : Just a few hours drive inland from the coast are the mountains of San Jacinto, which will challenge you and your dog to a little bit of a longer hike. However, the payoff is stunning as you scale Pyramid Peak on the Desert Divide section of the Pacific Coast Trail and take in views of mountains, valley, and the Salton Sea. Warning: Hot in the summer!

MALIBU AREA

SATWIWA LOOP TRAIL

Location & Directions : 4121 Potrero Rd, Newbury Park, CA, US 91320

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 2.5 miles in 1.5 hours

Info : This is a simple trail with many visual attractions. Features include rolling grasslands, a view of Boney Mountain, spring time wildflowers, a windmill, a pond, and much more!

ZUMA CANYON LOOP TRAIL

Location & Directions : 5710 Bonsall Dr, Malibu, CA, US 90265

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 2.8 miles in 1.5 hours

Info : This is a nice easy trail in the valley underneath the Zuma ridge. If you're looking for adventure, there are plenty of [other trails nearby](#) to explore this ocean ridge!

SOLSTICE CANYON

Location & Directions : 3998 Solstice Canyon Rd, Malibu, CA, US 90263

Difficulty : Moderate

Hike Distance & Time : 6 miles in 3 hours

Info : Solstice Canyon brings you right up to the ruins of an old burned down mansion nestled into the canyon. Past that point you can hike along a stream of small pools and scramble up and down a boulder or two!

SAN BERNARDINO AREA

CASTLE ROCK TRAIL

Location & Directions : 38420-38438 Big Bear Blvd, Angelus Oaks, CA, US 92305

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 1.6 miles in 1 hour

Info : Castle Rock Trail is a great little escape to lake views and some pretty cool boulders. If you're looking for beautiful, quaint trail for you and your dog, this one's for you!

GRAND VIEW POINT TRAIL

Location & Directions : 880 Edgemoor Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA, US 92315

Difficulty : Moderate

Hike Distance & Time : 6 miles in 3 hours

Info : Another great trail for great views in and around Big Bear! If you want a little exercise and a good dose of mother nature, this trail in the San Bernardino National Forest is for you and your pup!

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST AREA

WATERMAN MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Location & Directions : Angeles Crest Hwy, Pearblossom, CA, US 93553

Difficulty : Moderate

Hike Distance & Time : 4.5 miles in 2.5 hours

Info : Deep in the San Gabriel Mountains of Angeles National Forest is Waterman Mountain Trail. Go for a pleasant hike on this wooded mountain trail and soak in the peace and serenity that surrounds!

VENTURA / OJAI AREA

PIEDRA BLANCA TRAIL

Location & Directions : Rose Valley Rd, Ojai, CA, US 93023

Difficulty : Easy

Hike Distance & Time : 2.5 miles in 2 hours

Info : A fun mix of stream crossings and sandstone rock formations make this an exciting trail to explore north of Ojai.