Do you want to venture outside, but don't know where to go? That's what we are for! Titan Outdoors has put together a local guide for all your outdoor needs. This guide is by no means comprehensive, but it provides the tools you'll need to start your adventure. No matter if you want to hike, ride, paddle, or camp, this guide is a great resource to help you in the direction you want to go...outside!
There are many great options for hiking in Southern California, but before starting your adventure, be sure to note the following: make yourself familiar with the area, download maps, have plenty of water, and prepare for the elements! You can also check out resources like the “10 essentials” for what to bring hiking. Remember, always plan ahead and prepare by looking up restrictions and closures regarding COVID-19, wildfires, and other local guidelines. Websites you can visit to find information on the hikes below, and more, are:

- San Bernardino National Forest
- Angeles National Forest
- Orange County Parks and Recreation
- California State Parks
- AllTrails
- Hiking Project

Also, here are a couple of great hiking apps:

Local Trails

CARBON CANYON
Difficulty: Easy
Miles: 2-4
Elevation Change: 100ft
Description: Local park with a small trail system, including a grove of Sequoia trees.

BLACK STAR CANYON
Difficulty: Moderate-Hard
Miles: 6.5
Elevation Change: 900ft
Description: Out and back trail with strenuous terrain towards the end of the canyon.

PETERS CANYON
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Miles: 2-6
Elevation Change: Varied
Description: Heavily trafficked park with various trails to choose.

WHITING RANCH
Difficulty: Moderate
Miles: 1-17
Elevation Change: Varied
Description: Large park with well-marked trail system. Check out Red Rock Canyon!

MT BALDY
Difficulty: Hard
Miles: 11.5
Elevation Change: 4,000ft
Description: Iconic L.A. hike to the largest mountain in the basin.

CUCAMONGA PEAK
Difficulty: Hard
Miles: 11.5
Elevation Change: 4,300ft
Description: A rewarding but challenging hike with great views of Angeles National Forest.
Local Trails

MT. ZION
Difficulty: Hard
Miles: 9.3
Elevation Change: 2,400ft
Description: Nice hike overlooking L.A. Basin. Be sure to check out Sturtevant Falls as well.

CRYSTAL COVE
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Miles: 3-9
Elevation Change: Varied
Description: A State Park with various loops to enjoy ocean views.

CHIQUITO FALLS
Difficulty: Moderate
Miles: 9
Elevation Change: 1,500ft
Description: Waterfall at the end is nice when there is ample water. No shade, bring sunscreen.

BEAR CANYON LOOP
Difficulty: Moderate
Miles: 6
Elevation Change: 1,100ft
Description: Heavily trafficked trail with river and wilderness views near Ortega Hwy.

SANTIAGO OAKS
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Miles: 2-15
Elevation Change: Varied
Description: Nearby park with many options of developed trails to choose from.

CHINO HILLS STATE PARK
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Miles: 3-20
Elevation Change: Varied
Description: Nearby State Park that gets you a wilderness feel quickly. Many trails to choose.
Paddling can be a lot of fun, but with all watersports, make sure you follow regulations on the water. Have a coast guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and whistle with you at all times. Be sure to check the current, tides, and paddling conditions to ensure that you do not exceed your abilities. The below websites offer a good look at coastal weather conditions:

- Orange County Tide Charts
- Coastal Weather
- GoPaddling
- RiverApp

To find more information on put in and take out spots and area specific conditions check these apps out:

Local Waters

NEWPORT BACK BAY
Distance from campus: 30 minutes
Boat rental: Yes
Description: Popular paddling area in a protected cove. A lot of people and other watersport activities.

LAKE PERRIS
Distance from campus: 1.5 hours
Boat rental: No
Description: Decent size lake with views of a popular climbing spot. Area also includes a bike path.

BIG BEAR LAKE
Distance from campus: 2 hours
Boat rental: Yes
Description: One of the most popular boating areas nearby with boat rentals available.

SUNSET BEACH
Distance from campus: 30 minutes
Boat rental: Yes
Description: Paddle past immaculate homes and yachts in a protected coastal area.

LAKE ELSINORE
Distance from campus: 1.5 hours
Boat rental: No
Description: Lake on the other side of Ortega Hwy featuring unique views of Cleveland National Forest.

LA JOLLA
Distance from campus: 1.5 hours
Boat rental: Yes
Description: Iconic sea bluffs in Southern California featuring views of aquatic mammals.

LAKE ARROWHEAD
Distance from campus: 2 hours
Boat rental: Yes
Description: Another popular boating area in a National Forest with ample boat rentals.

LAKE HEMET
Distance from campus: 2 hours
Boat rental: Yes
Description: Great isolated lake near Idyllwild with a lot of other trails around.
Biking is a great way to explore your city or local trails. No matter if your bike has beefy, off-road tires, or you prefer more pavement friendly bikes, remember always wear a helmet and obey traffic laws. Before embarking on a ride, make sure you and your bike are in great condition. Here are some excellent resources to get you going to:

**SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL**
- Miles: 30
- Trail Type: Paved
- Description: Long paved trail that runs near campus and goes all the way to the beach.

**MOUNTAINS TO SEA TRAIL**
- Miles: 20
- Trail Type: Paved
- Description: Long paved trail that runs through Irvine and Newport to get to the beach.

**FULLERTON LOOP**
- Miles: 11
- Trail Type: Mixed
- Description: Local mixed trail that is very popular as a training path for mountain bikers.

**BLACK STAR CANYON LOOP**
- Miles: 8
- Trail Type: Trail
- Description: Large, open dirt road trail that is a great introduction to off-road cycling.

**SANTIAGO OAKS**
- Miles: 2-15
- Trail Type: Trail
- Description: Nearby park with many options of developed trails to choose from.

**CHINO HILLS**
- Miles: 3-20
- Trail Type: Trail
- Description: Nearby State Park that gets you a wilderness feel quickly. Many trails to choose.

**PETERS CANYON**
- Miles: 2-6
- Trail Type: Trail
- Description: Heavily trafficked park with various trails to choose.
What better way to escape than to get out and spend some time in the woods? As always, practice the 7 Leave No Trace principles and stay safe. Check out these local websites for area specific information on campsites:

**CRYSTAL LAKE**
Distance from campus: 1 hour
Description: Nearby campsite with surrounding hiking trails for a quick escape into the wilderness.

**HOLCOMB VALLEY**
Distance from campus: 2 hours
Description: Wonderful backcountry campsite to get away from cell service for a digital detox.

**CRYSTAL COVE CAMPGROUND**
Distance from campus: 30 minutes
Description: Front country camping along California’s golden coast makes Crystal Cove a must.

**LITTLE JIMMY CAMPGROUND**
Distance from campus: 1.5 hours
Description: A very short hike that leads to a backcountry camp with a year-round water source that needs filtering.

**LAKE HEMET**
Distance from campus: 2 hours
Description: Remote lake with a developed campsite and all the amenities needed for a fun escape.
That’s it! We hope this guide helps get you outside and moving. Remember, the outdoors offers more than meets the eye. This guide is intended to get you started, but by no means, should stop the adventurer inside! There are more trails and camps in the area than what we listed, so make sure to explore for yourself. Stay safe and have fun!