

Hikes



Bishop's Peak

2 miles. Moderately steep hill. Incredible views of Cal Poly and all of downtown San Luis Obispo. Switchbacks. Dog-friendly with leash. No mountain bikes allowed. Rock climbing accessible from the Highland trailhead.

Directions: Take Santa Rosa towards Morro Bay. Just before leaving San Luis Obispo, take a left on Highland Drive. Follow Highland up the hill until the road ends and look for the trailhead near the roundabout. An alternative route is located off of Foothill Blvd, in between Los Osos Valley Road and Santa Rosa. Look for a dirt turnout and the trail going up the hill.

Laguna Lake Park

1-3 miles. Easy walks around a large park with open space. Surrounds a lake with nice views of Cerro San Luis.

Directions: From the 101, take Madonna Road towards Los Osos Valley Road. Turn right on Dalidio, across from the Madonna Plaza Shopping Center. Park in designated areas and you'll see the trails.

Montano De Oro State Park

Trails for all kinds of enthusiasts, including hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders. Easy to moderate trails. Sand dunes. Eucalyptus groves. Secluded stretches of beach. Tall coastal peaks. Bluffs overlooking the beach and wildflowers in Spring. Dog-friendly with leash.

Directions: From San Luis Obispo, take Los Osos Valley Road towards Los Osos. The road goes through Los Osos and directly into Montano De Oro. Inside the park, explore trails on your own or drive until you get to the Ranger station for help picking a trail.

Irish Hills

Several miles of trails overlooking Los Osos Valley, Cerro San Luis and Bishops Peak. Moderately difficult. Mountain bikers allowed. Dog-friendly with leash.

Directions: From Madonna Road, go left on Los Osos Valley Road and right on De Vault Ranch road. Alternatively, from Madonna, go right on Los Osos Valley Road and left on Perfumo Canyon. Trailhead is on the left.

Cerro San Luis

Moderately strenuous trail for hikers and mountain bikers. Views of downtown San Luis Obispo, Irish Hills, Edna Valley and more. Dog-friendly with leash.

Directions: Take Higuera Street towards Marsh Street. Turn right towards the 101S onramp. Before the onramp, turn right on Fernandez Road and park in the dirt pullout.

Lopez Lake

A variety of trails for hiking, mountain biking and horse riding. Trails range from easy strolls to strenuous climbs. Oak trees. Fishing and camping. Dog-friendly with leash.

Directions: Take Orcutt Road through Edna Valley for about 10 miles, passing several vineyards. Orcutt dead-ends at Lopez Drive. Turn left on Lopez Drive and follow the road to the lake entrance. Ask the Ranger for a trail map.