KAYVON’S FAVORITE LOCAL HIKES
**CHALLENGE / PROBLEM**

- I LIKE TO BE OUTDOORS, ITS SUMMER

**GOALS:**
- GET EXERCISE
- GET SUN
- SEE BEAUTIFUL THINGS

**CONSTRAINTS:**
- WANT TO SLEEP IN MY OWN BED AT NIGHT
- MUST BE ABLE TO KEEP DISTANCE FROM OTHERS ON TRAIL (COVID)
- DON’T WANT TO BUY AN EXPENSIVE BIKE
APPROACH
GO ON LOCAL HIKES
THE LIST

- MISSION PEAK
- COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK
- ALMADEN QUICKSILVER COUNTY PARK
- RUSSIAN RIDGE
- WINDY HILL
- SKYLINE DRIVE
- BIG BASIN
- BEACHES (SAN GREGORIO, FRANCIS, POPLAR)
- DEVIL’S SLIDE TRAIL
- MARIN HEADLANDS
- MT TAM
- MILL VALLEY TO STINSON
- KITE HILL (PALO ALTO)
MISSION PEAK

30 MIN DRIVE
3 HOUR HIKE
IN THE SPRING
Definitely go up this way: far fewer people (I recommend down this way too).

Parking Tips: Although the parking lot is always full, waiting for 5 min usually means someone comes off the trails and gets you a spot. Also, don’t leave valuables in your car. Brake-ins happen often.
COYOTE HILLS

REGIONAL PARK

25 MIN DRIVE
1–1.5 HOUR (FLAT) HIKE

(CAN ALSO BIKE THERE OVER DUMBARTON BRIDGE)
BIKED HERE FROM PENINSULA VIA DUMBARTON BRIDGE
Almaden Quicksilver County Park

50 min drive
Many hikes
New Almaden Trail is a 14.2 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near San Jose, California that offers the chance to see wildlife and is rated as difficult.
RUSSIAN RIDGE TRAIL

(RUSSIAN RIDGE PRESERVE)

50 MIN DRIVE
4 MILES, PRETTY FLAT

A BUT A JEWEL OF A HIKE
CAN SEE THE OCEAN AND THE BAY AT THE SAME TIME FROM THE RIDGE (DEFINITELY GO AROUND SUNSET)
WINDY HILL
OPEN SPACE

25 MIN DRIVE
6 MILE LOOP TRAIL

(IN THE WOODS ON THE WAY UP,
OPEN ON THE WAY DOWN)
TOP OF WINDY HILL
(THAT’S SKYLINE DRIVE IN THE PICTURE)
Windy Hill Loop is a 6.2 mile heavily trafficked loop trail located near Portola Valley, California that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as moderate.
Anything off Skyline Drive in general

Go for a nice drive late in the day

(head up 84 to Skyline for the easiest drive up)
BIG BASIN STATE PARK

75 MIN DRIVE
MANY HIKES
OLD GROWTH REDWOODS. WITHOUT THE CROWDS OF MUIR WOODS
PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN A COVID ERA
CROWD IS SPARSE
LATE IN THE DAY
Buzzard's Roost via Pine Mountain Trail is a 4.3 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Boulder Creek, California that features beautiful wildflowers. Show more
BUZZARD’S ROOST
Sunset, Berry Creek Falls and Howard King Trail Loop is a 10.5 mile heavily trafficked loop trail located near Boulder Creek, California that features a waterfall.

- **Length**: 10.5 mi
- **Elevation gain**: 2,785 ft
- **Route type**: Loop
HOWARD KING TRAIL
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(GETTING A LITTLE TIRED)
Head down the hill and go to the beach.
SAN GREGORIO STATE BEACH

50 MIN DRIVE
ENDLESS BEACH

(OFTEN SOUTH OF FOG LINE SO WARMER THAN HALF MOON BAY. IF FOGGY KEEP DRIVING SOUTH TO PESCADERO.)
FRANCIS BEACH
POPLAR BEACH
(HALF MOON BAY)

50 MIN DRIVE
ENDLESS BEACH

(THey ARE CONNECTED SO I THINK
OF THEM AS THE SAME BEACH)
DEVIL’S SLIDE TRAIL

(OFF HIGHWAY 1, JUST SOUTH OF PACIFICA)

1 HR DRIVE
3 MILE WALK

THE “TRAIL” USED TO BE THE OLD HIGHWAY 1 BEFORE THE TUNNELS WERE BUILT
MARIN HEADLANDS

CROSS THE GOLDEN GATE
IGNORE (SCENIC VIEWPOINT SIGNS)
TAKE FIRST EXIT (ALEXANDER AVE)
TURN LEFT UNDER 101
DRIVE UP HILL

BE HERE LATE IN THE DAY
(BUT HAVE A COAT AND HAT)
HAWK HILL
(GO AT SUNSET)
BATTERY SPENCER  
(GO AT NIGHT)
MT. TAMALPAIS

1.5 HR DRIVE,
VARIOUS HIKES

I LIKE THE TEMELPA TRAIL TO SUMMIT
4.4 MILES
Temelpa Trail is a 4.4 mile heavily trafficked out and back trail located near Mill Valley, California that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as difficult. The trail is a fun scramble straight to summit.
OR HIKE ALL THE WAY FROM MILL VALLEY (THE DIPSEA STEPS ARE COOL)
MILL VALLEY TO STINSON BEACH

1.5 HR DRIVE
10 MILE HIKE ON DIPSEA TRAIL (ONE WAY)

(BUT YOU NEED AN ARRANGEMENT TO GET BACK. THERE IS A CITY BUS BACK FROM STINSON BEACH, BUT THIS ISN’T A GREAT COVID ERA OPTION)
Dipsea Trail is a 9.7 mile heavily trafficked out and back trail located near Mill Valley, California that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as difficult. The trail... Show more
AND FOR THE LESS AMBITIOUS…
KITE HILL

A 20 MINUTE WALK FROM EV. THEN YOU SIT ON A HILL.
GOOD PLACE FOR AN EVENING PICNIC
OR 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS VIEWING
FUTURE WORK

- GO ON EVEN BETTER HIKES
- SUGGESTIONS?