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Located at an elevation of over 5,000 feet on the western slopes of Southern California’s San Jacinto Mountains, the village of Idyllwild is renowned for its cultural and arts environment, as well as its stunning natural beauty. Set amid towering alpine forests, majestic mountains, and tranquil meadows, Idyllwild is an historic town that has long had a reputation as an arts mecca. Idyllwild offers a peaceful and remote setting from urban distractions, although it is located just 2 hours by car from Los Angeles or San Diego. Students can take advantage of Idyllwild’s broad choice of recreational activities on campus, or by visiting the nearby town of Idyllwild, with its restaurants, specialty shops, and art galleries. The Idyllwild Arts campus is located only 2 miles from the center of town.
DIRECTIONS

SET YOUR GPS TO 52500 TEMECULA ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

FROM LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:
Head East on I-105 from S Sepulveda Blvd. Continue on I-105 E. Take I-10 E to CA-243 S/S 8th St in Banning. Take exit 100 from I-10 E. Follow CA-243 S to 52500 Temecula Rd.

FROM SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:
Head North on I-15, CA-79 S, CA-371 E and CA-74 W to Tollgate Rd in Idyllwild-Pine Cove. Continue on Tollgate Rd to 52500 Temecula Rd.

FROM PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:
Take N Farrell Dr and E Racquet Club Rd to CA-111 N/N Palm Canyon Dr. Follow CA-111 N, I-10 W and CA-243 S to Tollgate Rd in Idyllwild-Pine Cove. Continue on Tollgate to 52500 Temecula Rd.

FROM ONTARIO:
Get on I-10 E. Follow I-10 E to CA-243 S/S 8th St in Banning. Take exit 100 from I-10 E. Follow CA-243 S to 52500 Temecula Rd.

FROM HEMET:
Head east on CA-74 E/W Florida Ave toward N State St. Continue on CA-243 N to 52500 Temecula Rd.

TRANSPORTATION:
There is no public transportation to or within Idyllwild. Transportation is available via campus vans from Ontario International Airport or Palm Springs Regional Airport and Idyllwild. Arrangements must be made in advance.
VACATION RENTALS

Idyllwild Vacation Cabins
54380 North Circle Dr. Unit C
(951) 659-5444
idyllwildvacationcabins.com

Idyllwild Vacation Rentals
54280 North Circle Dr.
(951) 659-5015
idyllvacationrentals.com

Idyllwild Mountain Rentals
54240 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-5349
sparkyscabins.com

New Spirit Vacation Homes
54325 North Circle Drive, #102
(909) 910-5005 or (951) 659-3100
newspiritvacationhomes.com

Sunset Acres – 2 bedroom
53397 Linger Lane
858-736-4064
Sunset Acres IG

INNS, B&B’S, & HOTEL

Bluebird Cottage Inn
26620 Saddle Drive
(951) 659-2696
bluebirdcottageinn.com

Creekstone Inn
54950 Pine Crest Ave.
(951) 659-3342
creekstoneinn.com

Fireside Inn
54540 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-2966
thefiresideinn.com

Grand Idyllwild Lodge
54820 Pinecrest Ave.
(951) 659-2383
grandidyllwildlodge.com

Idyllwild Inn
54300 Village Center Drive
(888) 659-2552
idyllwildinn.com

Knotty Pine Cabins
54340 Pine Crest Ave.
(951) 659-2933
knottypinecabinsidyllwild.com

Manzanita Cabins
54100 Lower Pinecrest Ave.
(951) 659-3151
manzanitacabins.com
RESTAURANTS

Café Aroma
54750 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-5212
CafeAroma.org

Restaurant Gastrognome
54381 Ridgeview Drive
(951) 659-5055
gastrognome.com

Higher Grounds Coffee House & Roaster
54245 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-1379
highergroundscoffee.com

Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro
54254 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-9463
idyllawhilewineshoppebistro.com

La Casita Mexican Restaurant
54650 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-6038
idyllwildlacasita.com

Lumber Mill Bar & Grill
25985 Hwy. 243
(951) 659-0315
idymill.com

Mile High Cafe
26600 Hwy 243
(951) 659-2008
milehighcafe.net

The Red Kettle
54220 North Circle Drive
(951) 659-4063
redkettleinc.com

Ferro
25840 Cedar Street
(951) 659-0700
ferrorestaurant.com

Tommy’s Kitchen
54700 N Circle Dr
(951) 468-4222
tommyskitchenidyllwild.com

Fratello’s Ristorante & Pizzeria
54295 Ridgeview Drive
(951) 659-3900
fratellosidyllwild.com
Idyllwild has earned the distinction of becoming one of the 100 Best Small Art Towns in America. (As designated in the book of the same name by John Villani, A John Muir publication). The town features over 15 galleries representing the work of more than 200 artists. Idyllwild is filled with unique gift and antique shops, boutiques, galleries, and wide variety of dining options. There are hundreds of miles of hiking and mountain biking trails for all levels from gentle strolls to strenuous trails leading to the meadows and peaks that tower above the village. Fishing is also available within 20 minutes at Lake Fulmor and Lake Hemet.
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Please note that Idyllwild does not have transportation services readily available in the Idyllwild area. If you have a car service drive you to Idyllwild, please make sure you pre-arrange for the car service to take you off the mountain. In some cases, you will need to have the car wait for you for the duration of your visit. Transportation options listed are informational only, and not an endorsement of those companies and services.

PALM SPRINGS AIRPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:

Shuttle Me Five Star
1-844-775-7827
shuttlemefivestar.com

Cardiff Limousine & Transportation
1-800-669-0355 or 1-760-568-1403
cardifflimo.com

VIP Express Transportation
1-760-322-2224
rideswithvip.com

ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:

Super Shuttle
1-800-258-3826
supershuttle.com

Ontario Limo & Sedan Services
1-800-920-9987
ontariolimoservices.com

Ontario Uber Service
1-909-224-8712

RIDE N’ RELAX
Ride N’ Relax
1-323-674-9020
ridenrelax.com

LA Private Car Service
1-888-400-1919
laprivatetcarservice.com

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1-888-400-1919
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Ride N’ Relax
1-323-674-9020
ridenrelax.com

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1-323-674-9020
ridenrelax.com

MGCLS Car Service
1-855-255-2557
laxcarservicemgcls.com
San Francisco Chronicle

8 California small towns to visit right now

From adventure basecamps where mountain biking is religion to Gold Rush relics reborn as wine havens, these under-the-radar destinations have all the makings of a great weekend away.

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Idyllwild, California

Mile High Paradise