Bored This Weekend? Get Off Campus!

If you're tired of having nothing to do on the weekend and don't want to stay in, there are several places you can visit off campus. Two options are the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Both offer different activities, food, and places to explore with friends, family, or even on your own.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is about two hours from Dominican. There's so much to see, including sharks, fish, octopuses, seals, sea otters, turtles, and more. The aquarium also has touch pools, where visitors can interact with marine life. If you want to take something home, there are gift shops with stuffed animals, jewelry, books, and even Monopoly games based on the aquarium. There's also a boardwalk nearby with restaurants and shops, giving visitors more things to explore after visiting the aquarium. The town area also has plenty of places to eat, such as Manasiri's Crepes & Sandwiches.

If you don't want to go to the aquarium, the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is another option. It is about one hour and 40 minutes from Dominican. The Boardwalk has rides for different age groups, food places, gift shops, and even mini golf. These activities can be fun to do with friends, by yourself, or with family. Whether you're interested in marine life or looking for rides, food, and games, both locations offer students a way to spend their weekend off campus. With so many different activities and places to explore, Monterey and Santa Cruz can give students something to do when they want a break from campus.



