



Try the Santa Barbara beachfront for a little exercise, soothing scenery, and tandem togetherness.

Romantic rides

Where to rent and ride a bicycle built for two

■ If February is the month for *amour*, what could be more romantic than a ride on a bicycle built for two? Consider the famous scene in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, in which Katharine Ross perches on the handlebars of Paul Newman's bicycle. To the strains of "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," the laughing twosome ride downhill bathed in the golden light of dawn. Many tender moments ensue.

Today's tandem bikes provide the chance for an equally playful escapade, but with much greater comfort, safety, and ease. Prospective paramours need only pack a picnic and choose a scenic trail on which to pedal off together into the sunset.

Tandem rentals are available in Her-

mosa Beach near the Strand, a coastal bike path that runs north through Manhattan Beach and curves around the dunes of Dockweiler State Beach. In Orange County, rent a tandem in Huntington Beach and ride 7 miles of beachfront trail to Sunset Beach. Or surprise your sweetheart with a ferry ride to Catalina Island, then pedal through the streets of Avalon.

Lovers in the San Diego area can hop on a tandem on Coronado and cruise the 8-mile Silver Strand Bikeway, enjoying nonstop views of San Diego Bay. And in Santa Barbara, tandems are for rent near the oceanfront Cabrillo Bikeway, which runs from the harbor to Stearns Wharf, East Beach, and beyond.

— Ann Marie Brown

WHERE TO RENT

Avalon. Brown's Bikes, 107 Pebbly Beach Rd.; (310) 510-0986.

Coronado. Bikes & Beyond, 1201 First St., #122; (619) 435-7180.

Hermosa Beach. Hermosa Cyclery, 20 13th St.; (310) 374-7816.

Huntington Beach. Team Bike Works, 8464 Indianapolis Ave.; (714) 969-5480.

Santa Barbara. Cycles 4 Rent, 101 State St.; (888) 405-2453 or www.cycles4rent.com.