Moonridge Trail, Paradise Falls, Two Springs Trail Loop from Wildflower Playfield Tennis Courts



Highlights

- This is the prettiest way to get to the very popular 40' high Paradise Falls
- Enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Wildwood Canyon away from crowds and dusty parking
- Easy short 2.9-mile loop along pretty canyon trails
- Two Springs Trail is closed to mountain bikers and equestrians because of stairs
- Includes a tunnel that passes underneath Avenida de los Arboles

Description

This is an easy and lesser-known route along some pretty and tranquil trails where you are likely to have the trail to yourself until you reach North Teepee Trail. This is a welcome change from the main part of the park that can be very crowded, especially on the weekend.

From the parking lot near the tennis courts, take the tunnel under Avenida de los Arboles to get to Moonridge Trail. You can follow it all the way to the falls, with a 0.2 mile section on (North) Teepee Trail. After visiting the falls, continue along Wildwood Canyon Trail until you cross the bridge then turn left (north) immediately to get onto Two Springs Trail (formerly Indian Creek Trail). At the top, turn right back onto Moonridge, through the tunnel and back to parking. Try hiking it in the opposite direction for a different experience!

For a slightly longer hike, start at the parking lot on Canna St. at the east end of the playfield, shown by the green highlight on the map.

Key Statistics

Popularity: The waterfalls are very popular and can be crowded on the weekend.

Parking: Free at Wildflower Playfields.

Distance: 2.9 miles; 3.75 miles if you park on Canna Street (green highlight on map).

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: about 500'.

Tread Surface: Firm dirt fire roads and single-track trails. There are a number of steps on Two Springs Trail and stepping stones to cross the stream.

Hazards: Poison oak at the side of Two Springs Trail. The water in the stream is urban runoff and is not clean! Stay out of the waterfall and pool below it! Climbing on the rocks can lead to serious injuries and even death.

Facilities: Restrooms at Wildflower Playfield.

Connections: There are many connections to the rest of Wildwood Park.

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Driving Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, exit at Lynn Road and drive north. Drive 2.6 miles to Avenida De Los Arboles and turn left. Continue 0.5 miles then turn right into the parking lot across from Velarde Drive.

Map: <u>https://bit.ly/3PPA4VC</u>

Elevation Profile



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Photos

Moonridge Trail



Paradise Falls

