

Wildwood: Lizard Rock, Paradise Falls and Two Springs Loop



Highlights

- View of Wildwood Mesa, Elliott Mountain, Hawk Canyon and the Western Plateau from Lizard Rock
- Rugged volcanic rock on Stagecoach Bluff. The trail is a real challenge for mountain bikers; many use the much easier Mesa Trail instead
- Everybody loves to visit Paradise Falls

Description

This is a moderate 4.8 mile round trip route, with a total elevation gain/loss of about 800 ft. Travel the route shown below in a counterclockwise direction. Start by crossing Avenida De Los Arboles using the tunnel underneath to access Moonridge Trail. Then to Lizard Rock by way of Mesa Trail and Stagecoach Bluff Trail, then down (past the water treatment plant) to the stream. Not far upstream is the waterfall. Steps lead down to the pool beneath Paradise Falls, and to a picnic table in the shade of an oak tree. Continuing upstream, there is the tranquil picnic area at Little Falls – another great place to take a break. Return by way of Two Springs Trail (formerly Indian Creek Trail).

Key Statistics

Distance: 4.8 mile loop

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 800'. The steepest climb is to the apex of the Lizard Rock Trail. From there, you descend almost 600' to the canyon floor.

Popularity: Most of these trails in Wildwood are very popular, especially around Paradise Falls. The rugged Stagecoach Bluff Trail is less popular.

Parking: Free at the tennis courts in Wildflower Neighborhood Park.

Tread Surface: Generally firm dirt except for Stagecoach Bluff that has rough volcanic rock sections.

Hazards: No shade except in Wildwood Canyon and the lower section of Two Springs Trail; rugged rocks on Stagecoach Bluff.

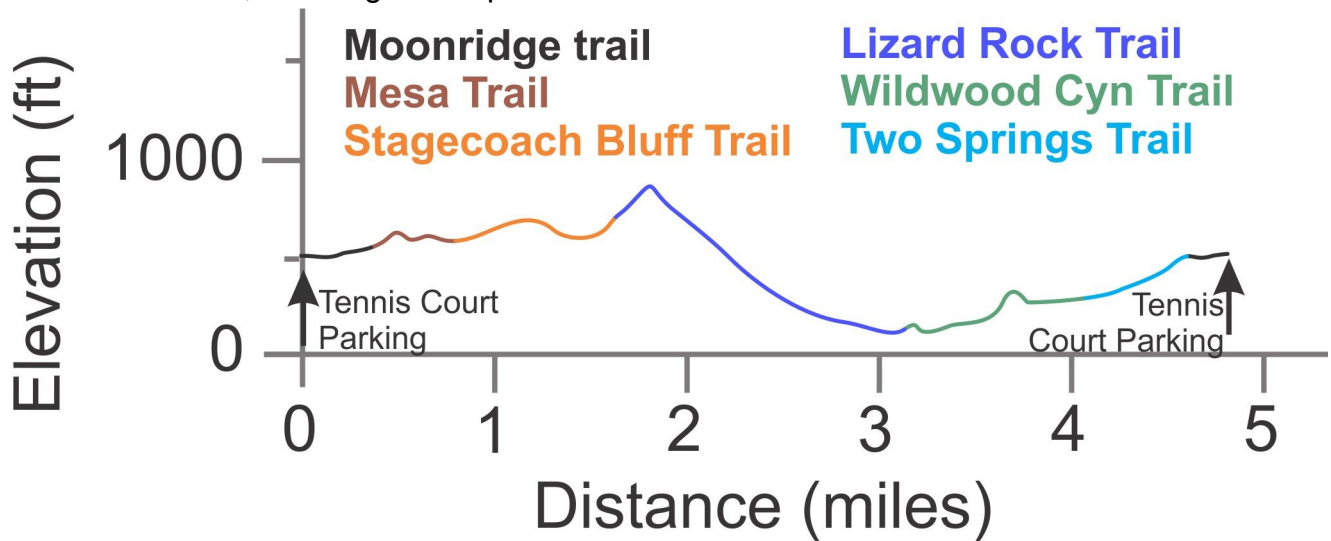
Facilities: Bathrooms nearby in Wildflower Neighborhood Park. Port-a-pottie at the Los Arboles parking area.

Connections: To many trails in Wildwood via the Mesa Trail and Wildwood Canyon Trail.

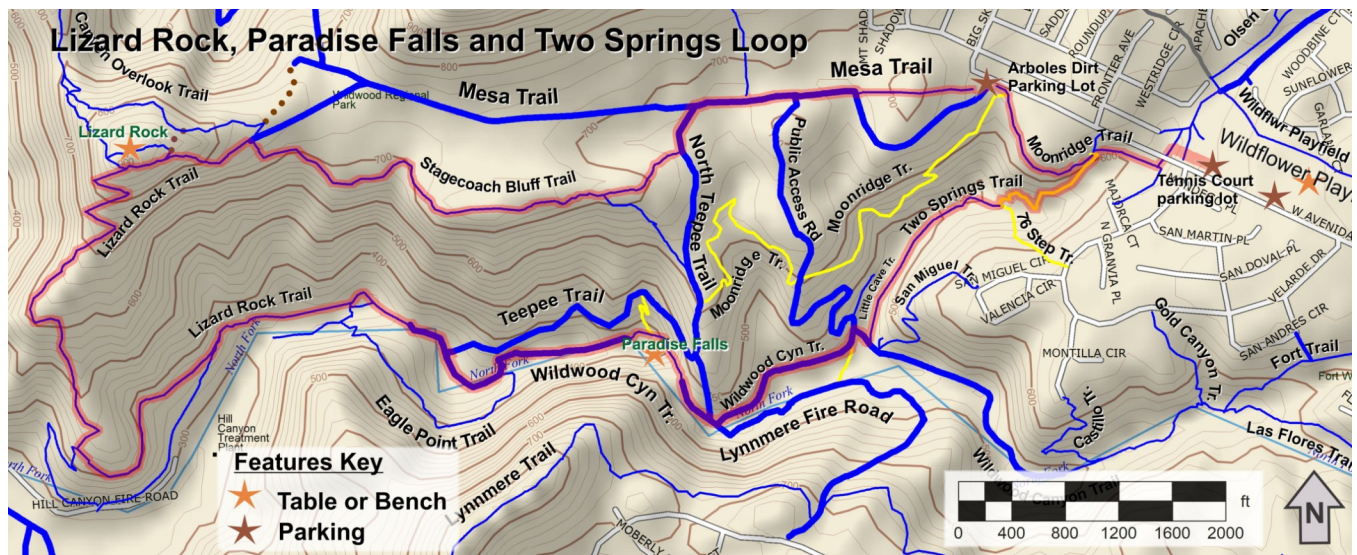
Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, exit at Lynn Road and drive north. Drive 2.6 miles to Avenida De Los Arboles and turn left. After 0.6 miles, across from Velarde Dr., turn right into the parking lot.

Map: <http://bit.ly/3Jm6cj7>

Elevation Profile, traveling the loop counterclockwise:



Route Map



Map courtesy of <https://www.venturacountytrails.org>

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Photos

Moonridge Trail



Mesa Trail



Stagecoach Bluff





Lizard Rock



Lizard Rock Trail switchbacks



Wildwood Canyon Trail



Paradise Falls



Two Springs Trail

