

Mount Clef Ridge – (Lower) Santa Rosa Trail, Box Canyon and Mesa Trail Loop



Highlights

- Diverse trail types and views north over the Santa Rosa Valley and south over Wildwood Mesa and beyond
- Hobby train yard with castle gates at the west end of the Lower Santa Rosa Trail
- Close up look at rough volcanic rocks on the Mount Clef Ridge trails

Description

This moderate loop hike shows off trails and views on both sides of the Mount Clef Ridge. It starts on the Santa Rosa Trail, continues on the Lower Santa Rosa Trail, past the hobby train yard and onto the paved Rocky High Road, up Box Canyon to the Mesa Trail in Wildwood Park, then returns to the start by way of the Santa Rosa Trail. Except for the Mesa Trail, you will avoid the throngs of tourists in Wildwood. To see different views, try doing this loop in the opposite direction.

The large volcanic rocks embedded in the trails of Mount Clef Ridge will challenge even very experienced mountain bikers!

Key Statistics

Popularity: You may encounter a few other visitors on Mount Clef Ridge trails, but it shouldn't be crowded except perhaps the Mesa Trail

Parking: Free on Wildwood Avenue next to the trailhead

Distance: 6.1 miles loop

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 1000'

Tread Surface: Rocky on the Mount Clef Ridge trails, otherwise mostly firm dirt

Hazards: For mountain bikers, lots of big rocks, especially on Shooting Star Trail and the Santa Rosa Trail. Switchbacks on the Santa Rosa Trail are especially treacherous!

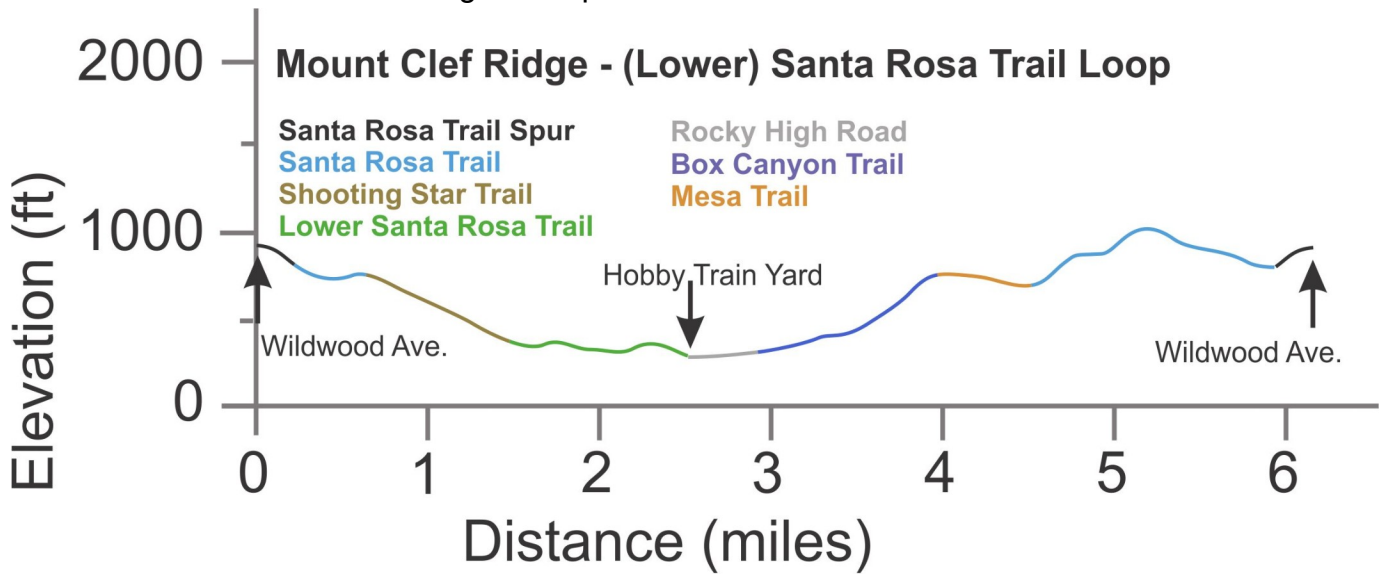
Facilities: None

Connections: Santa Rosa Valley trails; Lower Butte Trail to Wildflower Playfield and then Wildwood Canyon trails; Mesa Trail to Wildwood Canyon Trails

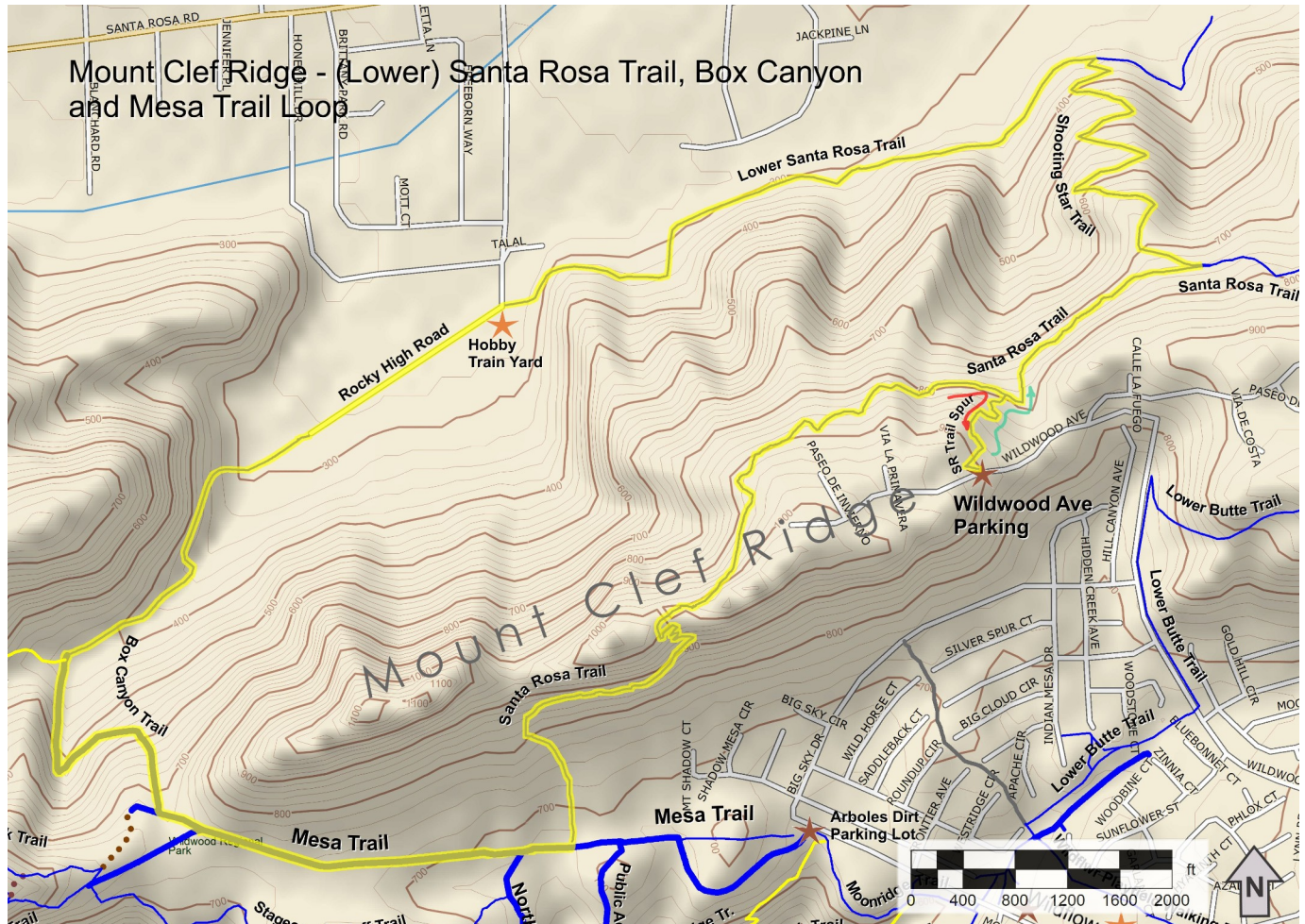
Driving Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, turn north on Lynn Road and continue 2.9 miles to Wildwood Avenue, then turn left. Follow the street around for 0.9 miles. Park at the side of the road near the trailhead.

Map: <http://tinyurl.com/49mz5eo>

Elevation Profile when traveling the loop in the counterclockwise direction



Follow the arrows at the start to loop in the counterclockwise direction. For a change, go the other way around!



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

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Photos

Santa Rosa Trail Spur trailhead



Santa Rosa Trail Spur



Santa Rosa Trail



Shooting Star Trail



Lower Santa Rosa Trail



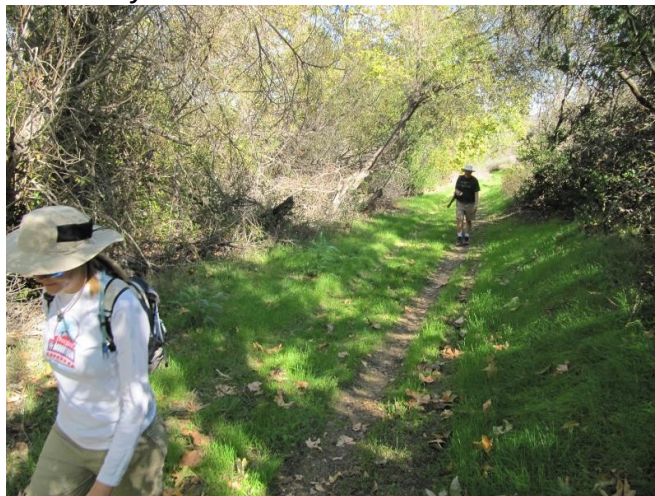
Train Yard



Rocky High Road



Box Canyon Trail



Box Canyon Trail



Mesa Trail



Santa Rosa Trail

