

## North Ranch: Bowfield Trail to Three Peaks



### Highlights

- A good intermediate workout with several options
- Climb up to three peaks (and one sub-peak), all with great views all around
- For an even great workout, continue on moderately steeper trails southwest on the Saddle Pass Trail or southeast on the Aqiwo Trail to the Wishbone Loop Trail
- The nearby Lindero Creek Trail provides a relaxing and shady change of pace

### Description

This is a route with a number of options, all of which lead to impressive views in every direction. The route starts at Bowfield Street near the North Ranch Playfield and goes to the viewpoint on Peak #3 (see map below). On the way, you can climb up to either or both of Peaks #1 and #2. And you can do the same on the way back.

This route has a lot of climbing and can make a good workout hike, but not everyone will want to visit all the peaks. The trail up to Peak #1 is very steep, is somewhat loose and is a challenging climb. Even riders on ebikes probably will not be able to make it to the top without pushing their bike up at least part of the way.

The distance and climbing listed below are for the entire route. It doesn't matter the order you climb to the various peaks.

For a change of pace after completing this route, you can visit the beautiful Lindero Creek Trail with its shady oak canopy north of the North Ranch Playfields.

### Key Statistics

**Popularity:** Expect to see very few if any other visitors

**Parking:** Free on Bowfield Street

**Distance:** 4.6 miles

**Cumulative Climbing and Descent:** 950'

**Tread Surface:** Singletrack trails are mostly firm; the Saddle Pass Trail where it meets Bowfield Trail is loose and extremely steep up to Peak #1 (see map below); the spur trails can have loose rocks on the surface.

**Hazards:** No shade – be careful on hot days; Saddle Peak Trail up to Peak #1 is loose and extremely steep

**Facilities:** Bathrooms and water fountains at North Ranch Playfield

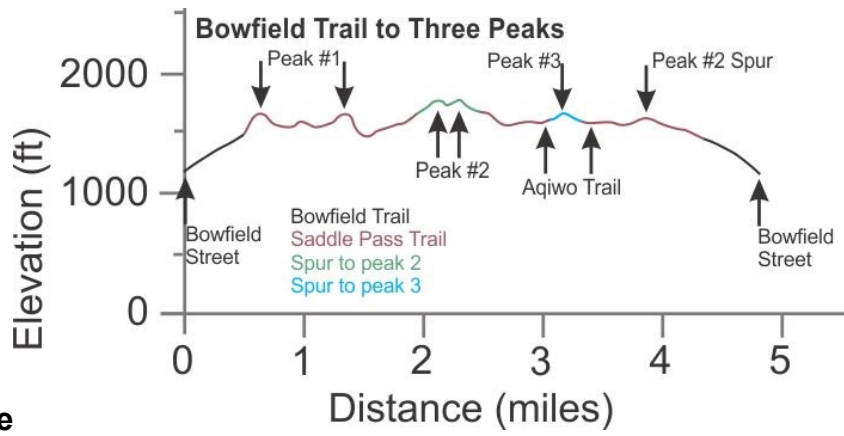
**Connections:** To other North Ranch trails, including Lindero Creek, Windmill Canyon and the Wishbone Loop

**Driving Directions:** From the 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills, turn north on Lindero Canyon Drive and continue for 2.1 miles before turning left onto Rockfield Street. Follow it around for 0.3 miles before turning left on Bowfield Street. The trailhead is 0.1 miles up on the left.

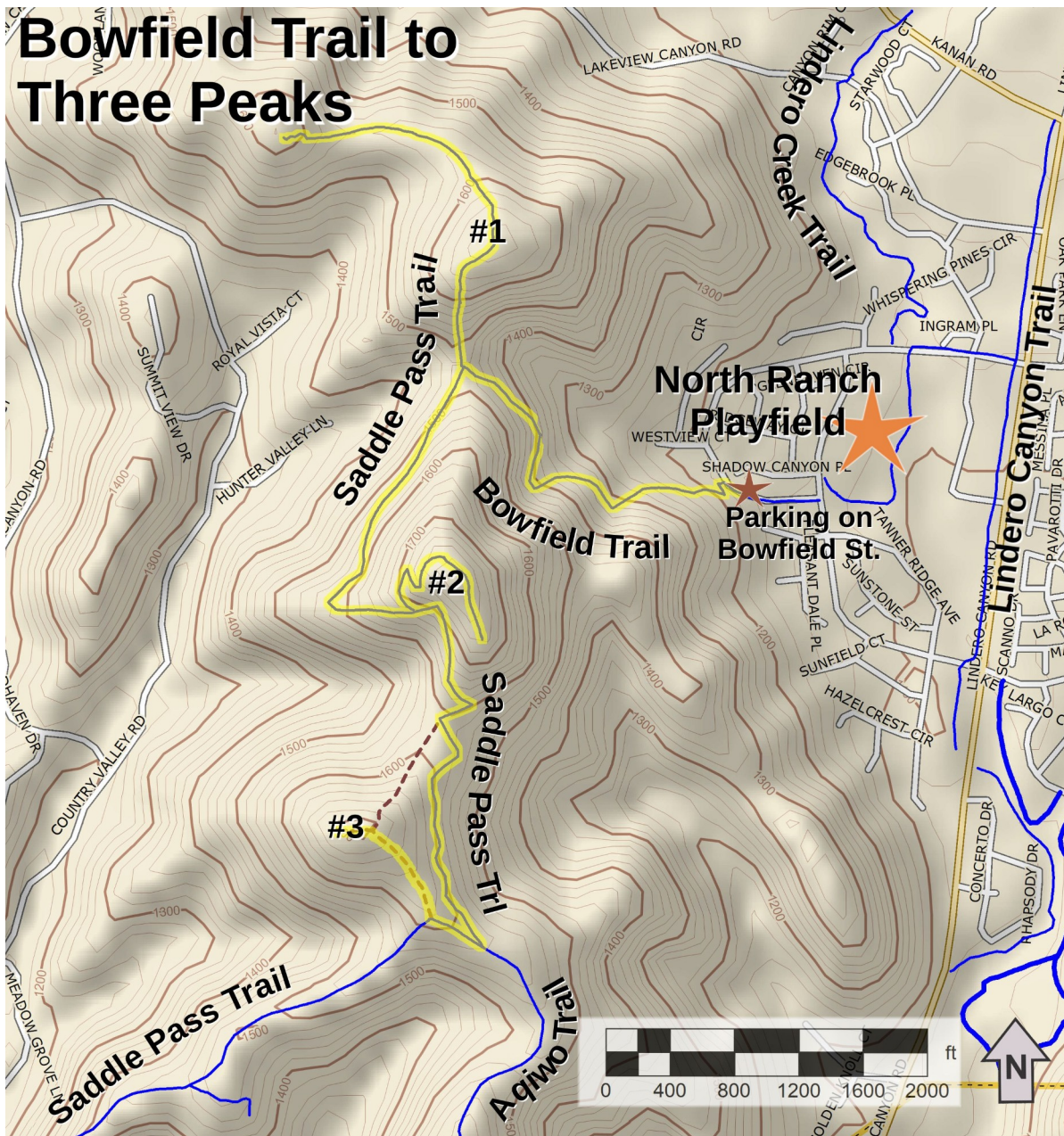
**Map:** <https://bit.ly/3VL64Ni>

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Elevation Profile  
Route Map



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## Photos



From Saddle Pass Trail at the top of Peak #1, Saddle Pass Trail in the distance on the right, Bowfield Trail on the left and a social trail down from Peak #2 straight ahead.



Looking north on the Saddle Pass Trail. The spur to Peak #2 can be seen at the left.



Looking south from Peak #2



Looking north from Peak #3 at Peak #2. Saddle Pass Trail is the horizontal line. The spur up to Peak #2 can be seen towards the left. The prominent gash on the right side is a very rutted and loose social trail.



Looking south from the top of the steep, loose and rutted social trail at the south end of Peak #2. The fainter trail straight ahead is a social trail that leads to the top of Peak #3. To the left is the Saddle Pass Trail.

Lindero Creek Trail

