

North Ranch Wishbone Loop to Bowfield Trail



Highlights

- Difficult hike of 5.7 miles with 1300' of climbing
- Good for conditioning because the Alapay and Meadow Vista Trails are quite steep
- Good views of Simi Valley and Lang Ranch Open Space
- Bowfield and Aqiwo Trails are two of the segments of the 2023 Conejo Open Space Challenge (<https://cosf.org/challenge>; colored green on the map)

Description

Much of this route is moderately steep so you quickly get to an elevation with great views in all directions that are constantly changing. This steepness makes for a great workout, however, it will be a challenge for mountain bikers who aren't really strong climbers.

Key Statistics

Distance: 5.7 miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: About 1300'

Popularity: These trails are quite popular so you are likely to see other people on this route.

Parking: Free at Westlake Village Community Park, and on Bowfield Street if you start at the north end

Tread Surface: Mostly firm dirt singletrack trails.

Hazards: No shade and this area gets hot in the summertime. There is some exposure, especially on the Saddle Pass Trail.

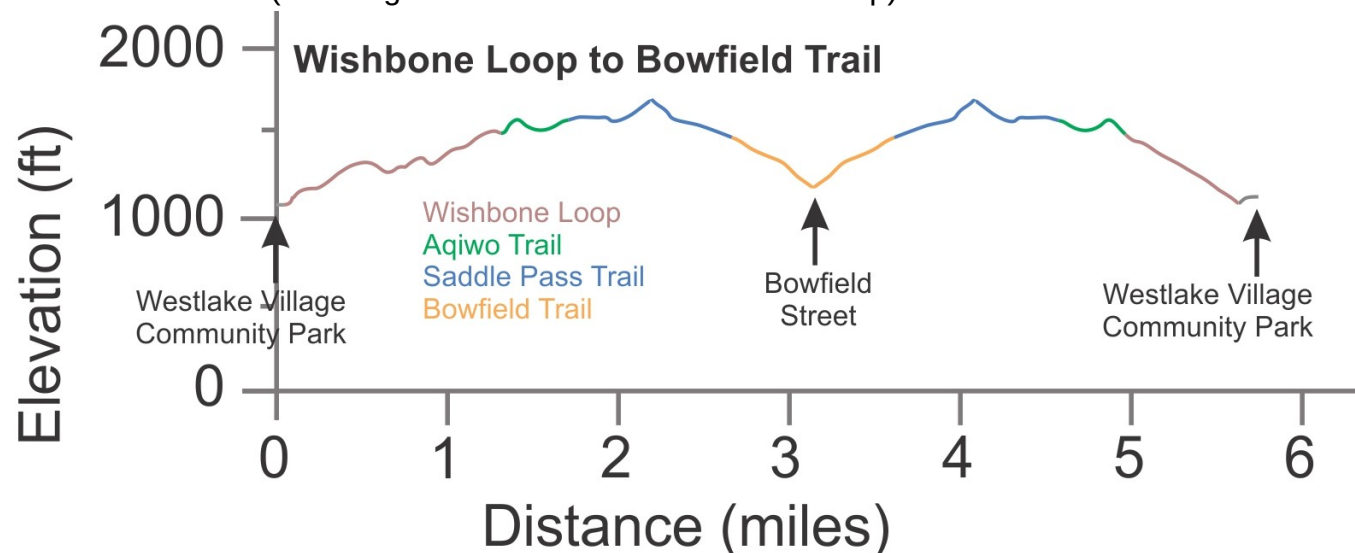
Facilities: Picnic tables and restrooms at Westlake Village Community Park

Connections: To Windmill Canyon Trail via the southwest end of Saddle Pass Trail

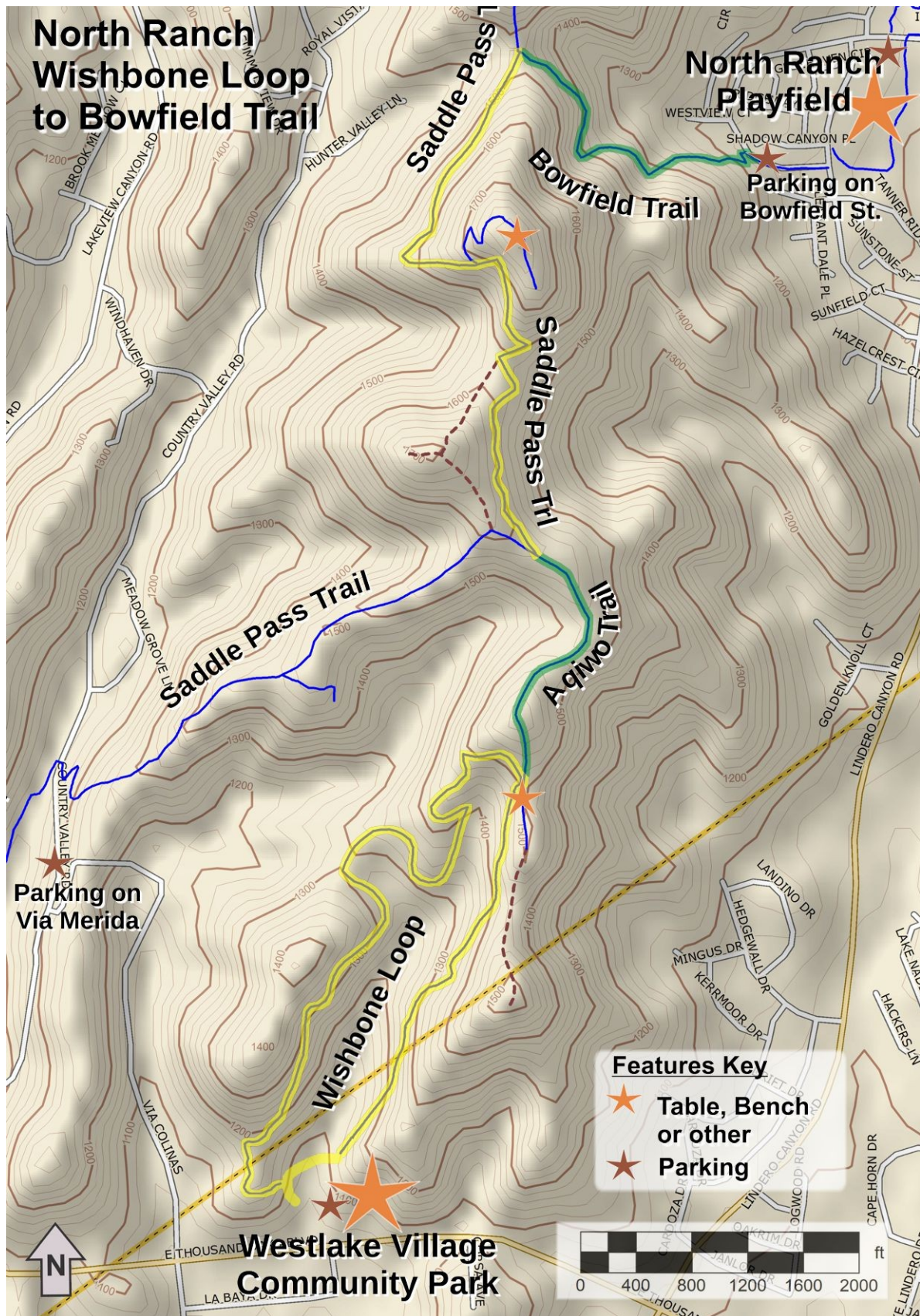
Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Westlake Village, exit at Lindero Canyon Road and turn north. After about 0.6 miles, turn left onto Thousand Oaks Blvd. Turn right up the first driveway after the gas station on the corner 0.2 miles up. At the top of the drive, turn left and park at the far end. This is the Westlake Village Community Park.

Map: <https://bit.ly/3CzRajB>

Elevation Profile (traveling clockwise around Wishbone Loop):



Route Map



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

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Photos

Wishbone Loop



Saddle Pass Trail



Bowfield Trail



The trail continues as a dirt path next to Bowfield Street.