

Wildwood and Conejo Canyons: Paradise Falls From Hill Canyon Road, two Loop Routes



Highlights

- Everyone wants to see Paradise Falls in Wildwood Park!
- Both loops provide great views from the edge of Wildwood Mesa into Wildwood and Hill Canyons, and the bluffs on the other side
- Get close-up views of rugged volcanic rocks on Stagecoach Bluff and Canyon Overlook Trails

Attention: The parking area in Hill Canyon and the first mile of Canyon Overlook Trail will be closed until about the end of October 2024 due to maintenance by the gas company.

Description

Paradise Falls is the number one destination in Wildwood Park. These two routes will get you to the falls and then climb up to Wildwood Mesa where you will have great views all around, into the canyons and of Mount Clef Butte to the north-east. Stagecoach Bluff Trail is quite rugged in spots, though not very steep. For a smoother but slightly longer route, continue up North Teepee Trail, turn left on Mesa Trail until it meets Lizard Rock Trail. The route along Canyon Overlook Trail is shorter but the trail is more rugged than going down Lizard Rock Trail.

Key Statistics

Distance: Lizard Rock route: 6.5 miles; Canyon Overlook route: 5.3 miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: Lizard Rock route: 900'; Canyon Overlook route: 1000'

Popularity: The waterfalls are very popular so you can expect to see many people as you approach them, especially on the weekend. Lizard Rock Trail is very popular among mountain bikers, particularly going downhill. You may not see any other visitors on Canyon Overlook Trail.

Parking: Free off of Hill Canyon Road

Tread Surface: Generally fairly even except for Stagecoach Bluff and Conejo Overlook Trails that are very uneven in places. The road section of Canyon Overlook can have loose rocks on it. Lizard Rock Trail can have prominent ruts

Hazards: The water in the stream is not very clean. It's best to keep out of it! Except during the rainy season, there are bridges for crossing the stream

Facilities: There are bathrooms at [Santa Rosa Valley County Park](#)

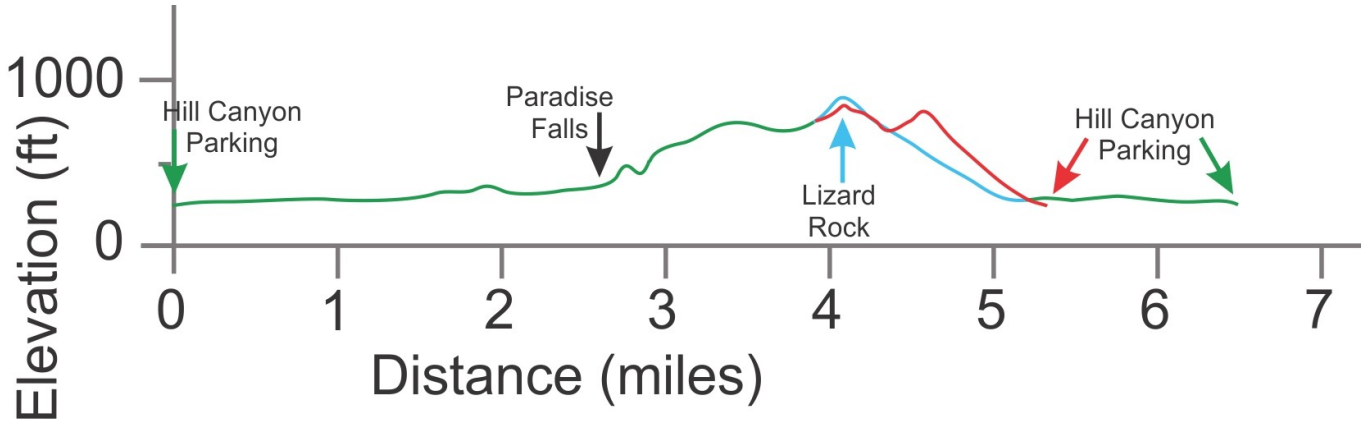
Connections: You can connect to multiple other trails in Wildwood and Conejo Canyons

Directions: From Newbury Park and points west – From the 101 freeway, take exit 52 onto Santa Rosa Road in Camarillo. Drive 5 miles before turning right onto Hill Canyon Rd. The parking is 0.6 miles in, on the left. From Thousand Oaks and points east – Head north on the 23 freeway, taking exit 15 onto Avenida De Los Arboles and head west. After 1.3 miles, turn right onto Moorpark Rd, drive 2.6 miles, then continue straight onto Santa Rosa Road. Drive another 3.7 miles then turn left onto Hill Canyon Road. The parking is 0.6 miles in, on the left.

Map: <https://bit.ly/yyTU4r>

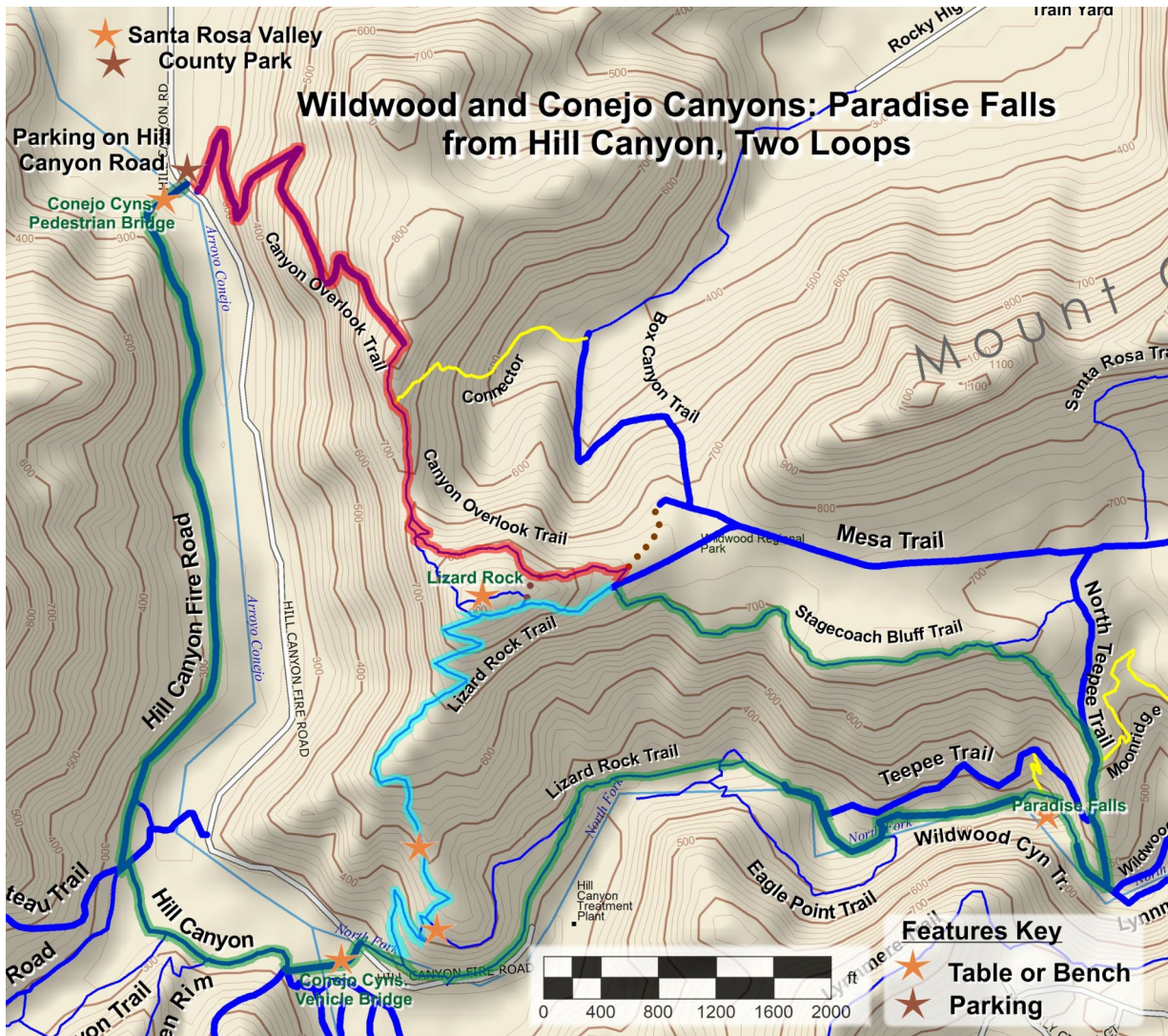
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Elevation Profile



Route Map

Green highlighting is common for both loops; cyan shows the Lizard Rock option and red indicates the Canyon Overlook Trail option.



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Photos

Paradise Falls



Hill Canyon



Wildwood Canyon



Stagecoach Bluff



Canyon Overlook



Lizard Rock Trail



