

Wildwood - Lynnmere, the Whole Enchilada

Highlights



- This moderately strenuous route covers the entire trail and also Thistle Trail for a shortcut to get back to the beginning.
- The south leg traverses a ridgeline that is high enough to not only overlook the neighborhoods immediately to the south, but also the farther away neighborhoods of Wildwood.
- For mountain bikers, the north leg is a must-ride trail. However, there are some challenges on the south leg: steeper sections can have some big rocks and/or lots of smaller loose, slippery rocks.

Description

This is a fun loop of 6.6 miles that circumnavigates the Lynnmere neighborhood. The Lynnmere Trail is shaped like a skinny U lying on its side, with the open end to the east and the Lynnmere community in the middle. The route covers the entire Lynnmere Trail and the Thistle Trail that connects the north and south segments. The south leg of Lynnmere Trail traverses a ridgeline that gives great views in all directions.

For mountain bikers, the north leg is a must-ride trail. However, there are some challenges on the south leg that are best walked by everyone except professional riders.

If you feel like going a little further, there's a spur to Lynnmere trail that leads down to the water treatment plant. On the map below, it's at the very left edge in the middle. There is a stream at the bottom that you can't cross without getting wet. This spur will add 1.2 miles and 450' of climbing, out-and-back.

Key Statistics

Distance: 6.6 miles.

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: Approximately 1200'.

Parking: Free at the side of the road at the top (north-west end) of Camino Magenta. There is also neighborhood parking where the route crosses two streets. There is no parking on Lynn Road at the east end of the Lynnmere Trail north segment.

Popularity: The north segment of Lynnmere is quite popular, especially with mountain bikers. Expect to see fewer people on the south segment, if any.

Tread Surface: Hard packed trails of various widths. Some sections have minor ruts and/or possibly slippery loose sand on top. Steeper sections of the south leg of Lynnmere Trail can have lots of small, loose rocks.

Hazards: For mountain bikers, there are two specific hazards, both on the south segment: large stairs just south of Lynnmere Fire Road, and a very steep and rocky section where the trail starts to drop down from the top of the ridge to approach Calle Yucca. The latter is indicated on the map by a double red triangle symbol. Also, steeper sections have smaller, loose rocks.

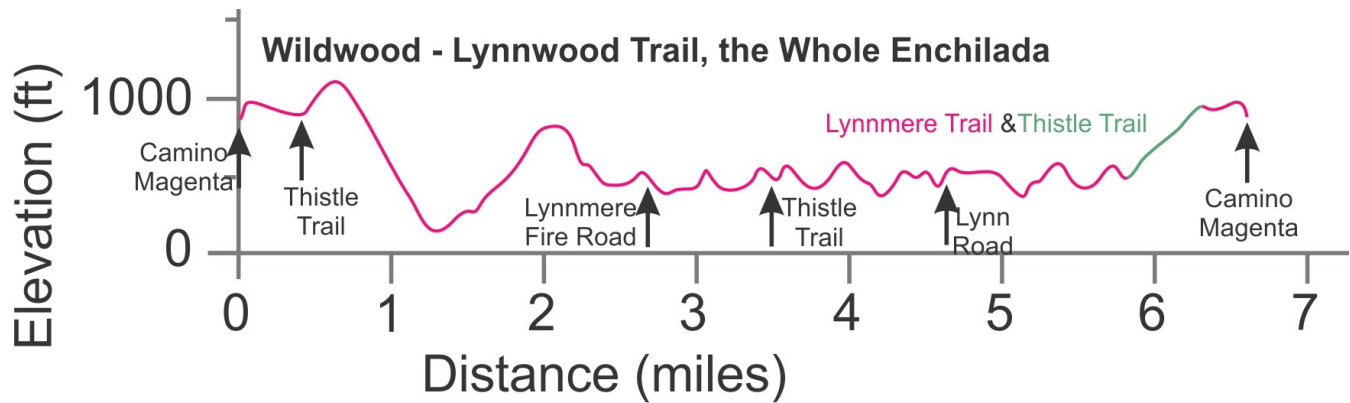
Facilities: None.

Connections: To other Wildwood trails via Lynnmere Fire Road.

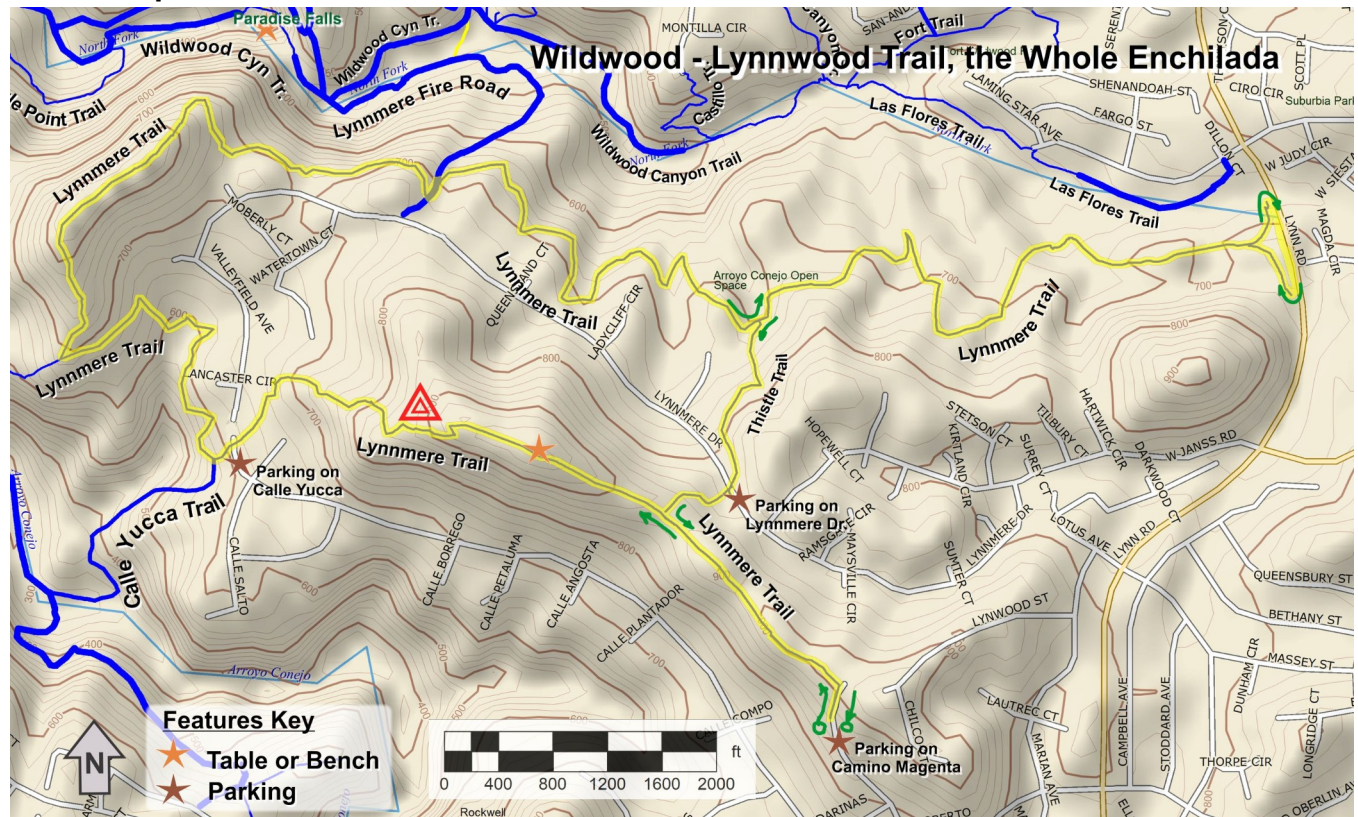
Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, turn north onto Lynn Road. Drive 1.2 miles before turning left onto Camino Manzanitas. After 0.3 miles, turn right onto Camino Magenta, drive 0.3 miles to the end and park at the side of the road.

Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2jvyw6eu>

Elevation Profile (Traveling clockwise around the loop)



Route Map

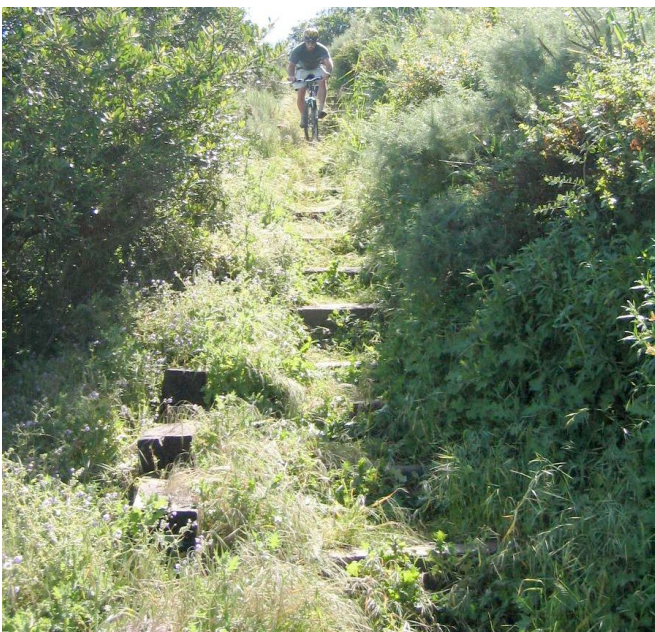


Map courtesy of <https://www.venturacountytrails.org>

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Photos

Lynnmere (South leg)



Lynnmere (North leg)



Thistle Trail

