

Wildwood: Stagecoach Bluff, Lizard Rock and Mesa Trails Loop



Highlights

- Easy hike of 2.8 miles round trip
- Rugged volcanic rock on Stagecoach Bluff. The trail is a real challenge for mountain bikers; many use the much easier Mesa Trail instead
- View of Wildwood Mesa, Elliott Mountain, Hawk Canyon and the Western Plateau from Lizard Rock
- Fields of shooting star wildflowers in the spring

Description

This is an easy 2.8 mile round trip, with a total elevation gain/loss of about 540 ft. From the Arboles dirt parking area, take Mesa Trail to N. Tepee Trail to Stagecoach Bluff Trail. Follow Stagecoach Bluff Trail until it re-connects with Mesa Trail. Turn left and continue up to Lizard Rock for great views of Wildwood Park, Conejo Valley and Santa Rosa Valley. Return by way of Mesa Trail.

For a slightly longer route, park by the tennis courts at the Wildflower Playfield and take the tunnel under Arboles to connect to the west end of the Mesa Trail by way of Moonridge Trail.

Key Statistics

Distance: 2.8 mile loop

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 450'. Most of the climbing is to the top of Lizard Rock.

Popularity: Wildwood Mesa Trail and North Teepee Trail are very popular. The rugged Stagecoach Bluff Trail is less popular.

Parking: Free at the end of Avenida De Los Arboles and at the tennis courts in Wildflower Neighborhood Park.

Tread Surface: Generally firm dirt except for Stagecoach Bluff that has rough volcanic rock sections.

Hazards: No shade; rugged rocks on Stagecoach Bluff.

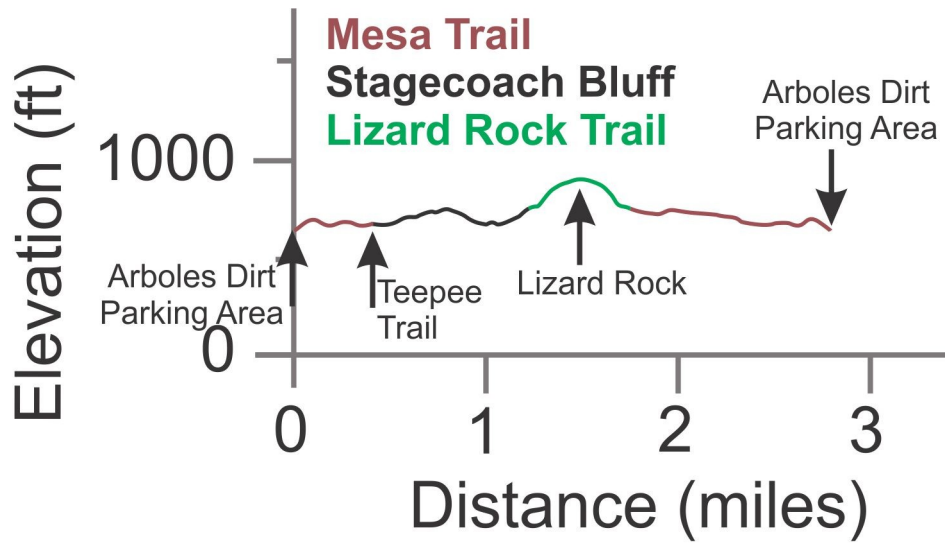
Facilities: Bathrooms nearby in Wildflower Neighborhood Park. Port-a-pottie at the Los Arboles parking area.

Connections: To many trails in Wildwood via the Mesa Trail and North Teepee Trail.

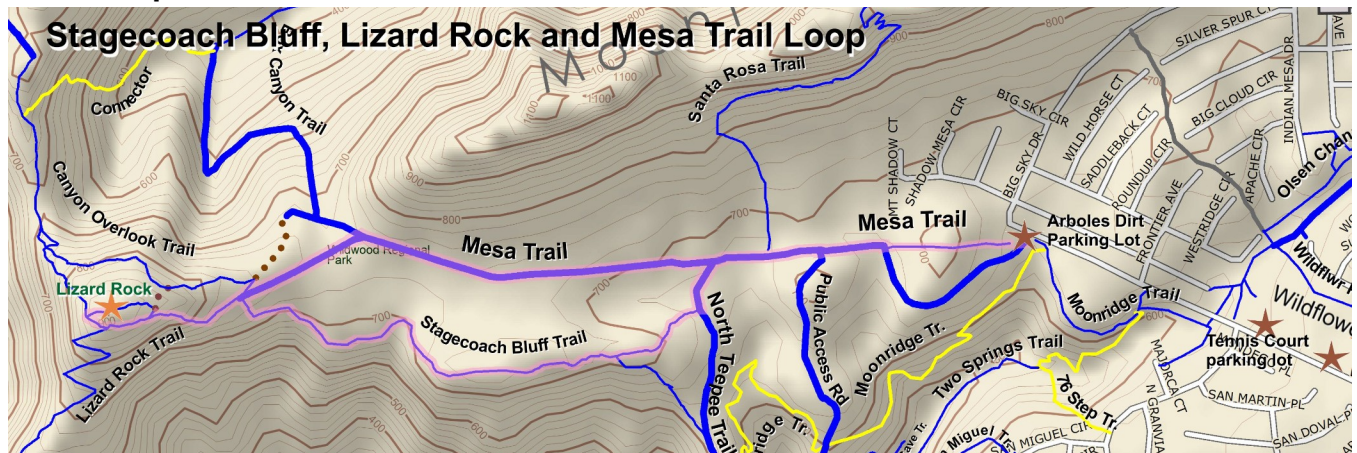
Directions: From the 101 in Thousand Oaks, turn north on Lynn Road and continue 2.6 miles to Avenida De Los Arboles, then turn left. Continue for about a mile to the end and turn into the Wildwood parking lot on the left.

Map: <https://bit.ly/vochE1>

Elevation Profile:



Route Map



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Photos

Mesa Trail



Stagecoach Bluff



Lizard Rock



View of Wildwood Mesa from Lizard Rock

