

Wildwood: Santa Rosa – Lower Butte Trails Loop

Highlights

- Visit some much less crowded trails in Wildwood
- Mount Clef Ridge shows off the volcanic origin of the Conejo Valley
- Great views of Wildwood Park and the Santa Rosa Valley from the Santa Rosa Trail
- One of the segments of the 2023 Conejo Open Space Challenge (<https://cosf.org/challenge>; colored green on the map)

Description

This is a moderate 4.6 mile loop with about 850' of cumulative climbing/descent. You can go either way around, but this description and the elevation profile below assume a clockwise direction.

From the parking at the tennis courts in Wildflower Neighborhood Park, take the trail through the tunnel that goes under Avenida de los Arboles and head west on Moonridge Trail. When you get to the large dirt parking area, continue through it and onto Mesa Trail. After 0.35 miles, turn right/north onto the Santa Rosa Trail and follow it to the end. Straight on is the Lower Butte Trail; follow it to Wildwood Avenue, then follow the roadside pathway to Olsen Channel Trail that you will encounter shortly before you get to Sundance St. From there, follow the trail back to the start.

Key Statistics

Distance: 4.6 mile loop

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 850'

Popularity: Except for the often crowded Mesa Trail, this route will be mostly free of other visitors. The further you are from Mesa Trail, the fewer people you will encounter.

Parking: Free at the tennis courts in Wildflower Neighborhood Park

Tread Surface: Mostly firm dirt singletrack trail; the Santa Rosa Trail is rocky in places

Hazards: No shade; rugged rocks on Santa Rosa Trail and others. Cactus and poison oak on Santa Rosa Trail in spots

Facilities: Bathrooms nearby in Wildflower Neighborhood Park

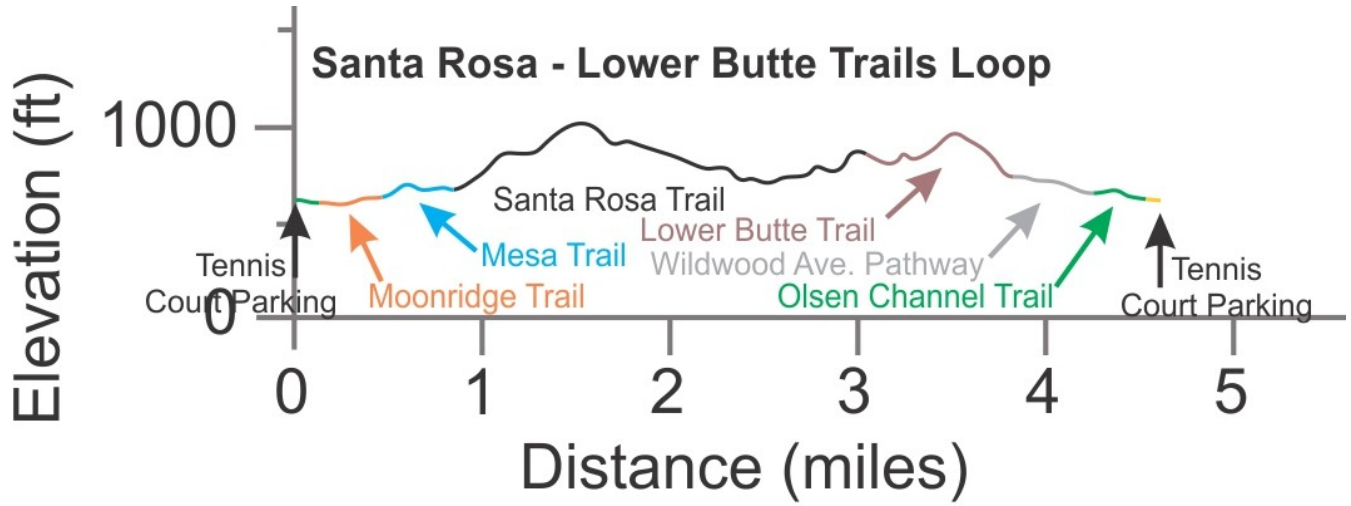
Connections: To many trails in Wildwood; to the Lower Santa Rosa Trail via Shooting Star

Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, exit at Lynn Road and drive north.

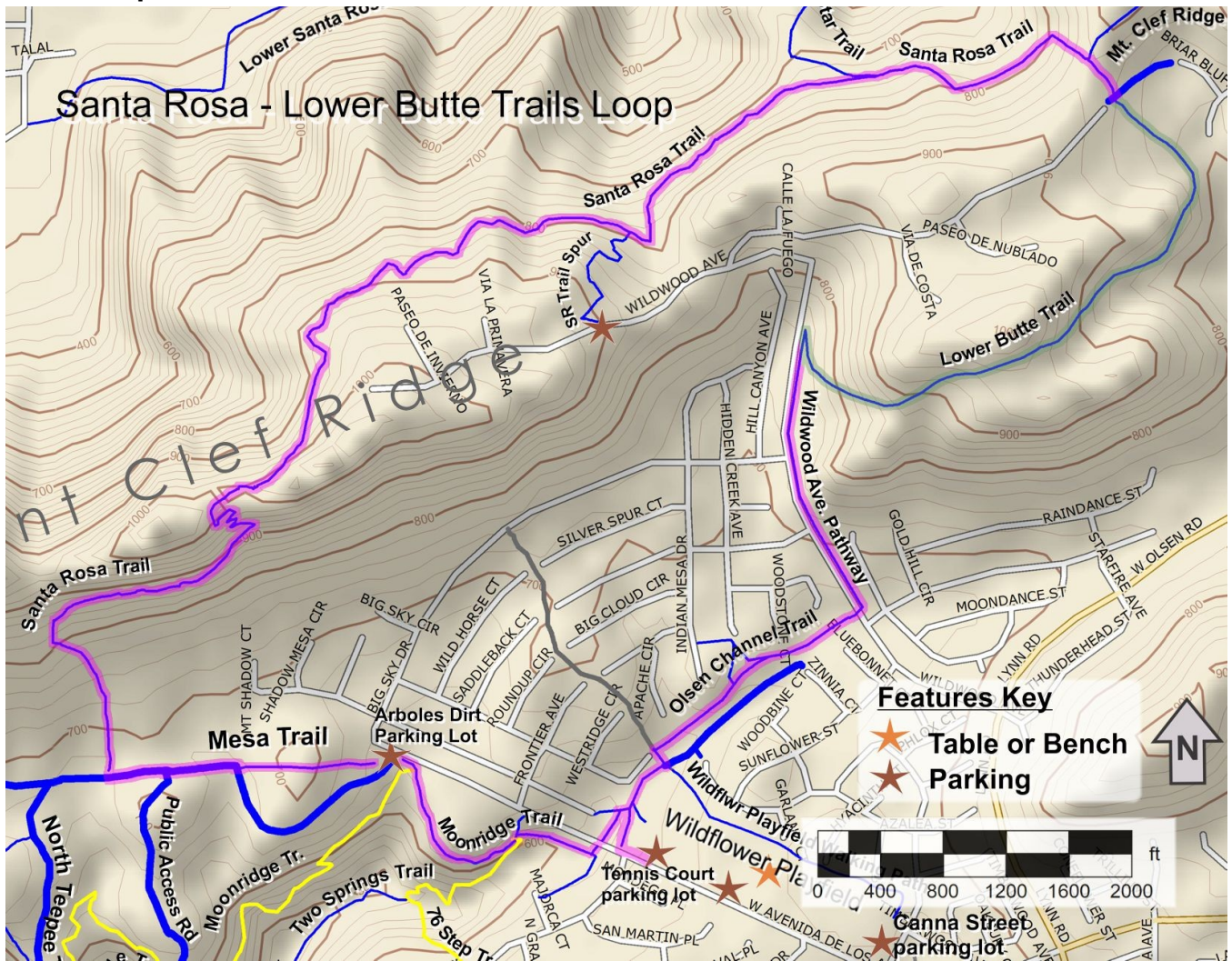
Drive 2.6 miles to Avenida De Los Arboles and turn left. After 0.6 miles, across from Velarde Dr., turn right into the parking lot.

Map: <http://bit.ly/3Jm6cj7>

Elevation Profile:



Route Map



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

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Photos

Moonridge Trail



Mesa Trail



Santa Rosa Trail



Lower Butte Trail

