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The objective of the Los Alamos Spy Tour is to reveal the rich story of twentieth-century espionage for residents and visitors alike. Visit these historic sites around Los Alamos where the atomic spies lived, worked, and played.

A. Where they worked. Ashley Pond Park

Klaus Fuchs worked as a physicist, along side Hans Bethe, in the Theoretical Division of the Laboratory, which was located around Ashley Pond, known as TA-1. David Greenglass was a machinist and worked in one of the machine shops also around Ashley Pond. Ted Hall also worked in this area. Ashley Pond is located between Central Avenue and Trinity, west of 20th Street.

The Tech Area (TA-1), was basically all of the Laboratory located around Ashley Pond. Today you can visit the Ice House Memorial, located on the south side of Ashley Pond. The Ice House was originally a building used to store ice cut from Ashley Pond in the winter to keep supplies cool for the Los Alamos Ranch School. During the Manhattan Project, the nuclear core of the “Gadget” (the prototype of the atomic bomb) was assembled here.

B. Where they lived. The Big House

When Klaus Fuchs arrived in Los Alamos 1944 he first lived in a dormitory. Sometime later he moved to what was known as the Big House, which was north of Fuller Lodge. You can visit the Big House historical plaque near the Romero Cabin or look across the alley where there is a picture of the Big House on the side of an office building. Most non-military, single scientists stayed in dormitories located in this area.

C. Where they played. Fuller Lodge

During the Manhattan Project, Fuller Lodge hosted community activities such as concerts, dances, dinners and other special events. Today Fuller Lodge still serves as a community gathering place for Los Alamos. Visit Fuller Lodge at 2132 Central Avenue.

D. Parsons House

Klaus Fuchs babysat during his time in Los Alamos for the Parsons family. Peggy Bowditch, the daughter of William “Deke” Parsons, says “A spy there, under our very roof, was our babysitter, Klaus Fuchs. He would come and take care of my sister and me, and since we were five and eight, we did not need much looking after. But, we had a piano in the house and he loved to play the piano, so that was our babysitter.” This is currently a private residence: 1984 Peach Street.

Los Alamos Atomic Spies

**Name:** Klaus Fuchs  
**Codename:** CHARLES

Klaus Fuchs was born December 29, 1911 in Russelsheim, Germany. He immigrated to Britain and later became a British citizen. The PhD physicist arrived at Los Alamos August 14, 1944. He was directly responsible for determining whether plutonium could be used in an implosion-type atomic bomb. He expanded his access to other secrets by regular attendance at the colloquia that Oppenheimer sponsored to ensure free exchange of ideas among Los Alamos senior scientists. He also volunteered to serve as a project historian. While at Los Alamos, Fuchs stole critical design information and passed it to the Soviets.

In 1946 Fuchs returned to England and continued to pass secret information to the Soviet Union until he was finally caught. In 1950 he confessed to espionage and implicated his courier, Harry Gold, who implicated David Greenglass. He was sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment.

**Name:** Theodore Hall  
**Codename:** MLAD

Ted Hall was born October 20, 1925 in New York City. The 18-year old Harvard physics prodigy arrived in Los Alamos Jan. 27, 1944. He performed work relevant to both bomb types. In October 1944 he voluntarily shared classified information with the Communist Party of America. His identity as a spy was not revealed until very late in the 20th century. He was never tried for his espionage work, though he admitted to it in later years to reporters and to his family.

**Name:** David Greenglass  
**Codename:** BUMBLEBEE

David Greenglass was born March 2, 1922 in New York City. The low-level Army machinist arrived at Los Alamos August 5, 1944, to participate in work on the implosion design. He was the brother of Ethel Rosenberg who, along with her husband Julius, was executed as a spy in the 1950s. While the information Greenglass provided the Soviets was not particularly useful, it did provide validity to the more useful information provided by Fuchs and Hall. When captured, he turned on his sister and brother-in-law and testified against them in exchange for a plea bargain. In 2001, he confessed to perjuring himself back in the 1950s, regarding his sister’s role in events to knock some years off his sentence and prevent his wife, Ruth, from going to jail.