

Los Alamos, New Mexico

DIRECTIONS GUIDE

From Los Alamos to Bandelier National Monument
and the Valles Caldera National Preserve.



OPTION 1

1) Drive east on Trinity Drive (Hwy 502) until it merges with East Road, passing by the Los Alamos Airport. Continue down the hill - follow signs for White Rock and SR4.

2) Continue on SR4 until you reach the White Rock Visitor Center on the right side of the road after the Fire Station.

3a) From mid-May to mid-October: All visitors must park at the Visitor Center and ride the shuttle bus to Bandelier National Monument.

3b) From mid-October to mid-May: Continue past the Visitor Center until you reach the Entrance Road turnoff at Bandelier National Monument.

Time from Los Alamos to Bandelier: 34 minutes

To reach Valles Caldera National Preserve:

4) Continue on SR4 past Bandelier and the Hwy 501 intersection (W. Jemez Road). The entrance road for the Valles Caldera will be on the right approx. 16 miles from Bandelier.

Time from Los Alamos to Valles Caldera: 50 minutes



OPTION 2

- 1) Drive west on Trinity Drive (Hwy 502) and then turn left onto Diamond Drive (Hwy 501).
- 2) Take the left-hand curve after passing over the Omega Bridge and then turn right at the first traffic light to go through the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) guard gate.
- 3) All vehicles must stop at guard gate and show picture identification before proceeding in the direction of the security officers. A valid driver's license is accepted.
- 4) Once through the gate, stay on Hwy 501 (W Jemez Road) going west until you reach the T-intersection with SR4.
- 5) Turn right for the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Turn left for Bandelier National Monument.

Note: Except for emergencies, drivers should not stop while driving through LANL property, and picture-taking is not permitted. RVs/Trailers are subject to search at the guard gate.

Time from Los Alamos to Bandelier: 26 minutes

Time from Los Alamos to Valles Caldera: 27 minutes

