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800-444-0707 | 505-662-8105  
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### White Rock Visitor Center

115 State Rd. 4, White Rock, NM  
May-October: Daily 8am-6pm  
November-April: Daily 10am-2pm  
800-444-0707 | 505-672-3183  
[visitlosalamos.org](http://visitlosalamos.org)

### Manhattan Project National Historical Park Visitor Center

475 20th St., Suite C, Los Alamos, NM  
Hours vary. Please call before visiting.  
505-661-6277 | [nps.gov/mapr](http://nps.gov/mapr)

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### Look for These Important Icons

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On the Cover: Anniversary Point, Los Alamos



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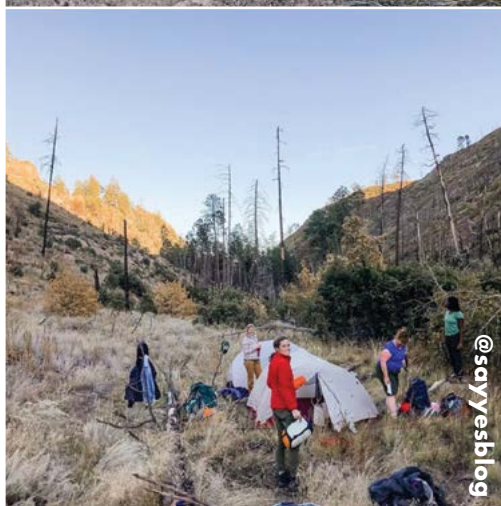
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# Discover Los Alamos

It's unexpected—the first visit to Los Alamos, New Mexico. It starts with the drive, as you wind through canyons framed by golden cliffs on your journey to the mesa tops. As you round the last curve, you are struck by 360 degrees of spectacular scenery, framed by the Jemez Mountains and nature's playground. Little has changed since the area was formed by one of the world's seven supervolcanos. The Los Alamos townsite is perched here at 7,400 feet on mesa top "fingers" separated by rugged canyons. The perfect location for a "Secret City". Come and discover our unique outdoors, centuries of world-changing history, and find your next adventure!



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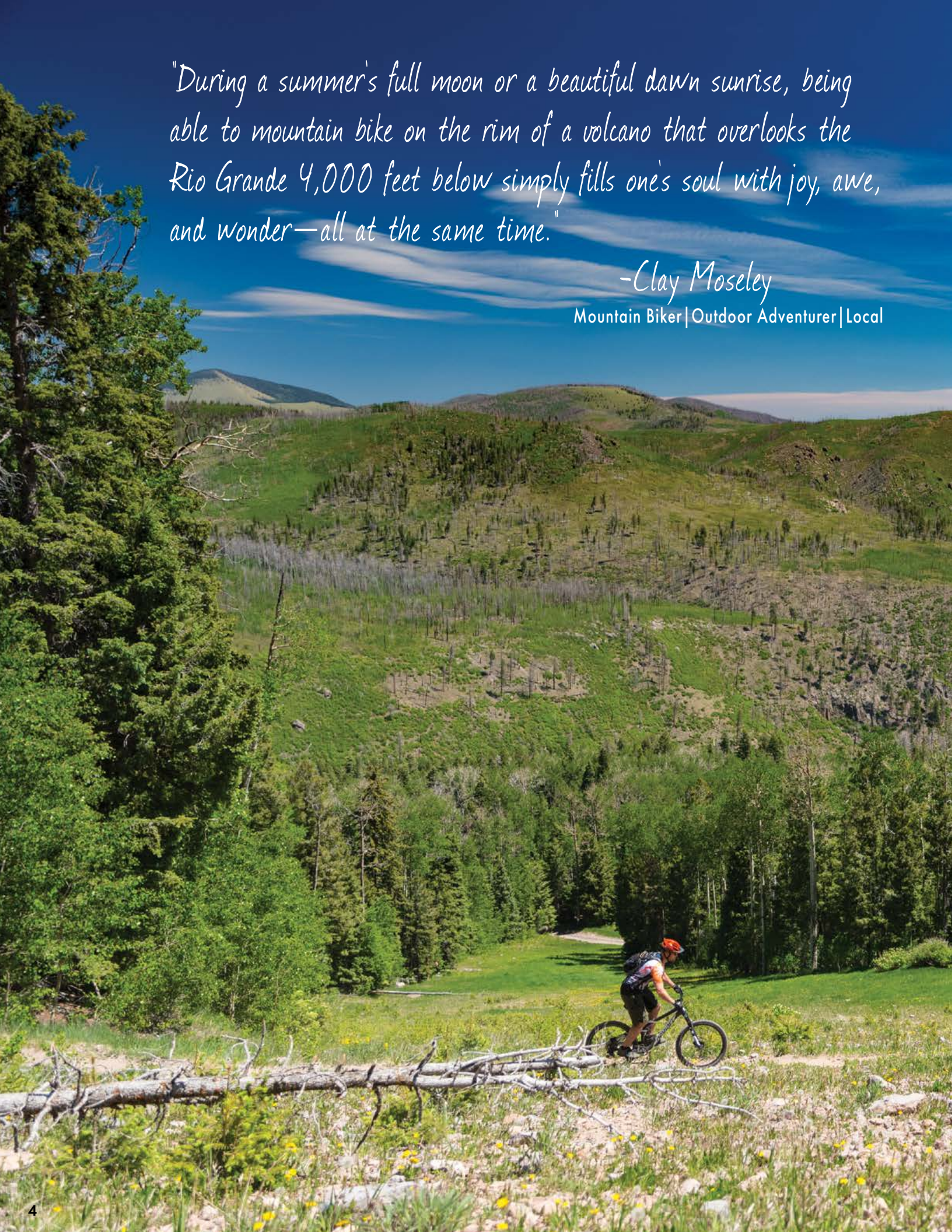
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*"During a summer's full moon or a beautiful dawn sunrise, being able to mountain bike on the rim of a volcano that overlooks the Rio Grande 4,000 feet below simply fills one's soul with joy, awe, and wonder—all at the same time."*

*-Clay Moseley*

Mountain Biker | Outdoor Adventurer | Local





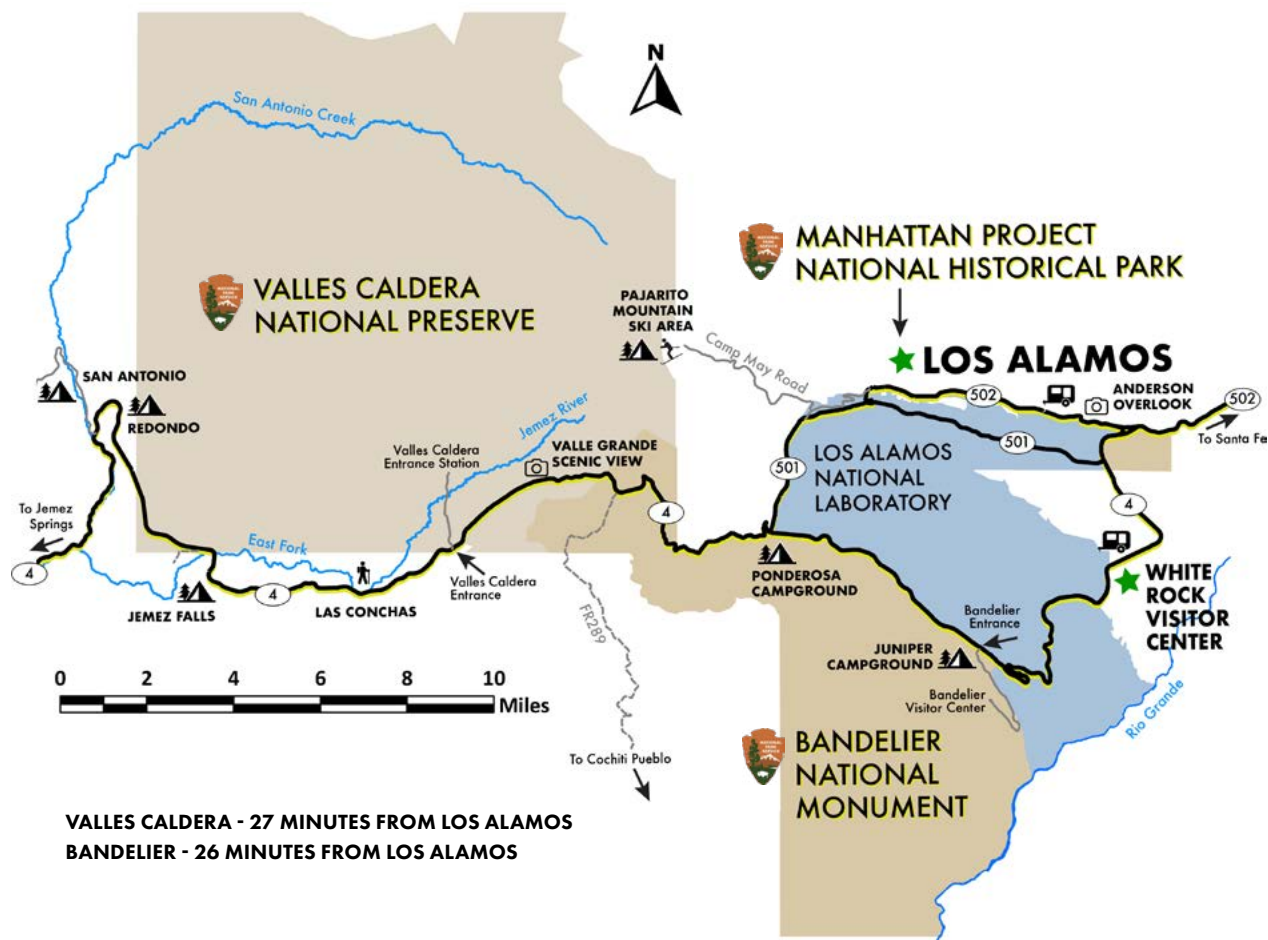


*Mountain biking on Pajarito Mountain*





# Gateway to Three National Parks







*Above: Access Ancestral Pueblo Dwellings on the Bandelier Main Loop Trail; Top Right: Bandelier Shuttle stop from the White Rock Visitor Center; Bottom Right: Tyuonyi (Qu-weh-nee) Village at Bandelier.*

## Bandelier National Monument

Imagine your home carved from volcanic tuff and your crops planted in mesa top fields. Corn, beans, and squash were central to your diet, supplemented by native plants and meat from deer, rabbit, squirrel and domesticated turkeys. Your dogs assisted in hunting and provided companionship. Step onto the trails and ladders and into the past as you experience life as an Ancestral Pueblo person.

### Planning Your Visit:

15 Entrance Road off State Rd. 4, White Rock, NM

**Park Hours:** Dawn to Dusk

**Visitor Center Hours:** mid-May to mid-Oct: 9am-6pm  
mid-Nov to mid-April: 9am-5pm

505-672-3861x0 | [nps.gov/band](https://nps.gov/band)

### Shuttle Information - May to October:

Visitors must use the shuttle from White Rock Visitor Center between 9am-3pm. Some exceptions apply.

### What To Do:

Picnicking, hiking, backcountry exploring, camping, cultural and night programs, museum exhibits and special events.



**1 Main Loop Trail** - Walk in the footsteps of Ancestral Pueblo people, search for petroglyphs, and watch wildlife along the creek side.

**2 Alcove House** - Climb four ladders and stone steps to this alcove home, located 140 feet above the floor of Frijoles Canyon.

**3 Cultural Demonstrations** - Every weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day, enjoy a variety of programs, including pottery-making, drum-making and dancing.



# Getting Outside...

## Surrounded by public land, Los Alamos is a playground for outdoor enthusiasts—and their families

by Whitney Spivey

I hoist the pack onto my back and buckle its straps across my chest and belly. I grab my hiking poles and set off—crunch, crunch, crunch—behind my husband and our friends. I've snowshoed in the Valles Caldera National Preserve before, but this is my first time snowshoeing there with our identical twin daughters, who are 22 months old. I am carrying Scout, and my husband is carrying Lane.

*"This place is powerful and magical, and I feel lucky to be tromping across this dreamscape with my family"*

In other places I've lived—Virginia, England, Missouri—I have dreaded the dreary days of winter. But Northern New Mexico is different. Despite the feet of snow on the ground, the sun is shining, and the temperature feels much warmer than 32 degrees. After a half-mile, I shed my jacket. I notice that Lane has removed her hat.

Snowshoeing with an extra 40 pounds on my back is a balancing act, and I look closely at the ground as I walk. I see coyote and bobcat tracks. I see elk poop and prairie dog mounds. I am reminded that we are visitors in this special place.

Every few steps, I try to remember to look up. The snow sparkles all around me—across the 13-mile-wide valley and across the tops of the surrounding mountains. I am in the center of an enormous and ancient volcano, and that designation is not lost on me. This place is powerful and magical, and I feel lucky to be tromping across this dreamscape with my family. The Valles Caldera is one of many reasons New Mexico's "Land of Enchantment" nickname is fitting.

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My husband and I met as runners and fell in love while hiking, camping, and exploring wild places. When we had the twins, we promised each other we wouldn't give up our active lifestyles. And we haven't, thanks in large part to the easily accessible public lands that surround Los Alamos and the opportunities for outdoor recreation available here. The first time the girls visited the Valles Caldera was for a fly fishing outing when they were two months old. That same weekend, we hiked through Bandelier National Monument, just down the road. By the time they were one, the girls were regulars on at least 15

different area trails and had summited three mountain peaks. From cross-country skiing to cycling, we did pretty much any activity we could do with them strapped to our backs or rolling alongside in the double stroller.

Now that the girls are older, our child carriers are getting a lot less use, and we're hearing a lot more "I do that." And although we might not go as far or as fast on some of our favorite trails, we are still getting out there—and at toddler pace, we see a whole

lot more. We're stopping to smell flowers, overturn rocks, inspect bear scat, and listen to the elk bugle. A successful hike now means Lane's pockets are filled with acorns and Scout's face is smeared with dirt. It means we've talked about the geology, biology and ecology of the Pajarito Plateau and about the Ancestral Pueblo people who once lived here. It means our girls have a greater appreciation for this vibrant landscape at the end of the hike than when we started.

Of course, our outdoor adventures are not limited to hiking. We like to rock climb and run and dip our toes in any body of water that looks remotely clean. The girls recently got their own snowshoes, and this winter my husband and I are excited to teach them to ski. We've also been camping a lot—immersing ourselves in nature and trying to impart what it means to be good stewards of the environment.

Los Alamos has been the perfect backdrop for these activities—most of which we can do within a short drive or walk from our house. I often wonder if, 20 years from now, the girls will be joyous trail runners like their mom or zealous anglers like their dad, or if they'll still be game for piling into a tent with us and watching the stars. Judging from their elated expressions after they did a recent kids' race through the golden aspens along the base of Pajarito Mountain, they are learning to love this place as much as their parents.

*Whitney Spivey has lived in New Mexico since 2010. She is the author of Goodnight, Los Alamos, a children's book that takes readers on a bedtime adventure through historic and scenic Los Alamos, New Mexico.*

*Right: Valles Caldera National Preserve*









*"What a blessing. I've had a 45+ year career at a world renowned Lab,  
and I can hunt and fish within 30 minutes of my house."*

*-Jim Goforth*

Scientist | Outdoor Adventurer | Local





*Fly fishing at the Valles Caldera National Preserve*





## Valles Caldera National Preserve

Picture a volcanic eruption so large it created a 13-mile wide circular depression and spread ash and rock as far away as Oklahoma. Discover extraordinary views and sulfur springs as you find yourself in the midst of an active geothermal system. Find evidence of ancestral native peoples in obsidian used for tools and weapons and shepherd's signatures carved on trees. Reflect on a landscape where hunting and gathering were practiced successfully for more than 10,000 years. Immerse yourself in the story of early Spanish and Mexican settlements, and the legacy of how land grants transformed the Southwest. Let the mosaic of expansive meadows, lush forested volcanic domes, meandering streams, and old growth Ponderosa pine groves take your breath away, as they fade into the dark night and a blanket of stars is unveiled above you. Try to count the stars as you listen to the elk bugling in the distance.

### Planning Your Visit:

State Rd. 4, 18 Miles west of Los Alamos

**Visitor Center:** May-Oct: 8am-6pm

Nov-Apr: 9am-5pm

575-829-4100 x3 | [nps.gov/vall](https://nps.gov/vall)

### What To Do:

Caldera vistas from rim-to-rim, elk and other wildlife viewing, dark night skies, winter skiing and snowshoeing, hunting, fishing, horseback riding and backcountry exploring.

## TOP 3 Must Do Discoveries at the Valles Caldera:

- 1 La Jara Trail** - Circumnavigate the Cerro La Jara, and observe wildflowers, elk, prairie dogs and wide grasslands.
- 2 Get a backcountry pass**, and go exploring off the beaten path. See the History Grove, historic cabins, wildlife, and more.
- 3 Fresh new snow** brings out the kid in all of us!. **Go sledding at the Valle Grande!**





*Left Top: Over 2,500 elk occupy the Valles Caldera National Preserve; Left Middle: View of the Valle Grande ("Big Valley") from the west side of Pajarito Mountain; Left Bottom: Visit the historic cabins, including the home of Walt Longmire in the TV show "Longmire"; Above Left to right: Science Director of the Manhattan Project, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer stands next to Project Manager General Leslie Groves; Learn more at the Manhattan Project NHP Visitor Center, and play a little while you are there; Below: E-Awards Ceremony, honoring Los Alamos scientists, held outside Fuller Lodge after the victorious end to WWII.*

## Manhattan Project National Historical Park

Imagine you're a scientist living and working in 1943. One day, mysterious U.S. government men come to your home and convince you to move your family to a secret place to work on a secret project in service to your country. You travel to the remote mountains of New Mexico, into a high-security military base. Your family is given a crudely constructed house with a dirt floor. It isn't until you report for work that you learn about the science question you'll be working on. You cannot tell anyone about what you're doing, not even your spouse. In fact, you don't even fully know all that is happening, until August 6 and 9, 1945, when the world's first atomic bombs "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" are detonated over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

More than 6,000 scientists, engineers, technicians, military and support personnel came to live in Los Alamos and work on the Manhattan Project. This National Historical Park was established to tell the stories of these people, events, and the science that led to the creation of the atomic bomb that helped end WWII.

### Planning Your Visit:

475 20th St., Suite C, Los Alamos, NM  
Hours vary. Please call before visiting.  
505-661-6277 | [nps.gov/mapr](https://www.nps.gov/mapr)



### What To Do:

Picnicking, historic tours, kid's corner, introductory film, museum exhibits and special events.



## TOP 3 Must Do Discoveries at the Manhattan Project Park:

- 1** Get your **National Park Service Passport** stamped with the special 3-section Manhattan Project stamp.
- 2** See replicas of **Fat Man & Little Boy** at the Bradbury Science Museum.
- 3** Learn about the **"Secret City"** at the History Museum.



# Take a Hike!

## Los Alamos Area Trail Network

From the banks of the Rio Grande to the summit of Pajarito Mountain, Los Alamos area Trail Network offers over 5,000 vertical feet and more than 200 miles of developed trails. They weave through and around neighborhoods, businesses and open space, and traverse mesas, canyons and mountains, with varying terrain for hiking, running, biking and snow sports, depending on the weather. There's a trail outside every door—get out and explore!

### Trailhead Guides

Trailhead guides are available at the Los Alamos Nature Center, all three Visitor Centers, in the Los Alamos County Municipal Building, and online. Refer to the Guides for full trail descriptions, maps, and directions to the trailhead itself. Download your trail map from [visitlosalamos.org](https://www.visitlosalamos.org) before you go. Maps are also available on the Los Alamos Trails and All Trails apps.

### Family Friendly Hiking & Biking Trails

Los Alamos has a wide variety of trails that appeal to most skill and fitness levels. Find a list of trails that accommodate family hiking and biking fun at [visitlosalamos.org](https://www.visitlosalamos.org).

Visit the Los Alamos Nature Center to pick up a *Passport to the Pajarito Plateau* for a fun way to get outside and explore our beautiful trails together! As you hike the trails shown inside the passport, look for a wooden post or a bench with a small plastic plate on it, make a rubbing with your crayon, and receive prizes as you complete each Passport! Get started today by visiting [losalamosnature.org/passport](https://losalamosnature.org/passport).

### Dogs on the Trails



Help your dog share the trails! On Los Alamos County trails, all dogs must be on a leash when within 100 yards of a trailhead, and under voice and sight control at all times. When you see approaching hikers and dogs, ensure your dog is under your control as soon as possible.

### Unique & Historic Trails

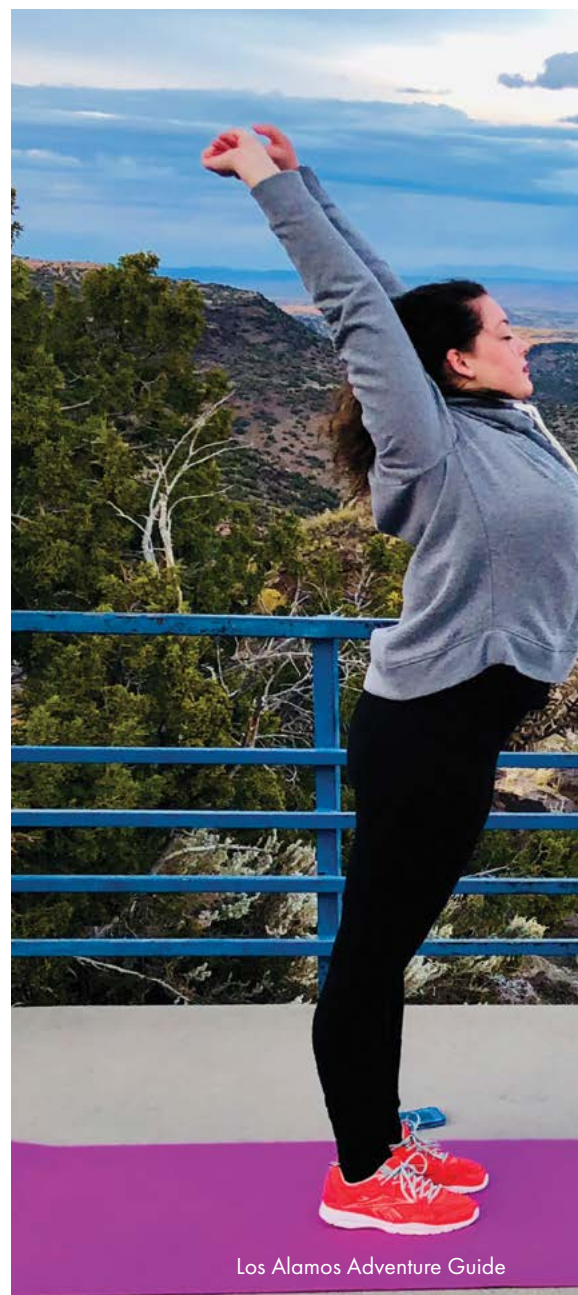
- **Bayo/Pueblo Loop** - 11 miles, tent rocks, open pine stands
- **Tyuonyi Overlook Trail** - 2.2 miles, archaeological sites, views
- **Deer Trap Mesa Trail** - 1.6 or 3 miles, ancient stairways, game pits

### Advanced Trails

- **Quemazon/Pipeline Loop** - 7.8 miles, gain 1600 ft, hiking & biking
- **Bandelier Frijoles Rim/Canyon Loop** - 13 miles, gain 800 ft, hiking
- **Red Dot/Blue Dot Trails** - 7.8 miles, gain 1000 ft, hiking

### Outstanding 360° Views

- **Anniversary Trail** - 1.4 miles, great photo ops, historic road
- **Kwage Mesa Trail** - 4.5 miles, Sangre de Cristos, Rio Grande rift
- **White Rock Rim Trail** - 3.6 miles, White Rock Canyon, Rio Grande





**TOP 3**

**SECRET CITY UNLOCKED**

**Must Do Discoveries on Los Alamos Trails:**

**1 Cañon de Valle Trail** - Climbs 1,500 feet over three miles to reach the boundary of the Valles Caldera National Preserve, with wildlife, solitude and quiet forest along the way.

**2 Canyon Rim Trail** - This paved trail, located in the Downtown District, provides an easy and convenient way for a quick stroll or ride along the canyon edge, and is packed with gorgeous views, bridges, and wildlife.

**3** The lighting in the **Ponderosa pine forests** that make up the Jemez Mountains is astonishing in the early morning and worth seeing—try the **Perimeter Trail!**

*Bottom: Yoga at White Rock Canyon Overlook; Right Top: Enjoying the view of Bandelier National Monument from Pajarito Mountain; Right Bottom: An afternoon ride on the Canyon Rim Trail.*









# Finding your passion by Living Life Outdoors...

*An Interview with Living Treasure, Craig Martin*



**Q:** How did you come to Los Alamos, how many years have you lived here, and what inspired you to stay?

**A:** We were living in Tucson, Arizona and my wife, June, got a post-doctorate opportunity at Los Alamos National Lab. I left behind my job as a middle school science teacher to move to Los Alamos become a stay-at-home parent to our son and daughter. I was born and raised in Pennsylvania but fell in love with the Southwest. While Tucson has great outdoor offerings, Los Alamos has four distinct seasons, mountains, canyons, amazing plant species and wildlife. My backyard is open space. I've lived here for 33 years, so far. There's no better place.

**Q:** You're known as Los Alamos' resident expert on trails, open space, flora and fauna. How did that happen?

**A:** During the first 15 years, while I was a stay-at-home dad, I participated in all the "mommy groups." I was PTA president, Cub Scout leader—all of it! Every day, I took my kids outside...hiking, camping, exploring. Once both kids were in school, I started writing about the trails in Los Alamos, the unique plant life, the critters—I'm a scientist at heart! In 2000, I decided to go back to teaching. On May 10, I came out of an interview for a sixth grade teaching position at Chamisa Elementary School, and saw that the Cerro Grande Fire had jumped the fire lines and was racing toward neighborhoods. In that moment, I knew there would be things to do, and I could help. For some reason, I grabbed my hammer, determined that I was going to help our community fight and recover from that fire. Six weeks after the fire, I'm hiking on a burned trail, everything is all black, and here's this aspen shoot six inches high. And I thought, it's not all gone! It's going to come back. My mission became to convince people that we didn't lose everything. It's different, but it's still there, and we are still going to go up there and enjoy the woods and the mountain.

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2020 is the 20th anniversary of the Cerro Grande Fire, and I have the chance to reconnect with the elementary students and middle schoolers I worked with to restore trails and plant seedlings that are now trees. It's a great opportunity to reflect and appreciate how far we've come.

**Q:** What are your favorite places in Los Alamos to take family and friends?

**A:** The backcountry at the Valles Caldera (National Preserve) with its aspen groves and rare plants, the trail through the Cañada Bonita, Water Canyon is a great retreat, and, of course, the Red Dot and Blue Dot trails in White Rock Canyon—with the Rio Grande at the base and the petroglyphs along the way—anywhere else, this canyon would be a national park of its own!

**Q:** What do you think new visitors may find surprising to discover about Los Alamos?

**A:** Our phenomenal arts and culture scene! I think it's a little known fact that math and science aligns with the creative arts. It's been this way from the beginning here. All

the scientists who came from around the world to work on the Manhattan Project back in the 40s, brought their love for music, literature, poetry, art and theater with them, and created a rich creative community. Our founders

established the Choral Society, Little Theater, Light Opera and Symphony Orchestra that are still going today. I've been playing sax in a little group called the Craig Martin Experience for the past 10 years or so.

**Q:** What are your favorite things about Los Alamos?

**A:** The four seasons. The trails and open space. The level of the average conversation in this town—it's not chit-chat. It's significant.

For more information on Craig Martin and his published works, visit his author profile page on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Left: Views like this one from Anniversary Trail are abundant in Los Alamos.



# Exploring the Jemez Mountains

## Jemez Mountain Trail National Scenic Byway

Find yourself feeling dwarfed by high volcanic cliffs that echo the rushing waters of the Jemez River as you travel along this scenic, quiet highway. Explore unique sights, like Soda Dam and Jemez Falls, or take a short hike to Spence Hot Springs for a relaxing dip in the pools. Enjoy the unique red rock scenery, winding canyons, and breathtaking views, as you loop through the Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) and enjoy fishing at Fenton Lake State Park, or a short side trip to the Gilman Tunnels—blasted through rock during the 1920s.

This 132-mile loop accommodates most vehicles and offers a convenient and rewarding way to experience the best of the Jemez Mountains—in just one day! Depart west from Los Alamos via State Road 501 and turn right onto State Road 4 toward Jemez Springs, traveling through Bandelier National Monument and the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The road leads up more than 1,000 feet through dense forest, cresting at an elevation of 9,000 feet. (See maps and information on pages 41-43.)



### Soda Dam



Explore this fascinating roadside attraction with pools, caves and rocks to climb on. Splash in the river to cool off, and enjoy the beautiful and unique scenery surrounding you. Dogs are also welcome at Soda Dam, but must be kept on leash.

### McCauley Warm Springs & Spence Hot Springs



McCauley Warm Springs is a 3.4 mile popular out-and-back trail, accessible year-round. Start at Battleship Rock and hike two miles uphill to the springs, or start at the Jemez Falls trailhead to hike downhill first. Dogs are also able to use this trail. Want to enjoy the springs without the hike? Visit Spence Hot Springs, located a short ¼ mile hike off State Road 4, just a few miles north of Soda Dam.

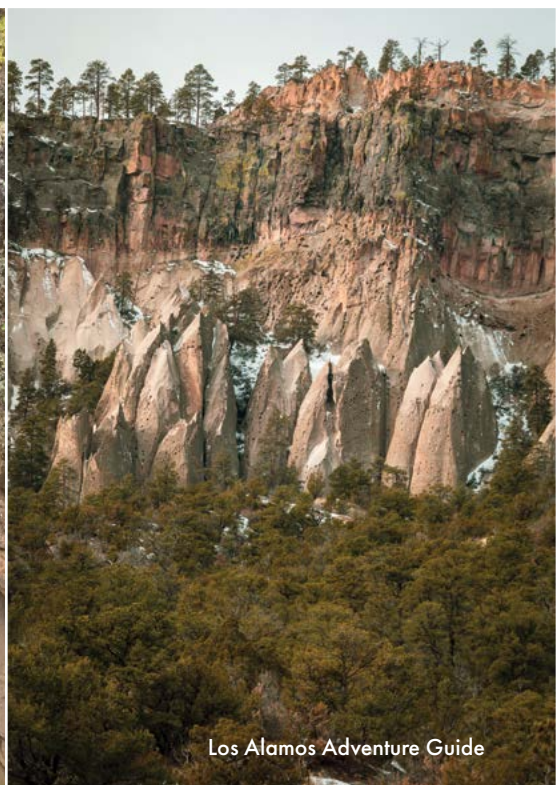
### Jemez Falls Campground

The campground is located in a stunning Ponderosa pine forest and meadow environment in proximity to the East Fork of the Jemez River. Come prepared for warm summer days and cooler nights. Jemez Falls, the largest waterfall in the Jemez Mountains, is close by.

### Las Conchas Trail



East Fork Trail via Las Conchas Trail off State Road 4 is a 3.2 mile popular out-and-back trail that is primarily used for hiking and nature trips along the river. Climbing is also available along the trail. Dogs are able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.





## Santa Fe National Forest West Canyon Trailheads

Some of our favorite trails connect to the surrounding National Forest on the western and northern perimeters of Los Alamos. Discover these trails and find bubbling brooks, unique rock formations, wildlife, and in summer, an abundance of wildflowers! Purchase trail maps and get hiking advice at the Los Alamos Nature Center. For more detailed information about the many places to seek adventure, visit [fs.usda.gov/santafe/](https://fs.usda.gov/santafe/).

## Camping & RV Parks

Experience Los Alamos' natural settings at one of the RV or tent campgrounds managed by Los Alamos County, Bandelier National Monument or Santa Fe National Forest.

### Los Alamos County - [losalamosnm.us](https://losalamosnm.us)

**Los Alamos Main Gate Park** - RV/trailer campground; sewer dump station; no electricity hookups; water available; restrooms; open year-round

**White Rock Visitor Center & RV Park** - RV/trailer campground; sewer dump station; electricity hookups; water available; restrooms during business hours; dog park; open year-round

**Camp May Pavilion/Campsites** - tent/trailer campground; no electricity hookups; no water; pit toilets; picnic areas; group pavilion and amphitheater; open seasonally May-October

### Bandelier National Monument - [nps.gov/band](https://nps.gov/band)

**Juniper Family Campground** - tent/RV/trailer campground; sewer dump station; no electricity hookups; restrooms with running water; open year-round

**Ponderosa Group Campground** - two group campsites; no electricity hookups; water in summer; pit toilets; open year-round

### Santa Fe National Forest - [fs.usda.gov/santafe/](https://fs.usda.gov/santafe/)

**Redondo Campground** - tent/RV/trailer campground; no electricity hookups; no water; vault toilets; picnic areas; open seasonally May-October

**Jemez Falls Campground** - tent/RV/trailer campground; no electricity hookups; water available; vault toilets; paved access; picnic areas; open seasonally May-October

For detailed information about all of the Santa Fe National Forest campgrounds, visit [fs.usda.gov/santafe/](https://fs.usda.gov/santafe/).

*Left Page, Left to Right: Stop and take a dip at Soda Dam, and explore its unique rock formations; Jemez Falls is a favorite with locals for hiking, swimming, and camping; Tent rocks are a unique part of the Jemez Mountain landscape and can be spotted all along the Scenic Byway; Top: White Rock Visitor Center RV Park; Juniper Campground at Bandelier National Monument; Camp May Campground on Pajarito Mountain.*





*Snowboarding at Pajarito Mountain*





*"From bombing a groomer, to hitting some deep powder, it never ceases to amaze me. I love this mountain, and always will!"*

*-Matt Salmon*

Snowboarder | Outdoor Adventurer | Local





# Four Seasons of Adventure




## Pajarito Mountain

Located on the eastern edge of the Jemez Mountains, Pajarito Mountain is only five miles west of Los Alamos. The mountain has spectacular views east over the Rio Grande Valley toward the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and west over the Valle Grande from the peak. For more information about Pajarito Mountain, special events and season passes, visit [pajarito.ski](http://pajarito.ski).

### Summer Biking & Hiking

In the warmer months, discover 1,200 vertical feet of downhill, cross-country and free-ride trails at Pajarito Mountain Bike Park, a four-time winner of MTBparks Southwest Top Five Riders' Choice Awards. The 30-trail system features dirt and North Shore-style trails from beginner to expert.

The Jemez Mountains are also home to some of the most spectacular hikes in the state, including the Aspeñola Trail that leads you to the summit of Pajarito Mountain, with an elevation of 10,440 feet. Whether you are looking for a short, dog-friendly hike or an all-day trail run, the breathtaking beauty of the Jemez Mountains and Los Alamos makes it a priceless experience. 

Lift service is available every weekend May-September for epic mountain biking, beautiful hikes, and breathtaking views.

**Day tickets for Bike Uplift cost \$29**

**Day tickets for Hike Uplift cost \$10**

**Season passes available**





*Left Page: Find the Blue Bench at Pajarito Mountain for an unparalleled view of the Valles Caldera National Preserve; Downhill mountain biking on Pajarito Mountain is a fun adventure for all skill levels; The annual Skiasta event is held every March, with craft beer, costume contest, live bands and a ski jumping contest.*

## Pajarito Mountain Skiing

Pajarito Mountain boasts 740 acres of skiable terrain, not counting its tree skiing, plus some of the best bump skiing in the state. It is rarely crowded, and guests seldom need to wait in lift lines.

Pajarito Mountain Ski Area offers 44 trails (20% easy, 50% intermediate, 30% difficult) serviced by five lifts for skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels, including a Magic Carpet surface conveyor for first-timers and beginners, and two terrain parks.

**Full day tickets - \$59 (adults) or \$45 (youth & seniors)**  
**Half day tickets - \$45 (adults) or \$35 (youth & seniors)**  
**Beginner Lift only tickets - \$24**  
**5th grade & under and seniors 70+ ski FREE**  
**Season passes available**

## Ski Lessons - Camp Bluebird

This skiing and snowboarding program focuses on providing your child the best introduction to snow-sports and the mountains, including progressive skill development in a fun environment.

## Southwest Nordic (SWN) Ski School

The SWN Ski Club holds clinics and races, maintains a trail system, and encourages involvement in cross-country skiing in Northern New Mexico. Visit [swnskiclub.org](http://swnskiclub.org) for more information!

## Summer & Winter Rentals

Pajarito's Rental Shop is a full-service shop featuring convenient slope-side pick-up/drop-off and locker storage. Find rental equipment ranging from the basics, to performance boards, blades and bikes.

## Pajarito Mountain Café

This cozy, mountain lodge café delivers an authentic on-mountain dining experience. Known for its spectacular mountain views, the lodge restaurant offers American and New Mexican cuisine plus daily specials. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, like a hand-held breakfast burrito, or a stick-to-your-ribs lunch, like Natalie's legendary bacon green chile double cheeseburger. Pajarito Mountain Café is open every day the lifts are turning. Alcohol is available on Beer & Band and festival days. Guests may bring their own alcohol.





*Top to Bottom: Los Alamos Nature Center outdoor play area; the Rotary Treehouse at the Nature Center; children meet Titus the Tiger Salamander.*



## Los Alamos Nature Center

Equipped with a full-dome planetarium, wildlife observation room, indoor and outdoor play areas, and interactive indoor and outdoor exhibits, the Los Alamos Nature Center is your visitor center to outdoor recreation on the Pajarito Plateau. Enjoy spectacular views of canyons, mesas, mountains, and skies.

### What Will You Discover?

Browse the demonstration gardens, get dirty in the nature play area, learn about all the plants and animals that make up the Vertical Mile of Diversity, and find your next adventure on the large-scale, 3-D topographic map.

Come inside and meet all the critters, including the Canyon Tree Frogs ("Tad, Poole", and "Gilly"), Titus the Tiger Salamander, and watch the resident ants tunnel in their visible ant mound. Play with the Pajarito Plateau model, put on a puppet show, cuddle up with a book in the Children's Discovery Area, or just relax and admire the breathtaking views from the floor-to-ceiling windows.

### Planetarium Shows

Enjoy 360-degrees of immersive entertainment in the Nature Center's planetarium. Stop by Wednesdays at 3pm for a short sky show, Fridays at 7pm for a talk from a local astronomer, and Saturdays at 2pm for a full-dome movie. Explore the cosmos, hear about the latest in space-science, and more!

For more information about the Nature Center and planetarium shows, visit [losalamosnature.org](http://losalamosnature.org).





# Plan Your Trip - Discoveries Checklists: Outdoor Recreation



Left to Right: Pajarito Mountain hike & bike summer lift service; Cross-country skiing at the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

## Get Outdoors All Summer

### Bandelier National Monument

- ☐ Attend a Ranger Program
- ☐ Explore Tsankawi
- ☐ Climb 140 feet up to the Alcove House

### Valles Caldera National Preserve

- ☐ View the Valles Caldera from the Valle Grande Trail
- ☐ Enjoy a magical day of fly fishing in the San Antonio River
- ☐ Pack a picnic dinner and go stargazing

### Pajarito Mountain

- ☐ Join a Bathtub Row Brewery Co-op scavenger hunt
- ☐ Enjoy Broga (beer & yoga) days at the lodge
- ☐ Explore new bike & hike trails on the weekends

### Open Space & Trails

- ☐ Find Cave of the Winds on Quemazon Trail
- ☐ Photograph 360° views on a mesa-top trail

### Los Alamos County Facilities & Parks

- ☐ Play a round of disc golf or mini golf (rentals available)
- ☐ Play a challenging 18-holes of golf at 7,400 feet
- ☐ Play tennis, basketball, baseball, or have a picnic at Urban Park

## Get Outdoors All Winter

### Bandelier National Monument

- ☐ Go cross-country skiing on mountain trails
- ☐ Take a winter solstice hike with a Wilderness Ranger
- ☐ Photograph the beautiful & unique winter landscape

### Valles Caldera National Preserve

- ☐ Cross the Valle Grande on snowshoes
- ☐ Attend a Ranger Program and learn a new skill
- ☐ Go sledding with the whole family

### Pajarito Mountain

- ☐ Enjoy challenging runs and short lift lines
- ☐ Join Camp Bluebird Ski School to learn to ski or snowboard
- ☐ Enjoy a view of the Valles Caldera from the blue bench


### Open Space & Trails

- ☐ Go walking or bike riding on the paved Canyon Rim Trail
- ☐ Watch the colors of the landscape change at sunset

### Los Alamos County Facilities & Parks

- ☐ Enjoy ice skating at the outdoor Ice Rink
- ☐ Go cross-country skiing or snowshoeing at the Golf Course
- ☐ Go for a swim in the Olympic-size pool or therapy pool



A photograph of Fuller Lodge, a large wooden building with a red roof, partially obscured by several large, mature trees with green and yellowing leaves. The scene is set in a grassy area with a paved path in the foreground.

*"The significance of Fuller Lodge is like the Acropolis in Greece, because of the concentration of brain power. In just 26 months, a staff of very young, very smart, enthusiastic people did something that really did change the world. You can just sense that energy."*

*-Ellen Bradbury Reid*

Author | Historian | Local







# Immerse Yourself in History



## Los Alamos History Museum Campus

### Los Alamos History Museum

Begin your visit in the restored Los Alamos Ranch School Guest Cottage, where exhibits take visitors from the Pajarito Plateau's Ancestral Pueblo people to its homestead history, through the Ranch School era, and into the Manhattan Project. Then take a short walk over to the Hans Bethe House, home to the Harold Agnew Cold War Gallery, to experience post-war life in the secret city. Find books and unique local gifts in the Museum Shop in the Guest Cottage before you head out!

### Romero Cabin

Step back in time more than a century at this homestead cabin. Join the Museum's daily walking tour to see the restored interior.

### Historic Fuller Lodge

Built in 1928 for the Ranch School, Fuller Lodge continues to serve as a gathering place for residents and visitors. Visit upstairs to see a recreated Ranch School room.



*Top to Bottom, Left: Discover historic publications and television footage in the Cold War living room in the Hans Bethe House; Learn about important people in Los Alamos history through interactive exhibits; Start your visit to the Los Alamos History Museum at the Guest Cottage.*





## Bradbury Science Museum



Approximately 60 interactive exhibits trace the history of the WWII Manhattan Project and highlight the Laboratory's current projects related to defense, technology and research.

### History

Learn about the men and women who came to Los Alamos and discovered how to split an atom to create energy to power a secret weapon that ended WWII.

### Research

See how today's leading-edge research in many areas of science and technology help solve national problems related to energy, the environment, infrastructure, and health.

### Defense & Technology

Discover how the central mission of the Laboratory—to ensure the safety, security, and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent while reducing the global threat of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons—helps make the world a safer place.

### 15-Minute Movies

- **Racing Toward Dawn** - The story of the Manhattan Project.
- **Heritage of Science: Stockpile Stewardship at Los Alamos National Laboratory** - The story of LANL's current mission.

### Gadgets & Gift Shop

Stop by Gadgets, located in the museum, to find the perfect souvenir for your visit. As a non-profit store, all proceeds go to S.T.E.M. Education Outreach in Northern New Mexico!

*Bottom: Bradbury Science Museum Defense Gallery, including exhibits about today's mission.*



**1** Find the **Nobel Prize** at the Hans Bethe House, and learn about the honored scientists who lived there.

**2** Immerse yourself in Los Alamos history, and learn from the locals by taking the **Guided Walking Tour** at the Los Alamos History Museum.

**3** What if you could power your life using pond scum? Learn about turning **algae to biofuels** at Bradbury.





## Throughout the centuries

# Los Alamos Inspires...

by Heather McClenahan

Imagine a tall, thin, intensely blue-eyed J. Robert Oppenheimer, on holiday, sitting astride a horse next to the spectacular Edward P. Fuller Lodge. As the sun sets behind the lush Jemez Mountains, he looks across the Rio Grande Valley to the bright red Sangre de Cristos and thinks, "If only I could combine my love of physics with my love of New Mexico. Wouldn't these splendid vistas inspire great scientists to do great work?"

In 1943, Oppenheimer had the opportunity to fulfill that dream. Tasked with creating the world's first atomic bombs, he brought together leading scientists, engineers, and technicians from all over the world. They, in turn, built a thriving community and, for good and bad, changed history.

The vistas of the Pajarito Plateau have inspired generations for millennia. Standing at Tsankawi, looking out at the snowcapped Sangres, one can imagine the Ancestral Pueblo people in the village plaza, watching children run about and admiring the beautiful azure skies.

The Hispano homesteaders who toiled on this plateau must have taken time out of their grueling days to stop and appreciate the views. Working on their subsistence farms just to have enough to feed their families was not easy work, but they felt ties to the land and appreciated its beauty and hard-won bounty.

Boys from the Los Alamos Ranch School, most of whom arrived here from polluted eastern cities, loved the wide-open spaces and the outdoor life afforded by the plateau and the mountains. Their rigorous academic education, combined with activities such as horseback riding, hunting, and skiing, prepared them well for the ivy-league schools to which they were bound.

Today, with all of its beauty, it's not just the vistas of Los Alamos that are inspirational. It is the intellectual atmosphere where physics equations get written on restaurant napkins, the small-town feel of saying "hi" to everyone in the grocery store because you know almost everyone there, and the volunteerism that fuels everything from the performing arts theater to the food bank and, oh, so much more.

I would encourage you to learn about Dorothy McKibbin, the gatekeeper to Los Alamos during the Manhattan Project, whose life intersected with so many on the Pajarito Plateau. Take a visit to the homestead-era Romero Cabin near the lovely Memorial Rose Garden and imagine dry-land farming at this high, cool altitude. The stories of the people of Los Alamos stretch back through time but also connect to us today.

These stories, which take on international significance in light of the Manhattan Project, serve to inspire me. Years of study into the history of the community have shown me that everyone, from the ancient natives who raised turkeys on the mesas to the Nobel Prize-winning scientists, has a story to tell. This deep, rich history—stories of struggle, discovery, triumph, and, of course, tragedy—can teach us about our world and about ourselves.

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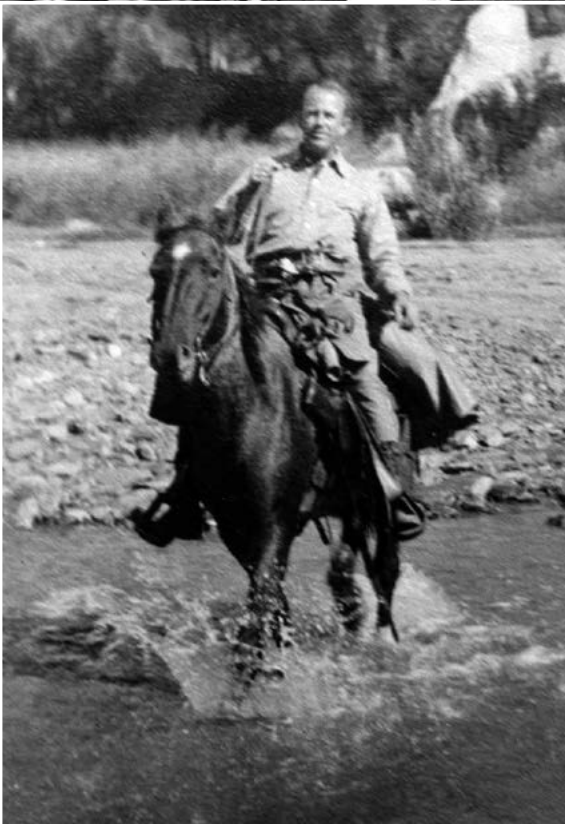
Take time, as you stroll through the Historic District, visit Ashley Pond Park, or stop by a local coffee shop, to remember those who came before. You are walking where giants, whether

farmers or physicists, have strode. As your footsteps join theirs on the dusty plateau, let them inspire you.

*Heather McClenahan is the former executive director of the Los Alamos Historical Society and, while traveling the world in her retirement, is writing a book on Los Alamos history.*

*Right (clockwise): Manhattan Project scientists enjoy a social evening off at Fuller Lodge; Ranch School boys interacting with bear cubs; Ashley Pond rides his horse through the Rio Grande; Local Pueblo Eagle Dancers performing outside Fuller Lodge. (Photos courtesy of the Los Alamos Historical Archives)*









# Plan Your Trip - Discoveries Checklists: Family Fun



*Left to Right: Climbing into a cliff dwelling off the Main Loop Trail at Bandelier National Monument; Los Alamos County Summer Concert Series at Ashley Pond Park Stage is a family favorite each Friday Night May-August.*

## Family Fun For Younger Kids & Teens

### Experience Nature

- ☐ Get up close to local creatures at the Nature Center
- ☐ Complete your Passports to the Pajarito Plateau
- ☐ Ride up the lift and hike or bike down at Pajarito Mountain
- ☐ Learn about prairie dogs at the Valles Caldera
- ☐ Walk the trails on Pajarito Mountain during the fall
- ☐ Listen to the elk bugle in the fall at the Valles Caldera

### Explore New Places

- ☐ Explore the Ancestral Pueblo caves at Bandelier
- ☐ Stand on the edge of White Rock Canyon Overlook
- ☐ Find wild irises or Mariposa lilies on Cañada Bonita Trail
- ☐ Take a photo at the Main Gate Park
- ☐ Play in the Rotary tree house at the Nature Center
- ☐ Catch the view from the footbridge on the Bridges Loop Trail

### Discover New Things

- ☐ Take a tour of the Historic District
- ☐ Stop at the Visitor Contact Station at the Valles Caldera
- ☐ Have your picture taken with Oppenheimer & Groves
- ☐ Climb a ladder to a cliff dwelling
- ☐ Visit the ducks, fish and turtles at Ashley Pond Park
- ☐ Pick some raspberries at the Demo Garden

### Watch & Play

- ☐ Catch a show at the Nature Center planetarium
- ☐ Solve a puzzle at Bradbury Science Museum
- ☐ Take a dive in the Olympic-size Aquatic Center pool
- ☐ Take a turn at the outdoor Ice Rink
- ☐ Play miniature golf at East Park
- ☐ Attend a concert or a movie at Ashley Pond Park
- ☐ See a play at the Historic Performing Arts Center
- ☐ Play with your dog at one of the local dog parks

### Shopping & Dining

- ☐ Get it to go at Ruby K's or El Parasol, and picnic in the park
- ☐ Find good food for the whole family at Blue Window Bistro
- ☐ Eat like a local at El Rigoberto's Taco Shop or Sirphey
- ☐ Enjoy the green chile stuffed burger at Pajarito Brewpub & Grill
- ☐ Discover local arts and gifts at the Fuller Lodge Art Center
- ☐ Shop at the new Park Store at Bandelier National Monument
- ☐ Pick up unique Los Alamos gifts at the Nature Center
- ☐ Listen to live music at a local brewpub

### Need a charge?

Park at the Los Alamos County Municipal Building to charge your electric car, and enjoy a picnic under the Solar Tree, while charging your devices!





# Plan Your Trip - Discoveries Checklists: History & Science



*Left to Right: Sculptures of Oppenheimer & Groves; Interactive exhibits at Bradbury Science Museum.*

## History

### Hike a Historic Trail

- ☐ Explore the Red Dot Trail and find the petroglyphs
- ☐ Hike in homesteader wagon ruts on the Bayo Bench Trail
- ☐ Walk the Anniversary Trail/Manhattan Project historic road

### Experience Different Eras

- ☐ Drive the Homestead Tour
- ☐ Take a guided Historic Walking Tour
- ☐ See how the thunderbirds light the historic U.S. Post Office
- ☐ Pick up a map and discover the Atomic City spy history
- ☐ Listen to the Voices of the Manhattan Project

### See a Piece of History

- ☐ See the Nobel Prize at the History Museum-Hans Bethe House
- ☐ Experience how homesteaders lived in the Romero Cabin
- ☐ Take a photo with Fat Man & Little Boy at Bradbury
- ☐ Walk through the History Grove at the Valles Caldera

### Shopping & Dining

- ☐ Learn about fine wines and enjoy a glass at Pig+Fig Café
- ☐ Check out The Doug burger at Sirphey's at Bandelier
- ☐ Stock up on books by local authors at the History Museum

## Science

### Learn About the Manhattan Project

- ☐ Explore the Manhattan Project NHP Visitor Center & video
- ☐ Watch the Bradbury "Racing Toward Dawn" video
- ☐ Explore the History Museum immersive exhibits
- ☐ Take the Manhattan Project NHP "Behind the Fence" Tour

### Explore Where Discoveries are Made

- ☐ See what you find in a Cold War kitchen at the Bethe House
- ☐ Learn how things work at Bradbury Science Museum
- ☐ Find the piece of the Pentagon from 9/11 outside Bradbury

### See the Science of the Pajarito Plateau

- ☐ Discover the science and geology of the Valles Caldera
- ☐ Learn about supervolcanoes at the Nature Center
- ☐ Search for obsidian on the Las Conchas Trail

### Discover the Los Alamos National Laboratory

- ☐ Watch the film about LANL's current mission at Bradbury
- ☐ Attend a Science On Tap or Scientist in the Spotlight event

### Shopping & Dining

- ☐ Have a Hoppenheimer beer at Bathtub Row Brewing Co-op
- ☐ Find STEM gifts at the Gadgets Gift Shop at Bradbury



# Attend a Special Event

Visit [fyilosalamos.com](http://fyilosalamos.com) for dates, details and a full list of events!



Los Alamos Farmers Market



Pajarito Mountain Skiasta



ScienceFest



Los Alamos Summer Concert Series

## January

### Backcountry Film Festival

Grab a drink and enjoy a variety of short films about backcountry skiing.

## February

### USASA Slalom and Giant Slalom Race

Take on slalom and giant slalom courses for the SW Freeride Series.

### Telebration Ski Event

Celebrate all things Telemark with clinics, gear demos and the Telenators.

## March

### Restaurant Week

Dine on the best Los Alamos has to offer, with special menus for the week!

### Skiasta

Join us for beer, a costume contest, themed skiing events, and live music.

## April

### Earth Day Festival

Enjoy engaging activities, fun entertainment, delicious food, and more!

## May

### Summer Farmers Market Begins—May-October

Purchase locally grown/raised foods, direct from the farmers.

### Tuesdays at the Pond Begins—May-August

Enjoy FREE local entertainment at Ashley Pond Park. [creativelosalamos.com](http://creativelosalamos.com)

### Kite Festival

Discover kite-flying, kite-building workshops, music, food and more.

### Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

Shop for original, innovative, and quality artists from the region.

### Jemez Mountain Trail Runs

Challenge yourself with this 50K, 50-mile, and 15-mile mountain race.

### Los Alamos Summer Concert Series Begins—May-August

Fantastic, FREE music every Friday night. [losalamossummerconcerts.com](http://losalamossummerconcerts.com)

## June

### Summerfest

Enjoy this craft brewfest, live music, mountain bike races, and more!

### Fiesta en el Valle

Exhibits, demos and outdoor fun at the Valles Caldera National Preserve!



## July

### Atomic City Invitational Golf Tournament

Come and play with us at this annual three-day, match play tournament!

### Independence Day Celebration

Enjoy this all-day 4th-of-July celebration at Overlook Park in White Rock with music, food, brews and fireworks! Shuttle service available.

### ScienceFest

Celebrate science at this 6-day event, including Discovery Day, with S.T.E.A.M. activities, live music, beer garden, food, tours and more!

### Los Alamos Triathlon/Kids Triathlon

Enter this epic sprint triathlon with a unique bike, swim, run at 7,400 feet!

## August

### Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo

Join us for a weekend of music, food, arts, festival, parade and rodeo!

### Bear Festival

Learn all about black bears, enjoy a bear-inspired meal, and much more!

## September

### Ullr Fest

Don your Viking helmet and head to Pajarito Mountain for hiking, biking, leaf-peeping, a craft brewfest, live music and more.

## October

### Bandelier Fall Fiesta

Enjoy cultural demonstrations, arts & crafts, good food and more!

### Evening of Arts & Culture

Discover the Los Alamos Creative District's music, theater, and art scene.

### Halloweekend

Bring the whole family to downtown Los Alamos for Trick-or-Treat on MainStreet, pumpkin carving parties, the annual Pumpkin Glow, and more!

## November

### Small Business Saturday

Shop small and save big, and find unique gifts for the holidays!

### Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Shop a wide variety of arts and crafts and find the perfect holiday gift.

## December

### WinterFest

Celebrate the holidays with performing arts, visits with Santa, arts and crafts, the holiday light parade, and the lighting of Ashley Pond Park!



Pumpkin Glow



Los Alamos County Fair & Rodeo



Pajarito Mountain Ullr Fest



WinterFest Holiday Light Parade

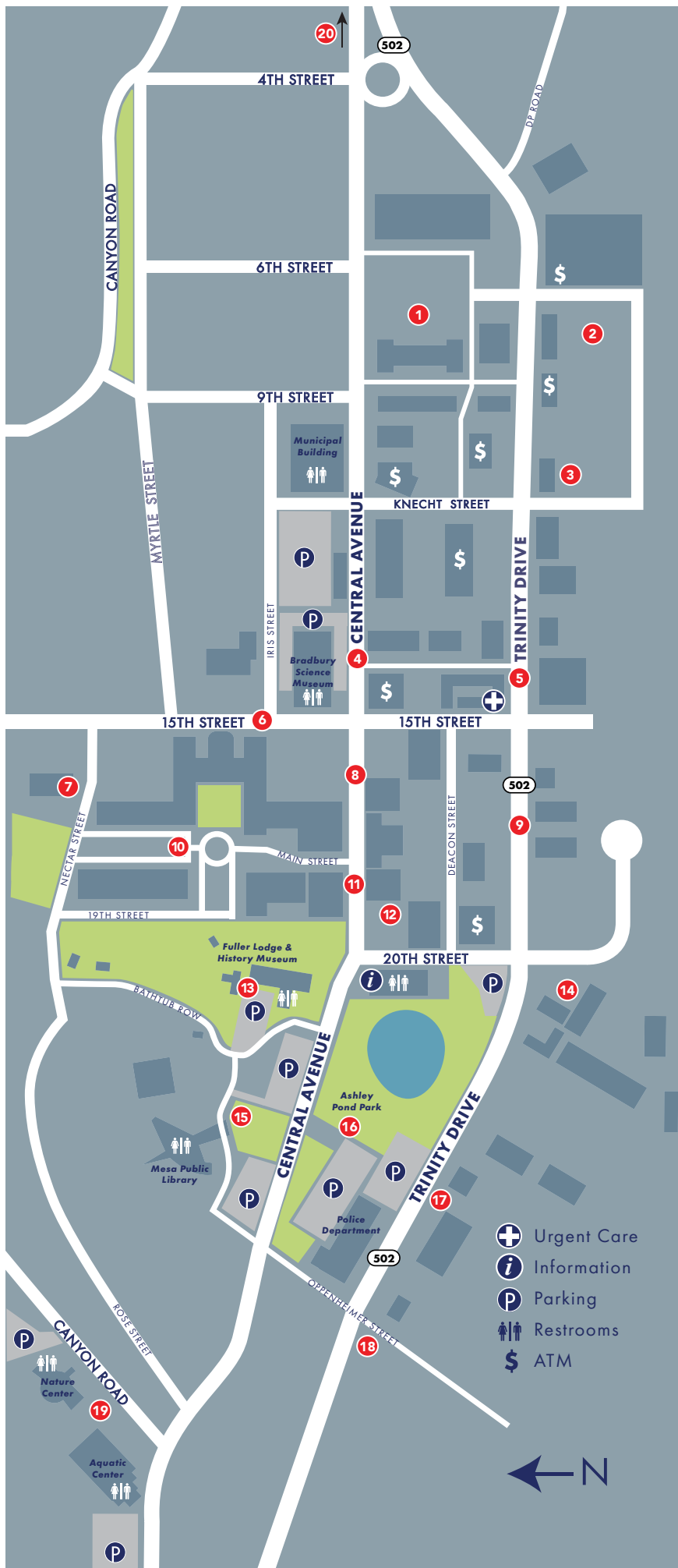


# Los Alamos Downtown Walk & Shop

- 1 Auto Zone**  
China Palace\*  
Daniel's Cafe  
& Mary's Gelato\*  
Pajarito Brewpub & Grill\*  
Pyramid Cafe\*
- 2 Atomic Bar (inside Smith's)\***  
Domino's Pizza  
Galaxy Nails & Spa  
Infinite BBQ (inside Smith's)\*  
Smith's Marketplace\*  
Starbucks (inside Smith's)\*  
SuperCuts  
Verizon/Russell Cellular
- 3 McDonald's\***  
Napa Auto Parts
- 4 Atomic City Quilts**  
Boomerang Consignment  
Bradbury Science Museum  
Close-Knit Yarn Cooperative  
David's Old Fashioned  
Barber Shop  
Gadgets Museum Shop  
(inside Bradbury)  
Gator's L.A. Vapor And CBD  
Subway\*  
The Karen Wray Gallery  
Yuan's Dumpling  
& Noodle House
- 5 Muy Salsas**  
Natural Grocers  
Señor Tortas  
Viola's
- 6 Dave's Sports Barber Shop**  
Red Dragon Bowl\*  
The Family YMCA
- 7 Performing Arts Center**
- 8 LA Bootery**  
Nambe Drug Store  
Metzger's Hardware  
UPEX (shipping)  
Yas' Elevated Jewelry  
& Gifts
- 9 Chili Works**  
LA Liquor & Indian Grocery  
Sirphey\*  
Sonic Drive-In
- 10 Bathtub Row**  
Brewing Co-op\*  
Boese Brothers Brewpub\*  
El Rigoberto's Taco Shop\*  
Los Alamos STEAM Lab  
Origami Restaurant  
Pet Pangaea  
Project Y Cowork\*  
Rose Chocolatier\*  
Samizdat Bookstore  
& Teahouse  
The Long Pour\*
- 11 Blue Window Bistro\***  
Historic US Post Office  
Starbucks\*
- 12 Aspen Copies (shipping)**  
El Parasol  
Los Alamos and Manhattan  
Project Nat'l Historical Park  
Visitor Centers\*  
Ruby K's Bagel Cafe
- 13 Fuller Lodge Art Center\***  
Historic Fuller Lodge\*  
Historic Sculptures:  
Oppenheimer & Groves\*  
Los Alamos History Museum  
& Shop\*
- 14 Beanie's Bike Shop**  
The Cricket Window  
Windgate Healing Arts
- 15 Friends of the Library**  
Bookstore\*  
Los Alamos Skate Park\*  
Mesa Public Library  
& Step Up Gallery\*
- 16 Los Alamos Farmers Market**  
(Thursday & Saturday  
mornings, May-Oct)
- 17 O'Reilly Auto Parts**
- 18 Wheeed!**  
Inspired Jewelers
- 19 Aquatic Center\***  
Los Alamos Nature Center\*
- 20 Anytime Fitness**  
Los Alamos Co-op Market\*  
Petree Garden Center  
& Florist



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# Tickle Your Taste Buds

## Shopping & Dining

### New Mexico True Burrito Byway

It should be no surprise that New Mexico claims the invention of the breakfast burrito. It is the wrapped wonder that brings spice to the morning! Join us for breakfast in Los Alamos at Chili Works or Viola's—official stops on the Burrito Byway—and learn the answer to the question: red, green or "Christmas"?

### New Mexico True Certified

When you buy jewelry, textiles, arts and crafts, food, wine, beer and other products with the New Mexico True Certified mark, you know they are authentically "New Mexico True"—made, grown or sourced right here in New Mexico with pride, love and the finest quality ingredients.

### Uniquely Los Alamos

Celebrate the importance of fresh, high-quality ingredients at local eateries that tickle your taste buds. Whether you're strictly vegan or strictly meat and potatoes, find comfort food for everyone at Pig+Fig Café in White Rock. Or enjoy the warmth and charm of the Blue Window Bistro in downtown Los Alamos for a local atmosphere. Get the best homemade bagels outside of New York at Ruby K's Bagel Café, or grab a sandwich named after a local at Daniel's Café & Mary's Gelato.

### Breweries & Wine

Thirsty for a good craft beer? Hang with the locals at Bathtub Row Brewing Co-op! Or stop in at Boese Brothers Brewery and enjoy a craft beer with a green chile grilled cheese sandwich. Pajarito Brewpub & Grill and Cottonwood on the Greens feature New Mexico beers and wines. Did someone say wine? Reserve a seat at one of Pig+Fig's themed wine dinners!

## White Rock Downtown Walk & Shop

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Gentlemen's Barber Shop<br>Pig + Fig Café*<br>Smith's Grocery*<br>White Rock Branch Library*<br>White Rock Toys<br>& Collectibles | 3 White Rock RV Park*<br>El Rigoberto's Taco Shop   |
| 2 White Rock Visitor Center*  | 4 Hampton Inn & Suites*<br>JR's BB+ (food truck)<br>Metzger's Hardware<br>Seeking Chameleon |
|   | 5 Little Studio On The Mesa   |



# Stay Awhile



*Photo courtesy of Pueblo Canyon Inn*

## TOP 3

**Must Do Discoveries for photo ops:**

- 1** Stop at the **Main Gate Park** and picture what it was like to check-in during the Manhattan Project days. Then stop by and take your picture with **Oppenheimer and Groves** at the Historic Fuller Lodge!
- 2** Try on an apron, and take a picture in a **1950s kitchen** at the Hans Bethe House, and then head next door and **hop in the tub** at the Bathtub Row Brewing Co-op and take a picture with a locally crafted beer!
- 3** Catch one of Los Alamos' most iconic views at **Anderson Overlook** as you enter town. Make sure to stop by **White Rock Overlook** as well for unparalleled views of White Rock Canyon and the Rio Grande.

## Lodging

### Hotels

#### Comfort Inn & Suites

2455 Trinity Dr., Los Alamos, NM  
(505) 661-1110

#### Hampton Inn & Suites

124 State Rd. 4, White Rock, NM  
(505) 672-3838

#### Holiday Inn Express & Suites

60 Entrada Dr., Los Alamos, NM  
(505) 661-2646

### Bed & Breakfasts

#### Canyon Inn

80 Canyon Rd., Los Alamos, NM  
(505) 510-2253

#### North Road Inn

2127 North Rd., Los Alamos, NM  
(505) 662-3678

#### Pueblo Canyon Inn & Gallery

199 San Ildefonso Rd., Los Alamos, NM  
(505) 695-0883

### Coming Soon...

Marriott Townplace Suites Hotel and Meeting Rooms is coming to Los Alamos! Located in the heart of downtown, across from Ashley Pond Park, the Historic District and the Central Avenue business district, guests will be within walking distance of attractions, dining, shopping, visitor centers, and transportation to Bandelier National Monument. Plans for the hotel include 86 guest rooms, three conference rooms with a catering kitchen, a coffee shop, free parking and stunning canyon views.



## Tours

### Los Alamos History Museum Guided Tours

[losalamoshistory.org](http://losalamoshistory.org)

Step inside the homestead-era Romero Cabin, visit an Ancestral Pueblo site, hear about the giants of 20th century physicists who walked these streets, and learn how Bathtub Row got its name. Tours last approximately 1.5 hours. Tickets include museum admission and are available at the Los Alamos History Museum Shop. Tours limited to 16 people.

**Monday - Friday 11:00am**

**\$15 ages 19+, 18 and under - FREE with a ticketed adult**

For a self-guided experience, please pick up a Walking Tour map at the Museum, and follow the Historical Walking Tour signs.

### Manhattan Project National Historical Park "Behind the Fence" Tours

[lanl.gov/museum](http://lanl.gov/museum)

Experience a "top-secret" tour of historic Manhattan Project buildings! Participants will see the Pond Cabin, which served as an office for Emilio Segrè's Radioactivity Group studying plutonium, a battleship bunker used to protect equipment and staff during implosion design explosives testing, and the Slotin Building, site of Louis Slotin's criticality accident. Tours of the Pajarito Site and the Slotin Building are offered 2-3 times per year, and last approximately three hours. Registration is done in advance, and is on a first-come, first served basis. Tours are limited to 25 people.

### Self-Guided Spy Tour

[visitlosalamos.org](http://visitlosalamos.org)

Where there are secrets, there are spies. See where Los Alamos' three spies lived, worked and played. Pick up a Spy Tour brochure at the Los Alamos Visitors Center or download one online.

### Self-Guided Homestead Driving Tour

[visitlosalamos.org](http://visitlosalamos.org)

Try to imagine Los Alamos without its neighborhoods, shops, parks, and world-class laboratory. Imagine yourself back in a time of isolated log buildings and fields planted with pinto beans—everyday life for the homesteaders who lived here. This tour will introduce you to seven sites that indicate where 17 of the homestead families established their farms.

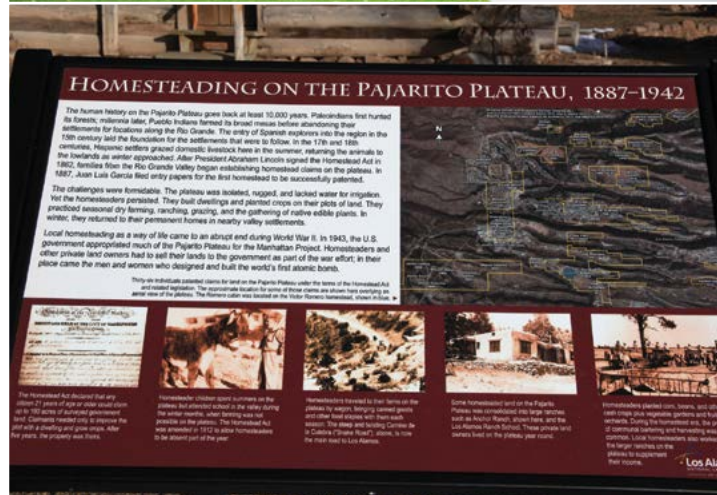
### Atomic City Transit

[atomiccitytransit.com](http://atomiccitytransit.com)

Enjoy FREE transportation and see Los Alamos County on the Atomic City Transit buses Monday-Friday (no weekend or holiday service). Find maps and information online, or download the MyStop app for real-time bus stop information!

*Top to bottom: Step inside the Romero Homestead Cabin, Take a guided tour of the Historic District; Learn about the origins of Los Alamos on the Homestead Tour; Hop on the Atomic City Transit buses to easily get around Los Alamos County. It's FREE!*

Learn from a Local



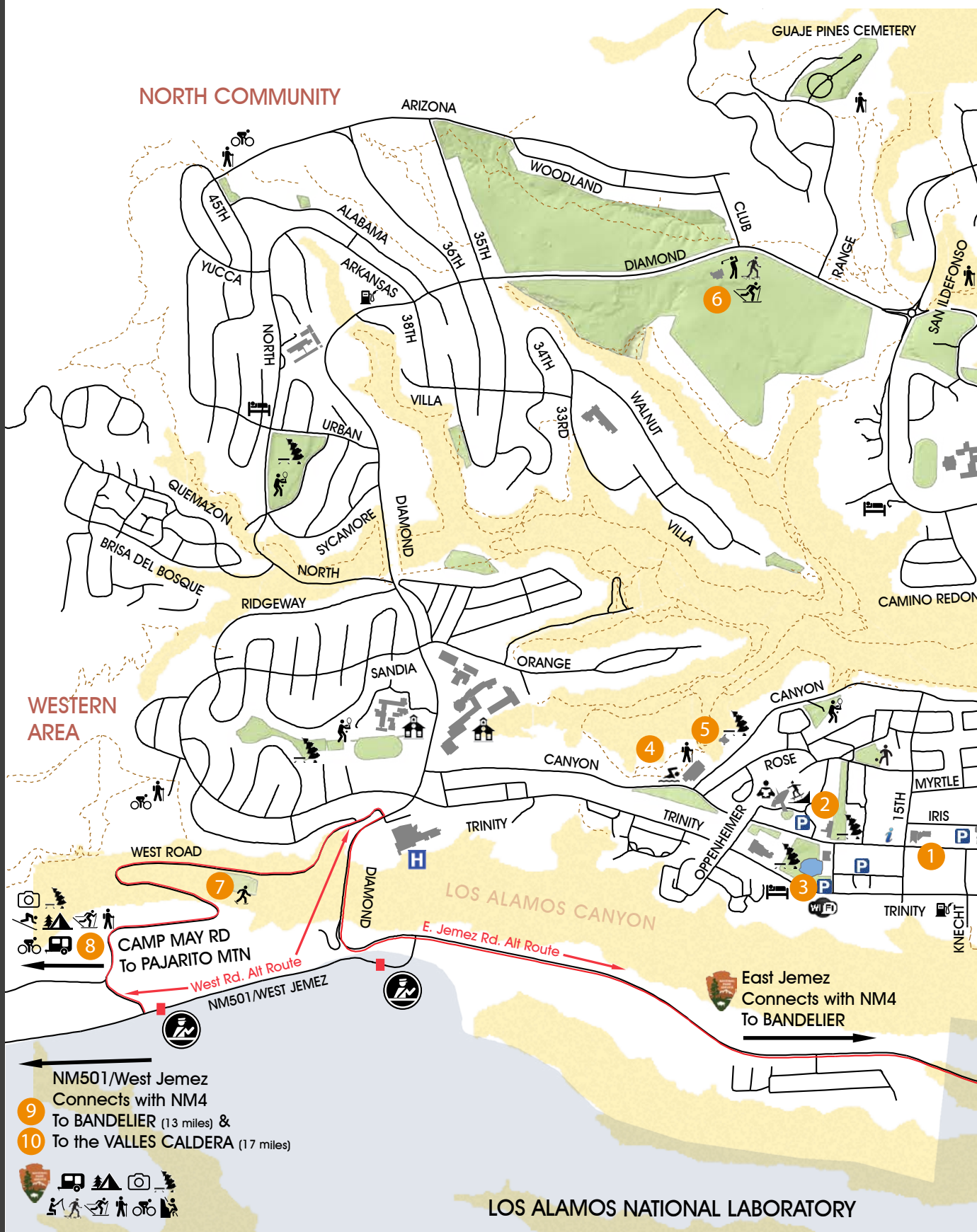


# LOS ALAMOS TOWNSITE

## LOCATED:

33 miles NW of Santa Fe (45 min)  
64 miles SW of Taos (84 min)  
97 miles N of Albuquerque (95 min)

- 1 Bradbury Science Museum  
(Gift Shop, Bus Parking, Restrooms)
- 2 Los Alamos History Museum Campus  
(Gift Shop, Guided Tours, Picnic Area, Restrooms)
- 3 Manhattan Project National Historical Park  
(Visitor Center, Bus Drop-Off, Picnic Area, Restrooms)

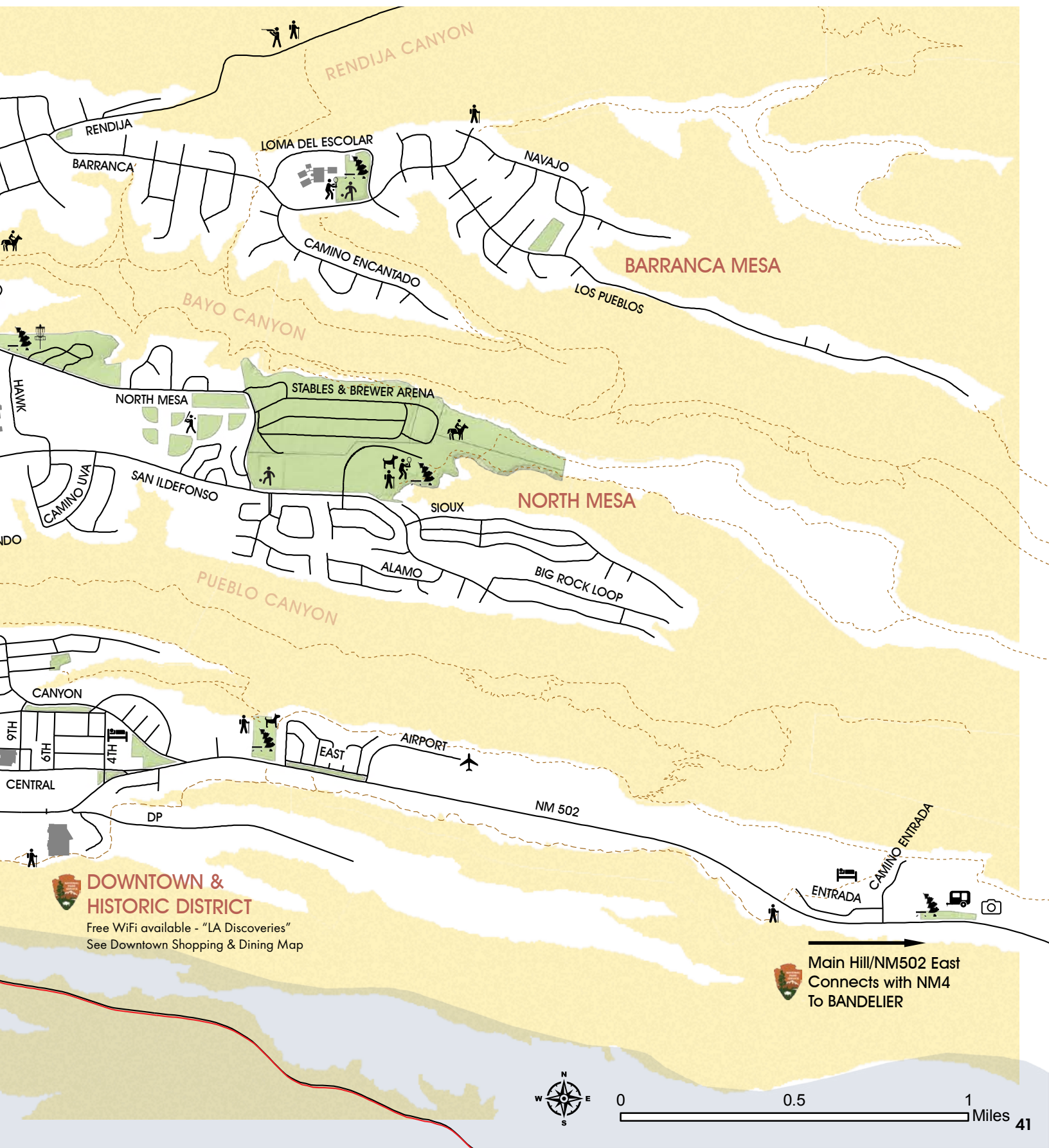




- 4** Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center  
(Olympic-size Pool, Therapy Pool, Restrooms, Trailhead, Rental Equipment)
- 5** Los Alamos Nature Center  
(Planetarium, Gift Shop, Restrooms, Guided Tours, Picnic Area)
- 6** Los Alamos County Golf Course  
(Golf Shop, Restaurant, Bus Parking, Restrooms)
- 7** Los Alamos County Ice Rink  
(Concession, Restrooms)

- 8** Pajarito Mountain  
(Café, Ski Hill, Ski School, Gift Shop, Camping, All-Season Recreation, Restrooms)
- 9** Bandelier National Monument  
(Visitor Center, Gift Shop & Bookstore, Concession, Guided Tours, Camping, Restrooms)
- 10** Valles Caldera National Preserve  
(Visitor Center, Gift Shop, Guided Tours, Fishing, Restrooms)

Trail Network  
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## DOWNTOWN & HISTORIC DISTRICT

Free WiFi available - "LA Discoveries"  
See Downtown Shopping & Dining Map

Main Hill/NM502 East  
Connects with NM4  
To BANDELIER



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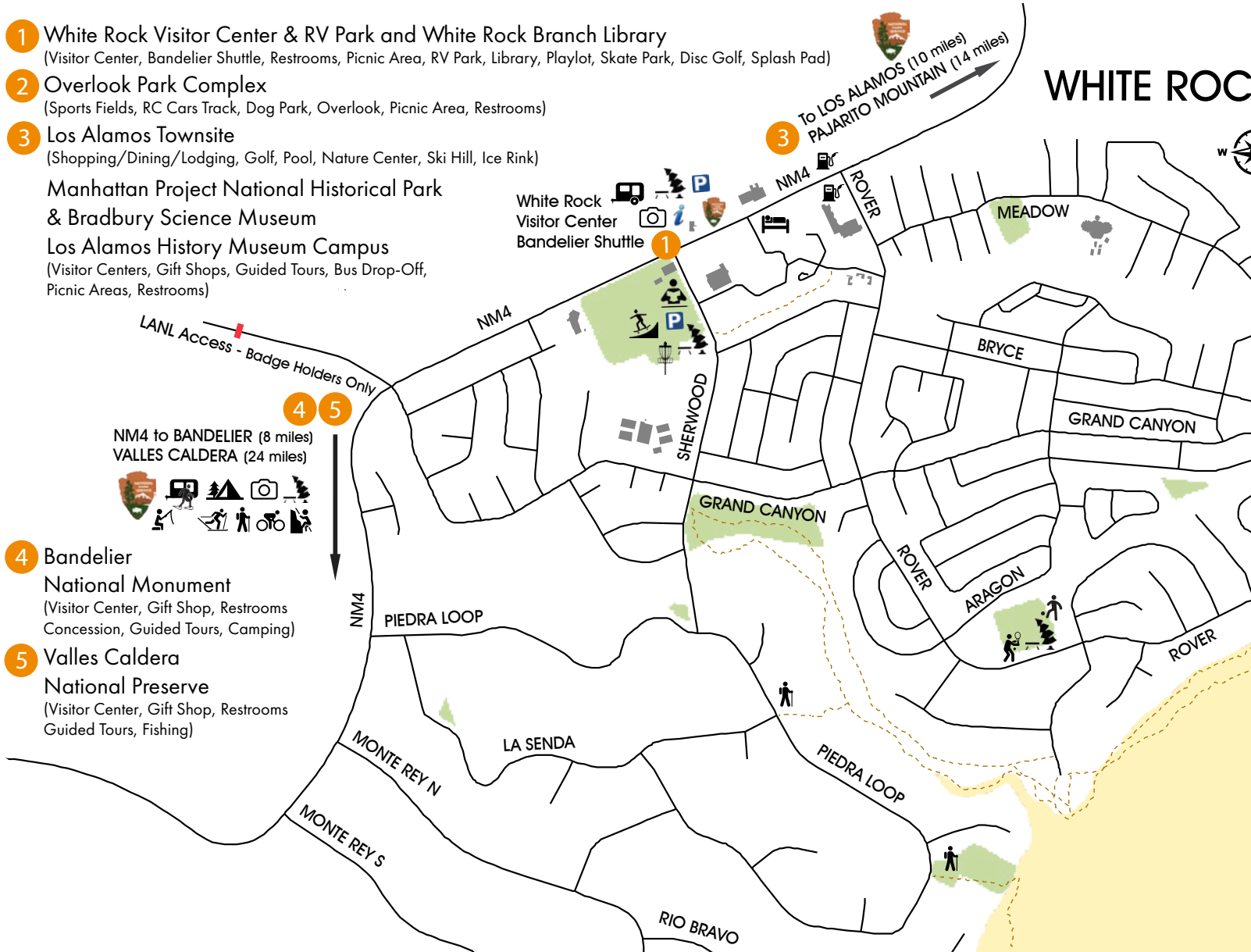


- 1 White Rock Visitor Center & RV Park and White Rock Branch Library  
(Visitor Center, Bandelier Shuttle, Restrooms, Picnic Area, RV Park, Library, Playlot, Skate Park, Disc Golf, Splash Pad)
  - 2 Overlook Park Complex  
(Sports Fields, RC Cars Track, Dog Park, Overlook, Picnic Area, Restrooms)
  - 3 Los Alamos Townsite  
(Shopping/Dining/Lodging, Golf, Pool, Nature Center, Ski Hill, Ice Rink)
- Manhattan Project National Historical Park  
& Bradbury Science Museum  
Los Alamos History Museum Campus  
(Visitor Centers, Gift Shops, Guided Tours, Bus Drop-Off, Picnic Areas, Restrooms)

NM4 to BANDELIER (8 miles)  
VALLES CALDERA (24 miles)

- 4 Bandelier  
National Monument  
(Visitor Center, Gift Shop, Restrooms  
Concession, Guided Tours, Camping)
- 5 Valles Caldera  
National Preserve  
(Visitor Center, Gift Shop, Restrooms  
Guided Tours, Fishing)

LANL Access - Badge Holders Only



## Know Before You Go

### How to Drive on Lab Property

When using NM501 (East & West Jemez Road) to travel between Los Alamos and the mountains, you will need to enter the Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Vehicle Access Portals. Think of it as a little part of the Secret City's past you can still experience today! Public access is available for drivers of cars, large trucks, RVs and trailers. Simply slow down and stop when you arrive at the portal. Please have a photo ID ready (valid driver's license, passport or federal/DOE badge) to provide to the representative at the gate. No photography, firearms, alcohol, or illegal drugs are allowed. Random vehicle inspections do occur. (See map on page 40.)

## New Mexico Weather

Experiencing the unique and beautiful weather of Northern New Mexico is one of the most charming parts of visiting Los Alamos. Sunny days provide the bluest skies you have ever seen, and watching the clouds roll by is mesmerizing. Be prepared for changing conditions and carry some essentials with you: rain gear, flashlight, sunglasses, sunscreen, extra snacks and water, and extra layers of clothing.

### Seasonal Information & Highlights

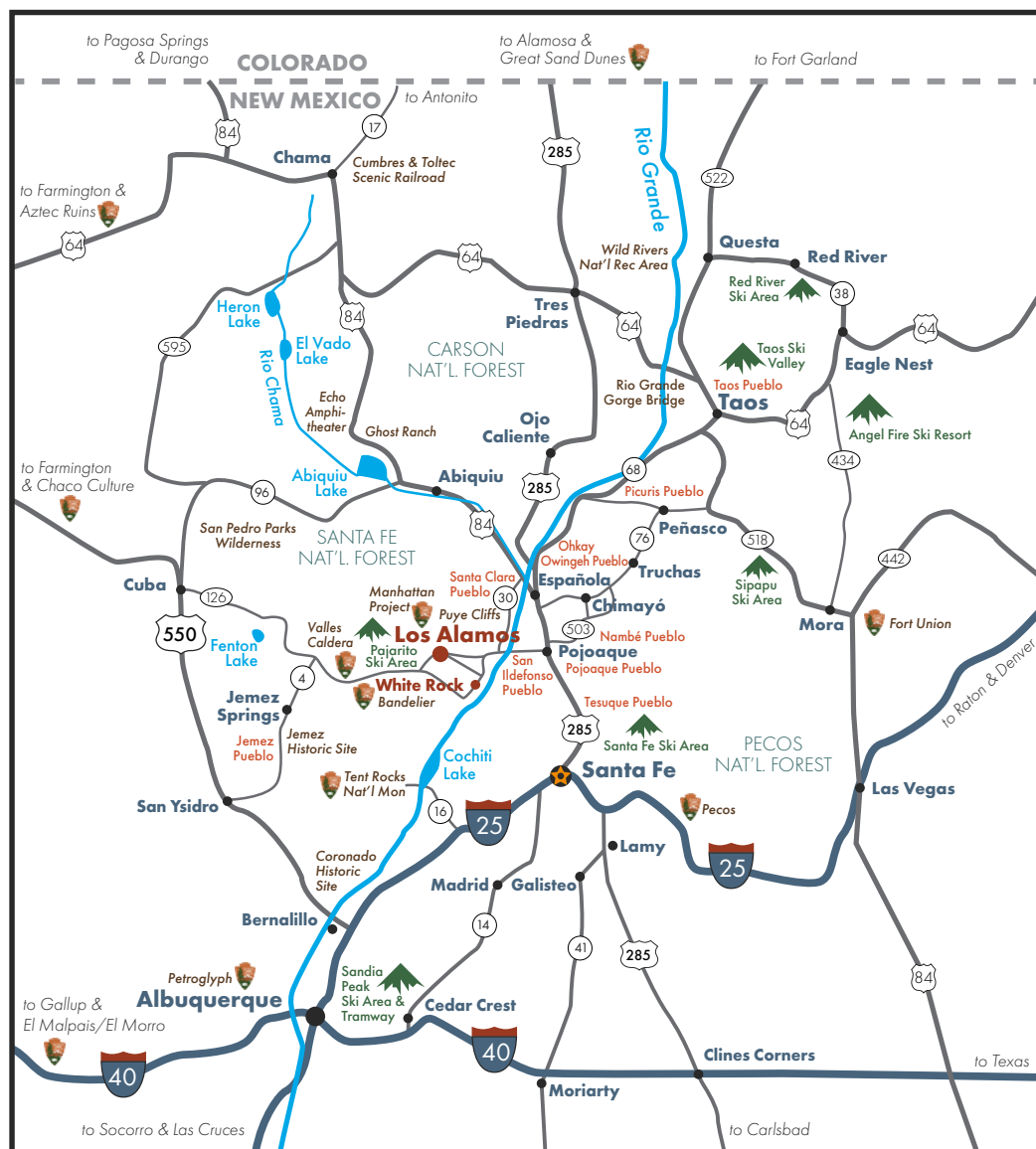
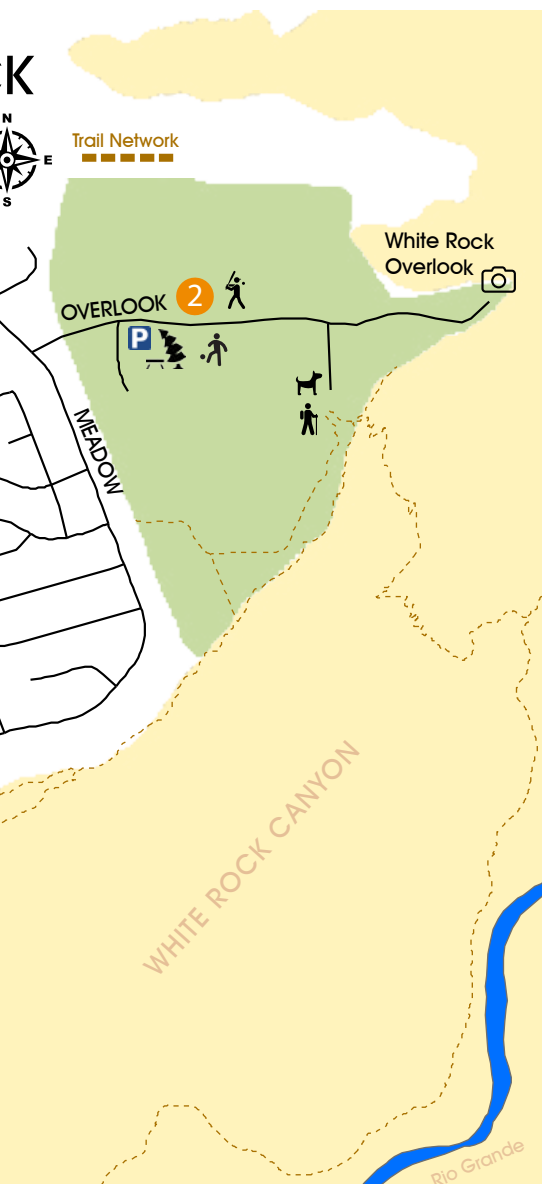
**Spring** - Enjoy blossoming trees, blooming flowers, and a few unexpected snow showers! Be prepared for windy days, and chilly nights, with an average high of 65 and low of 45.

**Summer** - Long warm days filled with blue skies and sunshine make the summer perfect for all of your outdoor adventures. Be prepared for daily afternoon monsoonal rain and thunderstorms in late July, and an average high of 87 and low of 66.

**Fall** - Discover the most colorful time of year with changing leaves, late-blooming flowers, and warm, golden light. Days are the perfect temperature to be outside, with crisp, brisk evenings allowing for a sunset stroll to listen to the bugling elk. Highs average in the 70s, with lows in the 50s.

**Winter** - Play in our white wonderland, with temperatures just right to enjoy all of your favorite winter activities. Bundle up in layers, and count the stars on our clear, dark nights, with an average high of 40 and low of 20.





## County Facilities

Visit [losalamosnm.us](https://losalamosnm.us) for information:

### Aquatic Center

2760 Canyon Rd., Los Alamos  
505-662-8170

### Golf Course

4244 Diamond Dr., Los Alamos  
505-662-8139

### Ice Rink

4475 West Rd., Los Alamos  
505-662-4500

### Mesa Public Library

2400 Central Ave., Los Alamos  
505-662-8250

### White Rock Branch Library

10 Sherwood Blvd., White Rock  
505-662-8265

## 35,840 Acres of Public Land!

**Los Alamos County Open Space**  
[losalamosnm.us](https://losalamosnm.us)

**Santa Fe National Forest**  
[fs.usda.gov/santafe/](https://fs.usda.gov/santafe/)

**National Parks Service**  
Bandelier - [nps.gov/band](https://nps.gov/band)  
Valles Caldera - [nps.gov/vall](https://nps.gov/vall)

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## Regional Travel Times

Abiquiu Lake - 1 hour  
Cumbres Toltec Railroad - 1 ¾ hours  
Fenton Lake State Park - 1 hour  
Georgia O'Keeffe Museum - 45 min  
Ghost Ranch - 1 ¼ hours  
Meow Wolf-Santa Fe - 45 min  
Ojo Caliente - 1 hour  
Puye Cliffs - 30 min  
Rio Grande Rafting - 1 hour  
Santa Fe Opera - 30 min  
O'Keeffe Welcome Center - 45 min

Albuquerque Sunport - 1 ¾ hours  
Santa Fe Regional Airport - 45 min  
Taos Regional Airport - 1 ¾ hours





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