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—the Jemez Mountains to the west, and the Sangre de Cristo range to the north and east. It’s nature’s playground. At 7,400 feet elevation, the Los Alamos townsite community is perched on mesa top “fingers” separated by rugged canyons—part of the Pajarito Plateau formed by a neighboring lava flow out of the Jemez Mountains. Los Alamos has several specialty parks where you can enjoy a picnic, play a round of disc golf or miniature golf, let your four-legged friends play off the leash in a dog park, enjoy skate boarding, or to learn more! For a fun winter outing, swing by the Aquatic Center and rent snowshoes and poles for the whole family. Then take a 5-minute drive to the Los Alamos Country Golf Course for a great place to snowshoe and cross-country ski! Afterwards, warm up with snacks and drinks at the Cottonwood on the Greens restaurant inside the Golf Course Community Building.

Helpful Hints
High-Altitude Health
Bring your water bottles, and drink water all day to prevent dehydration. You can refill water bottles at all of the local attractions. Also make sure to wear and reapply sunscreen. Visiting locations at higher elevations than you are used to increases the chance of dehydration, sunburn, headaches, nausea, dizziness, and the aggravation of pre-existing medical conditions.

Tips From the Locals
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Leave No Trace - LNT.org
When enjoying the outdoors in and around Los Alamos, please remember these seven principles:
• Plan ahead and be prepared for terrain and weather
• Beware of areas prone to flooding
• Dispose of waste properly (pack in, pack out)
• Leave what you find—ancient artifacts, wildflowers, etc.
• Abide by fire restrictions, and put campfires dead out
• Do not disturb wildlife—help protect their habitat!
• Maintain courtesy toward other visitors

Wildlife Encounters
In and around Los Alamos, you may see bears, mountain lions, elk, deer, bobcats, coyotes, and more. Approaching, feeding, or disturbing wildlife is dangerous. Always keep a safe distance, and be aware of your surroundings.

Pets in the Parks
Pets are not permitted on any park trails within Bandelier, but are allowed on the La Jara, Valles Grande, and Coyote Calf trails in the Valles Caldera. Pets are also allowed in the parking lots outside the Bandelier Visitor Center and the Valles Caldera Entrance Station, as well as in the Juniper Compound and the picnic area across Frijoles Creek. Pets must be kept under physical control at all times—crated on a leash not to exceed six feet in length.

Travel Truths
When visiting Los Alamos on the weekends, remember our unique little town almost doubles in size as commuters and visitors spend the day with us. During mornings heading into town, and evenings heading out of town, Trinity Dr., Diamond Dr., Central Ave., and NM-4 can be very busy. In addition, the lunch hour in downtown is a bustling time, with friends, students, families, and coworkers eating at the local restaurants. Plan ahead to avoid delays.
Bandelier National Monument
15 Entrance Road off NM-4, Los Alamos
Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk
Visitor Center Hours: 9am to 5pm
Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas
505-672-3816 | nps.gov/band

Orientation Movie | National Parks Passport
Bandelier Museum | Gift Shop | Cafe | Jr. Rangers
Bandelier Shuttle - May to October:
Visitors must use the shuttle from White Rock Visitor Center
between 9am-3pm. Some exceptions apply.

Valles Caldera National Preserve
NM-4, 18 Miles west of Los Alamos
Visitor Center: May-Oct: 8am-6pm
Nov-Apr: 9am-5pm
575-829-4100 x3 | nps.gov/vall

Visitor Contact Station | National Parks Passport
Gift Shop | Wildlife Viewing

Los Alamos Nature Center
2600 Canyon Rd., Los Alamos
Hours: Monday-Wednesday: 10am-4pm
Tuesday: CLOSED | Saturday: 10am-4pm
505-662-0460 | losalamosnature.org

Planetarium | Pajarito Plateau Passport
Interactive Exhibits | Live Animal Exhibits
Indoor/Outdoor Play | Rotary Treehouse | Gift Shop

Los Alamos History Museum Campus
1050 Bathub Row, Los Alamos
Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 10am-4pm | Sunday: CLOSED
505-662-4493 | losalamoshistory.org

Manhattan Project Video | Interactive Exhibits
Cold War Gallery | Ancestral Pueblo Dwelling
Romero Cabin | Historic Fuller Lodge | Gift Shop

Pajarito Mountain
397 Camp May Rd., Los Alamos
Lift Hours: 9am-4pm (weather dependent)
Ticket Office & Shop Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm (when lifts run)
505-662-5725 | pajarito.ski

Summer Biking & Hiking
Day tickets for Bike Uplift cost $29
Day tickets for Hike Uplift cost $10

Pajarito Mountain Skiing
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

Los Alamos Trail Network
Pick up a copy of the Trail Network and Trailhead maps at any
Visitor Center, the Nature Center or the County Municipal Build-
ning. Or download a digital copy at losalamosnm.us, click Trails
under Things to Do.

County Facilities - losalamosnm.us
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

Transportation
Atomic City Transit - 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!

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
Los Alamos Main Gate Park - RV/trailer campground
White Rock Visitor Center & RV Park - RV/trailer campground
Camp May Pavilion/Campsites - tent/trailer campground

Bandelier National Monument - nps.gov/band
Juniper Family Campground - tent/trailer campground
Ponderosa Group Campground - two group campsites

Santa Fe National Forest - fs.usda.gov/santefe
Redondo Campground - tent/trailer campground
Jemez Falls Campground - tent/trailer campground

For detailed information about all of the Santa Fe National Forest
campgrounds, visit fs.usda.gov/santefe.

 Lodging
Hotels
Comfort Inn & Suites (505) 661-1110
Hampton Inn & Suites (505) 672-3838
Holiday Inn Express & Suites (505) 661-2646

Bed & Breakfasts
Canyon Inn (505) 510-2253
North Road Inn (505) 662-3678
Pueblo Canyon Inn & Gallery (505) 695-0883

Tours
Los Alamos History Museum Guided Tour
losalamoshistory.org
Tours last approximately 1.5-2 hours. Tickets include museum admission and are available at the Los Alamos History Museum Shop. Tours limited to 16 people.
Monday - Saturday 11:00am
Tuesdays   Additional tour at 1:30pm
$20 ages 19+, 18 and under - FREE with a ticketed adult

Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour
visitlosalamos.org
Visit 14 points of interest, including 800-year-old Ancestral Pueblo dwellings, early 20th century architecture, a homesteader’s cabin, story-telling art, memorials to those who came before us, and the very spot where the first atomic bomb components were designed and assembled. Move at your own pace, and enjoy the museums, shopping, and restaurants along your way.

Self-Guided Spy Tour
visitlosalamos.org
Pick up a Spy Tour brochure at the Los Alamos Visitors Center or
download one online.

Self-Guided Homestead Driving Tour
visitlosalamos.org
This tour will introduce you to seven sites that indicate where 17 of the homestead families established their farms.

Visit the Los Alamos website for a digital map and more information.