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. The Los Alamos townsite is perched here at 7,400 feet.

You may encounter security checkpoints on West Jemez Road (see inset map above) when visiting Los Alamos on the weekdays, 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 together at the local restaurants. Plan ahead to avoid delays.

Pets in the Parks
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Travel Truths
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• Dispose of waste properly (pack it, pack out)
• Leave what you find—ancient artifacts, wildflowers, etc.
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Wildlife Encounters
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**Bandelier National Monument**
15 Entrance Road off NM-4, Los Alamos
Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk
Visitor Center Hours: mid-May to mid-Oct: 9am-6pm mid-Nov to mid-April: 9am-5pm
505-672-3861 x0 | 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 May-October. Some exceptions apply.

**Valles Caldera National Preserve**
NM-4, 18 Miles west of Los Alamos
Visitor Center: May - Oct: 8am-6pm Nov - Apr: 9-4:30pm
575-829-4100 x3 | nps.gov/vall
Visitor Entrance Station | National Parks Passport Gift Shop | Wildlife Viewing

**Los Alamos Nature Center**
2600 Canyon Rd., Los Alamos
Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday: 10am-4pm Tuesday: CLOSED | Sunday: CLOSED
505-662-0460 | losalamosnature.org
Planetaryarium | Pajarito Plateau Passport Interactive Exhibits | Live Animal Exhibits Indoor/Outdoor Play | Rotary Treehouse | Gift Shop

**Los Alamos History Museum Campus**
1050 Baththum 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
505-662-5723 | pajarito.ski
Season Passes & Retail Shop: 8:30am-3:30pm
Cafes: Visit pajarito.ski/eat to confirm hours or order online!
Summer Biking & Hiking
Lift service: 9am to 3pm, Saturdays & Sundays, June-September
Check the website to confirm hours.
Purchase tickets for bike & hike uplift service online Season passes and bike rental available
Pajarito Mountain Skiing
Full and half day tickets available for adults, youth & seniors
Beginner Lift only tickets available 5th grade & under and seniors 70+ ski FREE
A variety of season passes available
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 Building. Or download a digital copy at losalamosnm.us.

**County Facilities** - losalamosnm.us
Aquatic Center & Leisure Lagoon
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 & Gallery
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 campsgrounds 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/RV/trailer campground
Ponderosa Group Campground - two group campsites
Santa Fe National Forest - fs.usda.gov/santafe/
Redondo Campground - tent/RV/trailer campground
Jemez Falls Campground - tent/RV/trailer campground

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

**Virtual Manhattan Project National Historical Park**
“Behind-the-Fence” Tour about.lanl.gov/history-innovation/mapr/visit
Take a virtual tour of the park sites that are behind the fence at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**Virtual Walking Tour**
Visit losalamos.org
Visit 14 points of interest, including 800-year-old Ancestral Puebloan dwellings, early 20th century architecture, a homestead 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 Historical Walking Tour**
losalamoshistory.org
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**Self-Guided Homestead Driving Tour**
losalamos.org
This tour will introduce you to seven sites that indicate where 17 of the homestead families established their farms.

**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 505-810-2253
North Road Inn 505-662-3678
Pueblo Canyon Inn & Gallery 505-695-0883

**To Learn More**
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