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About 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° of spectacular scenery, framed by the Jemez Mountains and nature's playground. 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!

Visitor Centers

Los Alamos Visitor Center

475 20th St., Suite A, Los Alamos

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

800-444-0707 | 505-662-8105

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White Rock Visitor Center

115 NM4, White Rock

May - October: Daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

November - April: Daily 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

800-444-0707 | 505-672-3183

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Don't miss it...


Free WiFi Downtown

Connect to **LA Discoveries** in Downtown Los Alamos.

Look for these icons

We're sharing our secrets! Watch for these icons in the pages to follow to learn more.





"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."

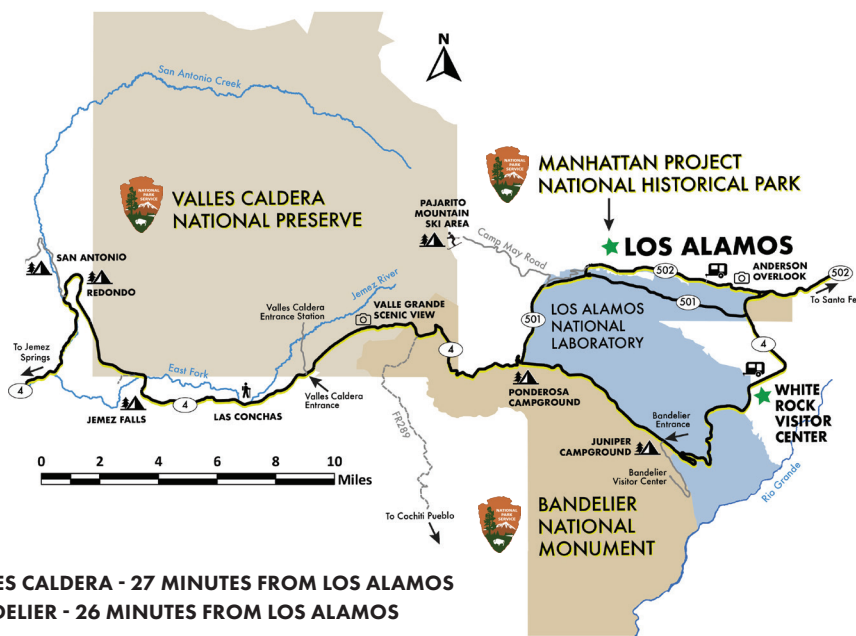
-Ellen Bradbury Reid

Author | Historian | Local





Gateway to Three National Parks





From Cliff Dwellings to Caldera Views

Los Alamos' national parks each offer a unique mix of history, culture and intrigue. If you enjoy exploring the great outdoors and discovering historic attractions, you're going to love Los Alamos. The city is a Gateway to Three National Parks – Bandelier National Monument, Valles Caldera National Preserve and the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Take in the beautiful scenery, while embarking on unforgettable adventures and learning about local and national history.

Learn More

lacnm.com/NationalParks



Bandelier National Monument

Visit this home, carved from volcanic tuff, and hidden away in canyons below where crops were planted in mesa top fields. Corn, beans, and squash were central to an Ancestral person's diet, diet, supplemented by native plants and meat from deer, rabbit, squirrel and domesticated turkeys. Dogs assisted people 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 NM4, White Rock

Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Visitor Center Hours: Mid-May to mid-Oct.: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Mid-Nov. to mid-April: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

505-672-3861x0 | nps.gov/band

Shuttle Information - May to October

When shuttles are running, visitors must use the shuttle from White Rock Visitor Center between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Exceptions may apply.

Just the Highlights

Picnicking, hiking, backcountry exploring, camping, cultural and night programs, a gift shop, museum exhibits, food, and special events. Looking for an extra adventure? Check out Tsankawi - a 1.5 mile hike along a mesa with petroglyphs and ladders.





Must Do Discoveries at Bandelier:

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

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 - Demonstrations give visitors the opportunity to meet Indigenous Artists and enjoy a variety of programs, including pottery-making and dancing.



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 Historical Park was established to tell the stories of these people, events, and the science that led to the creation of the world's first atomic bomb that helped end World War II (WWII).

Planning Your Visit

475 20th St., Suite C, Los Alamos

Hours vary. Please call before visiting.

505-661-6277 | nps.gov/mapr



Just the Highlights

Picnicking, guided tours, museum exhibits and special events.



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Must Do Discoveries at the Manhattan Project National Historical 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"** in person at the Bradbury Science Museum.
- 3** Learn about life in the **"Secret City"** at the History Museum.



"Behind-the-Fence" Tours

lanl.gov/history-innovations/mapr

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. In-person tours of the Pajarito Site and the Slotin Building are offered two times per year, and last approximately three hours. Virtual tours are available online.

Valles Caldera National Preserve

Picture ancient volcanic eruptions so large they 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 Pueblo people 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 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

NM4, 18 miles west of Los Alamos

Visitor Center Hours:

May - Oct.: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Nov. - April: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

505-670-1612 | nps.gov/vall

Just the Highlights

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





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**Must Do Discoveries
at the Valles Caldera:**

1 Take **La Jara Trail** and circumnavigate the Cerro La Jara while observing wildflowers, elk, prairie dogs, and wide grasslands.

2 Get a **backcountry pass** at **recreation.gov** and go exploring off the beaten path. See the History Grove, wildlife, and more.

3 Fresh new snow brings out the kid in all of us! **Go sledding at the Valle Grande!**



Take a Hike!

Los Alamos County Area Trails

From the banks of the Rio Grande to the summit of Pajarito Mountain, Los Alamos County area trails offer 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. With a trail outside every door, it's easy to get out and explore!

Trailhead Guides

Trailhead guides are available at the Los Alamos Nature Center, our two Visitor Centers, in the Los Alamos County Municipal Building, and online. Refer to the guides for full trail descriptions, maps, and directions to the trailheads themselves.

Family Friendly Hiking & Biking Trails

Los Alamos has a wide variety of trails for most skill and fitness levels. Find a list of trails that accommodate hiking, horseback riding, and biking at 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! 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.

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. Please be courteous and clean up after your dogs.



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 feet, hiking & biking
- **Bandelier Frijoles Rim/Canyon Loop** - 13 miles, gain 800 feet, hiking
- **Red Dot/Blue Dot Trails** - 7.8 miles, gain 1,000 feet, 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

Learn More
lacnm.com/trails



TOP 3



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!**





Apps for Our Trails

Exploring Los Alamos County is easy with trail apps like *AllTrails* and *Los Alamos Trails*, which offer maps, difficulty ratings, and GPS tracking. These apps help visitors navigate the scenic trails of the Pajarito Plateau safely and confidently.

The *Los Alamos Trails* app, developed by the Los Alamos Nature Center, is currently only available on iOS devices.



Explore 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 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 NM501 and turn right onto NM4 toward Jemez Springs, traveling through Bandelier National Monument and the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The road leads up more than 1,000 feet through the forest, cresting at an elevation of 9,000 feet.

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 NM4, just a few miles north of Soda Dam.



Jemez Falls Campground

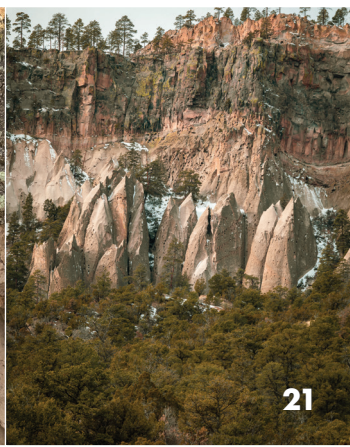
The campground is located in a stunning Ponderosa pine forest and meadow environment in proximity to the East Fork of the Jemez River. Come prepared for warm summer days and cooler nights. Jemez Falls, the largest waterfall in the Jemez Mountains, is close by.

Las Conchas Trail

East Fork Trail via Las Conchas Trail off NM4 is a 3.2 mile popular out-and-back trail that is primarily used for hiking and nature trips along the river. Climbing opportunities are also available. Dogs are welcome on 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.



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 the Santa Fe National Forest.

Park & Stay at Our Parks

Los Alamos County - 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 run; open year-round. This location also serves as a seasonal shuttle stop for Bandelier National Monument.

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

Reserve Now
lacnm.com/Camping





Immerse Yourself in Nature

Bandelier National Monument - 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

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.

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 east edge of the Jemez Mountains, Pajarito Mountain is five miles west of downtown Los Alamos. The mountain has spectacular views east over the Rio Grande Valley toward the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and west over the Valles Caldera from the peak. Visit pajarito.ski to view open hours and more information.

Summer Biking & Hiking

Discover 1,200 vertical feet of downhill, cross-country, and freeride trails at Pajarito Mountain Bike Park, a five time winner of MTB Parks Southwest Top Five Riders Choice Awards. Most trails are hand-created adventures like you've never experienced on an old-school singletrack with unexpected features. 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 New Mexico. Head to the summit of the mountain for 360° views at 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 mountains await. Lift service is available on Saturdays and Sundays, June - September.

Purchase tickets for bike & hike uplift service online
Season passes and bike rental available

Pajarito Mountain Skiing

Expect short lift lines, panoramic views of the Rio Grande Valley, and a laid-back vibe that fits families like a glove. With 280 acres of skiable terrain and some of the best tree and bump skiing in New Mexico, there's something here for everyone.

Pajarito Mountain ski area offers 53 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 beginners, and one terrain park. They offer first-timer lessons on certain days with your lift ticket. On select days, they offer Bird Bucks to use in the cafe or store during visits.

Day tickets available for adults, youth & seniors

5th grade & under and seniors 70+ ski FREE

Multiple season pass options

Ski & Snowboard School

Get expert instruction at every level, on every terrain. Certified instructors can help strengthen your skills, whether it's your first time or you are looking to improve your technique.

Southwest Nordic (SWN) Ski Club

The SWN Ski Club holds clinics and races, maintains a trail system, and encourages involvement in cross-country skiing across northern New Mexico. Visit swnskidclub.org for more information!

Pajarito Rental Shop

First timers and frequent flyers alike love the convenience of trying the latest ski, snowboard, and bike equipment. Rent skis, snowboards, ski and snowboard boots, snowblades, helmets, and poles. Rentals must be reserved online. Lockers are also available.

Just the Highlights

Lift-served hiking and biking, telemark and downhill skiing, snowboarding, a terrain park, live music, events, rental shop, ski and snowboard school, dining, picknicking, and gift shop.



Plan Your Trip:

Discover Outdoor Recreation

Get Outdoors All Summer

Bandelier National Monument

- Attend a Ranger Program and learn a new skill
- Explore Tsankawi
- Climb ladders 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

- Enjoy live music on the Lodge deck
- Gear up for an unforgettable ride at the Bike Park
- Explore lift-served hiking 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

- Take a winter solstice hike with a Wilderness Ranger
- Photograph the beautiful & unique winter landscape
- Earn a Junior Ranger Badge

Valles Caldera National Preserve

- Cross the Valle Grande on snowshoes
- Go cross-country skiing in the backcountry
- Go sledding with the whole family

Pajarito Mountain

- Enjoy challenging runs and short lift lines
- Hone your skills at the Pajarito Ski & Snowboard School
- 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
- Swim in the Olympic-size pool or make a splash at the Leisure Lagoon

Learn More at Our Museums



Something for Everyone

Los Alamos is home to a collection of fascinating museums that bring history, science, and nature to life.

The Bradbury Science Museum offers an engaging look at the town's role in groundbreaking scientific research, with interactive exhibits on nuclear science, national security, and cutting-edge innovation at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

For a deeper dive into the area's past, the Los Alamos History Museum showcases artifacts, photographs, and stories from the region's homesteading days to its development as a center for scientific discovery.

Nature lovers can explore the Los Alamos Nature Center, where immersive exhibits, animals, and a planetarium highlight the diverse ecosystems of the Pajarito Plateau.



TOP 3

Must Do Local Museum Discoveries:

- 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' nature, and learn from the locals by taking a **guided nature hike** at the Los Alamos Nature Center.
- 3** What if you could power your life using pond scum? Learn about turning **algae to biofuels** at the Bradbury Science Museum.





Los Alamos Nature Center



Equipped with a full-dome planetarium, wildlife observation room, indoor and outdoor play areas and interactive exhibits, and a gift shop, 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, 3D topographic map.

Come inside and meet the critters, including the Canyon Tree Frogs ("Tad", "Poole", and "Gilly"), Tiger Salamanders ("Tam" and "Titus"), 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 views from floor-to-ceiling windows.





Planetarium Shows

Discover 360° of immersive entertainment in the Nature Center's planetarium. Enjoy a sky show or attend a talk from a local astronomer and learn more about space and the stars, or catch the featured full-dome movie. Explore the cosmos, hear about the latest in space-science, and more!

For more information about the Nature Center, Pajarito Environmental Education Center programming, and planetarium shows, visit losalamosnature.org.



Immerse Yourself in History



History of the Secret City Guided Tour

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.

19+ Years Old - \$25

18 and Under - FREE with a ticketed adult

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



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 walk over to the Hans Bethe House, home to the Harold Agnew Cold War Gallery, to experience post-war life in the secret city. Don't forget to take a walk around the Oppenheimer House.

Romero Cabin

Step back in time more than a century at this homestead-era cabin. Join a guided 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 the community. Visit upstairs to see a recreated Ranch School room and post-WWII hotel room.

Museum Gift Shop

Find books and unique gifts for all ages in the History Museum Shop before you head out!





Bradbury Science Museum

More than 60 interactive exhibits trace the history of the WWII Manhattan Project and highlight Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)'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 secret weapons that ended WWII, and see replicas of "Fat Man" and "Little Boy."

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

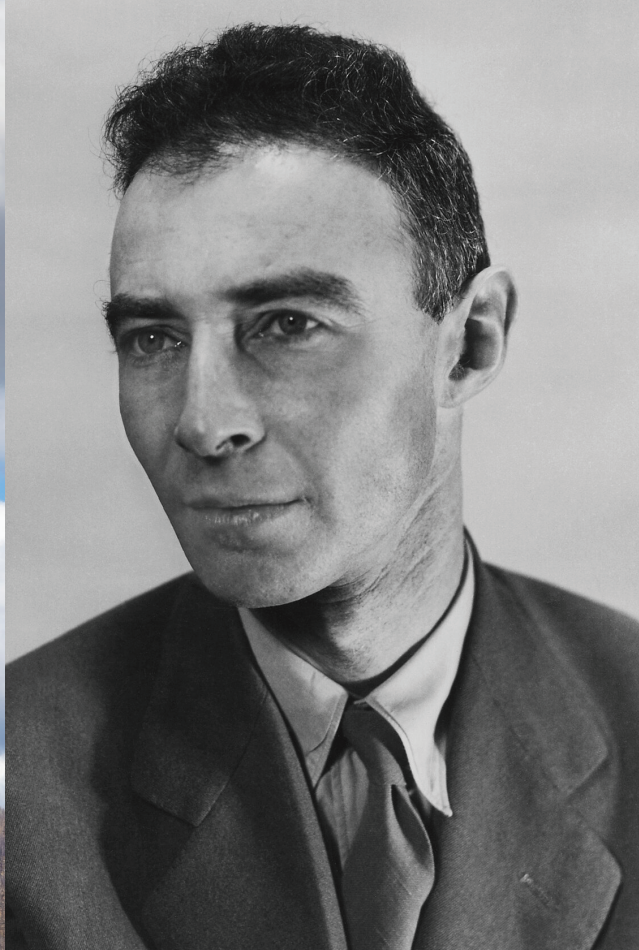
- **Racing Toward Dawn** - The story of the Manhattan Project.
- **The Power of Invention** - National Security Science & Beyond at LANL.

Gadgets Gift Shop

Stop by Gadgets, located in the museum, to find the perfect souvenir for your visit. Purchases support S.T.E.M. Education Outreach in northern New Mexico!
gadgets-107803.square.site







DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

*“My two great
loves are physics
and New Mexico.”*

Uncover the Arts

A Canvas of Culture and Creativity

Los Alamos has a vibrant arts scene that blends history, science, and creativity. Public art, murals, and local galleries highlight the town's unique character, while performances and artisan markets offer rich cultural experiences.

At the heart of the arts community is the Fuller Lodge Art Center, housed in Historic Fuller Lodge and run by the Los Alamos Arts Council (LAAC). This hub features rotating exhibitions, a gallery shop with regional artwork, and workshops for all skill levels. LAAC also hosts seasonal art fairs and events celebrating local talent. You can view their events schedule at www.losalamosartscouncil.org.

Live music, theater, and film thrive in Los Alamos. The Los Alamos Little Theatre presents community performances, and the Los Alamos Concert Association brings world-class musicians to town. Weekly summer outdoor concerts add to the lively arts scene, making Los Alamos a creative destination for visitors.





TOP 3 **Must Do Art Discoveries:**

1 Appreciate local art with a visit to Step Up Art Gallery at Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos.

2 Take a stroll in downtown Los Alamos and **take your photo** in our MainStreet and Creative District with one or all of our unique murals.

3 Relax and watch a **movie in the park** during your visit to Los Alamos.





Tickle Your Taste Buds

Shopping & Dining

New Mexico True Burrito Byway

It should be no surprise New Mexico claims to have invented 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 infamous 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. 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 indulge in some gelato at Sugar & Cream Cafe. Add a little science and technology to dinner and experience being waited on by robots at L.A. Cantina!

Brews, Cocktails & Wine

Thirsty for a good craft beer? Hang with the locals at Bathtub Row Brewing Co-op! Or stop in at Boese Bros Brewery and grab a green chile grilled cheese sandwich, or eat it next door with your Secret City Manhattan at The Long Pour. 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!



View Full Dining & Shopping List

visitosalamos.org/dine-shop



Stay Awhile



Lodging

Hotels

Hampton Inn & Suites

124 NM4, White Rock
(505) 672-3838



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

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

Wingate by Windham

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



Bed & Breakfasts

Pueblo Canyon Inn & Gallery

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

Bottom 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 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.



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 info!

Attend A Special Event



January

Backcountry Film Festival

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

February

Mini Mite Hockey Tournament

With tournaments for every age all season long, this youth event is held at the only refrigerated, NHL regulation, outdoor Ice Rink in New Mexico.



March

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 at the Nature Center!



Kite Festival

Discover kite-flying, kite-building workshops, music, food and more with the Los Alamos Arts Council.

May

Summer Farmers Market — May - Oct.

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



Los Alamos Summer Concert Series

May (Cont.)

Tuesdays at the Square — May - Aug.

Enjoy FREE local entertainment at Central Park Square on Tuesday evenings.

Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

Shop for original, innovative, and quality arts and crafts from the region.

Jemez Mountain Trail Runs

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

Summer Concert Series — May - Aug.

Fantastic, FREE music every Friday night.

June

Summerfest

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

ScienceFest

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

Stargazing at Valles Caldera

Take in the majesty of the celestial sky at an International Dark Sky Park and learn about stars, constellations, and planetary bodies.



ScienceFest



Arts & Crafts Fair



Tuesdays at the Square



Triathlon



County Fair & Rodeo



Atomicon

July

4th of July Spectacular

Enjoy this all-day celebration with music, food, brews, and a drone show! Shuttle service available.

Atomic City Invitational Golf Tournament

This 4-day competition includes a Championship Flight qualifier, a Lady's Low Net competition, and three days of match play competition.

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!

Summer Arts & Crafts Fair

Shop for original, innovative, and quality arts and crafts from the region.

Oppenheimer Festival

Celebrate the legacy of J. Robert Oppenheimer with film screenings that highlight the town's pivotal role in the Manhattan Project.

Bear Festival

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

Atomicon

Join us for a pop culture and sci-fi convention celebrating science, technology, and fandom.

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 & Valles Caldera Fall Fiestas

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

Halloweenweekend

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



Learn About More of Our Events



visitosalamos.org/events



Seasonal Activity Guides

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 & Historic District
(Gift Shop, Guided Tours, Picnic Area, Restrooms, Historic Attractions)
- 3 Manhattan Project National Historical Park
(Visitor Center, Bus Drop-Off, Picnic Area, Restrooms, Historic Attractions)

- 4 Aqueduct (Only)
- 5 Los Alamos Plaza (Plaza)
- 6 Los Alamos Golf Course (Golf Course)
- 7 Los Alamos Cemetery (Cemetery)



Aquatic Center & Leisure Lagoon

(Swim-size & Therapy Pools, Water Features, Restrooms, Trailhead, Rental Equip.)

Alamos Nature Center

(Petanque, Gift Shop, Restrooms, Guided Tours, Picnic Area, Youth Outdoor Play)

Alamos County Golf Course

(Gift Shop, Restaurant, Bus Parking, Restrooms, Meeting Room, Rental Equip.)

Alamos County Ice Rink

(Concession, Restrooms, Rental Equip.)

8 Pajarito Mountain

(Cafe, Ski Hill, Ski School, Gift Shop, Camping, Year-Round Recreation, Restrooms, Rental Equip.)

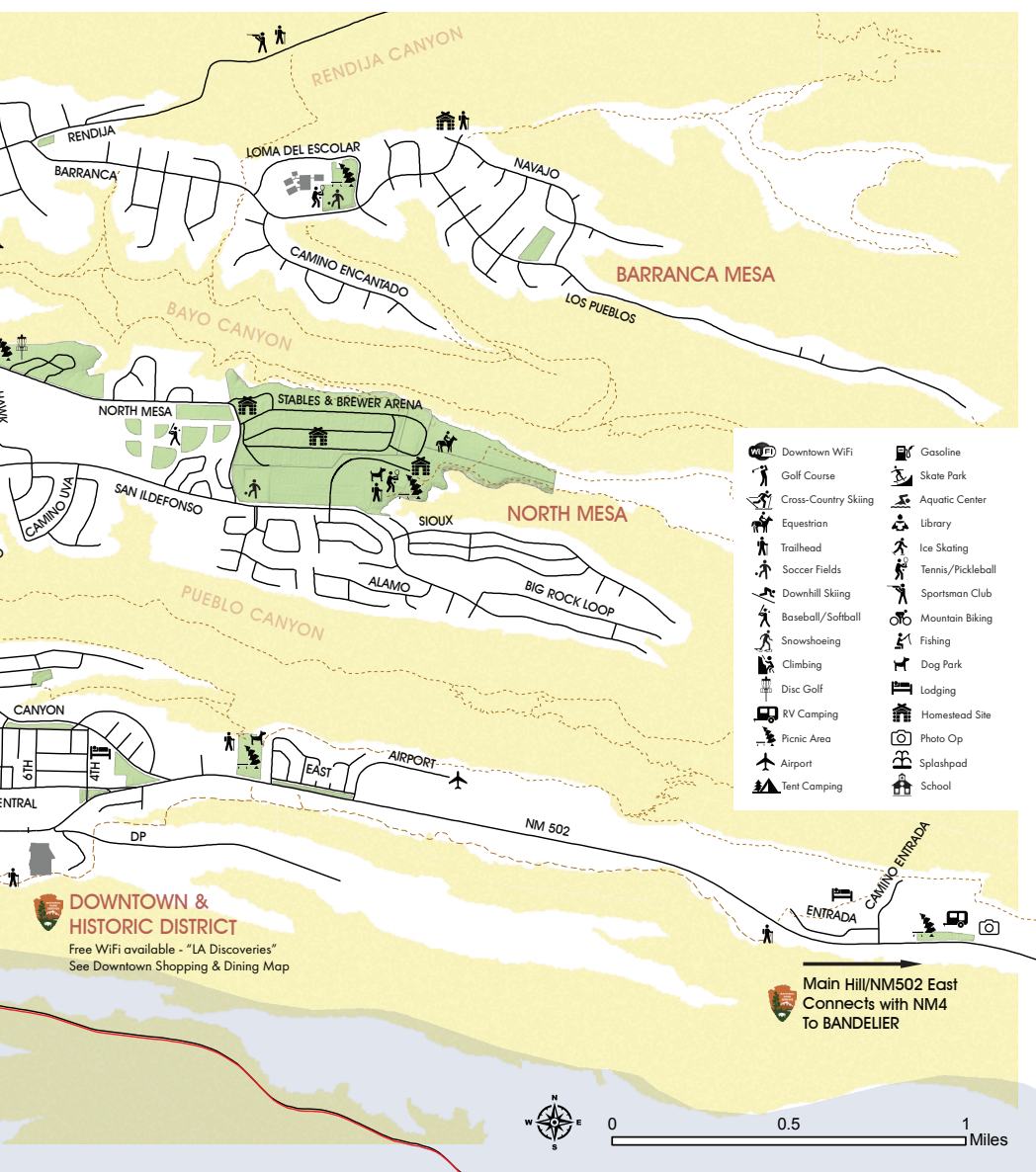
9 Bandelier National Monument

(Visitor Center, Gift Shop & Bookstore, Concession, Guided Tours, Camping, Restrooms)

10 Valles Caldera National Preserve

(Visitor Center, Gift Shop, Guided Tours, Fishing Clinics, Restrooms, Year-Round Recreation)

Trail Network



- 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)



County Facilities

Visit losalamosnm.us for information:

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 & Step Up Gallery

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

White Rock Branch Library

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

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 LANL's 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 48.)

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, with 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. Bring a jacket for varying weather throughout the day, with an average high of 70 and low of 50.

Winter - Play in our white wonderland, with temperatures just right to enjoy all 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.



Regional Travel Times

Abiquiu Lake - 1 hr.

Chama - 1 ¾ hrs.

Fenton Lake State Park - 1 hr.

Ghost Ranch - 1 ¼ hrs.

Puye Cliffs - 30 min.

Santa Fe Plaza - 45 min.

Distance to Airports

Albuquerque Sunport - 1 ¾ hr.

Santa Fe Regional Airport - 45 min.

Taos Regional Airport - 1 ¾ hrs.

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