

Los Alamos, New Mexico

DIRECTIONS GUIDE

From Bandelier National Monument and the Valles Caldera National Preserve to Los Alamos and the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.



OPTION 1

- 1) Travelers coming from the Valles Caldera Headquarters or Bandelier will drive east on Hwy 4.
- 2) Continue east on Hwy 4 past White Rock, and follow the signs to Los Alamos and Hwy 502 west at the Hwy 4-Hwy 502 interchange.
- 3) Continue on Hwy 502 up the "Main Hill" until you reach Los Alamos where the road will divide at a "Y", shortly after driving past the Los Alamos Airport, into Trinity Drive (left) and Central Ave (right).
- 4) To visit the Manhattan Project National Historical Park and the History Museum Campus, take Central Ave.

Note: *This route takes you past the Bandelier Visitor Center and shuttle service in White Rock.*

Time from Bandelier to Los Alamos: 33 minutes

Time from Valles Caldera to Los Alamos: 50 minutes

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GATEWAY TO THREE NATIONAL PARKS



OPTION 2

1a) From the Valles Caldera: Drive east on SR4, and turn left at the T-intersection of SR4 and Hwy 501.

1b) From Bandelier: Turn left (west) onto SR4, and then right at the T-intersection of SR4 and Hwy 501 (W. Jemez Rd).

2) Continue on Hwy 501 until the LANL “back” guard gate. Stop and show picture identification. A valid driver’s license is accepted. Once through, stay on Hwy 501 going east.

3) Continue through the exit lanes of the “front” guard gate (no need to stop), after which the road makes a left-hand curve, into a traffic light.

4) Turn left onto Diamond Drive, and go over the Omega Bridge into Los Alamos. Take the right-hand lane for access to Trinity Drive (Hwy 502) and the downtown area.

5) To visit the Manhattan Project National Historical Park and the History Museum Campus, turn left onto 20th Street.

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

Time from Los Alamos to Bandelier: 26 minutes

Time from Los Alamos to Valles Caldera: 27 minutes

