



LOS ALAMOS HISTORY MUSEUM GROUP VISIT GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in visiting Los Alamos and spending your time at the history museum! While Los Alamos is best known for its role in the Manhattan Project as the “secret city” where the atomic bomb was designed, its history spans thousands of years from the Ancestral Pueblo to the Cold War and modern era. We’d love to help your group

experience this history in our beautiful location, and have developed this guide to help you make the most of your time here.

For more information, please contact Kendra at museumshop@losalamoshistory.org

MUSEUM HOURS:

Monday - Friday	9am-5pm
Saturday	10am-4pm

OUR CAMPUS:



Located in the heart of downtown, our campus spans the historic district while still being easily walkable. The museum has 2 specific exhibit spaces:

- Guest Cottage - our main museum, featuring exhibits on an overview of Los Alamos History, the Los Alamos Ranch School, the Manhattan Project, and a special rotating exhibit gallery, as well as the gift shop & bookstore.
- Harold Agnew Gallery at the Hans Bethe House - a Ranch School & Manhattan Project home featuring exhibits on Los Alamos during the Cold War & Modern Era.

Our campus also features the Oppenheimer House, which is currently undergoing renovation, with a planned opening of April 22, 2028). The site also includes a small ancestral pueblo and a relocated and restored homesteading cabin.

Located in the historic district, Fuller Lodge is a publicly accessible building, featuring small exhibit spaces of the Ranch School & 1960s lodge rooms.

VISIT OPTIONS:

- General Admission - \$5/person (free for military, 18 & under, or Los Alamos County residents)
 - This admission gives all-day access to our museum spaces (the Guest Cottage & Hans Bethe House)
- Walking Tour - \$25/person, includes admission
 - Our tours are led by local volunteers, many of whom have lived in Los Alamos for decades. Tours cover all of Los Alamos' history and last about 1.5-2 hours. The total walking length is under 1 mile, and our pathways are fully ADA accessible, with spaces to sit at most stops.
 - Tours are generally capped at ~40 people and available at the following times:
 - Weekdays May-October: 10 am & 1:30 pm
 - Weekdays November-April: 11 am
 - Saturdays April-October: 11 am

VISIT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- If doing only **general admission**, we recommend allotting **1-2 hours** for your group at our campus to give them sufficient time to get checked in, use the bathroom, explore our spaces, etc.
- If doing the **walking tour**, we recommend a **minimum of 3 hours** scheduled for your time on our campus. Our walking tour does NOT include a walkthrough of the museum spaces, and we recommend having the extra time to have your group enjoy the exhibits!
- We do offer free campus guided tour brochures as well. If you would like these for your group, please let us know to ensure we have a sufficient quantity on hand.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Online Pre-payment: if you would like to pay via online payment ahead of time for your entire group, please contact museumshop@losalamoshistory.org with a request for the date & time of your visit, as well as your expected group size and preferred visit option (general admission or tour). Once details are finalized, an invoice will be emailed to you via Square to collect payment.
 - If your group size changes, we are able to issue refunds and can add on individuals for payment at the door or ahead of time.
- On-site Payment: If you would like to pay on-site or have individuals pay for their own entry, on-site payments are also available. Cash and card payments are accepted, including tap-to-pay.

NEARBY RESTAURANTS & FOOD OPTIONS:

Three main eateries are available across the street from the historic district, making them an easy walking distance from our campus:

- [El Parasol](#) - New Mexican fare, including burritos, tacos, and tamales. Call ahead/catering orders available
- [Ruby K's Bagel Cafe](#) - an array of soups, sandwiches, and bagels. Call ahead/catering order available. Open for lunch, but closes at 2pm.
- [Blue Window Bistro](#) - a local favorite sit-down restaurant (especially for the blue corn enchiladas). Reservations highly recommended.

Coffee shops are also within walking distance, including Wolf & Mermaid and Sugar & Cream. A few breweries, including Bathtub Brewing (limited food options) & Boose Brothers, are also within easy walking distance.

For more information on Los Alamos restaurants and businesses, visit visitlosalamos.org

PARKING & LOCATION INFORMATION:

- Our location can be a bit tricky to find, as historic areas were not usually built for ease of finding a century later! Our technical address is 1050 Bathtub Row, Los Alamos, NM 87544. However, you can best access our space by plugging in “Los Alamos History Museum” to the map app of your preference. You will turn off Central Ave at a concrete sign labeled “Fuller Lodge.” There will be 2 parking lots. The lot closer to Fuller Lodge (the large wooden building) is the best drop-off space, as the entrance to the museum is right next to the sidewalk. Simply find the smaller wooden building labeled “museum.” (*see photo on next page*)
 - If you are in a charter bus with limited parking availability, Central Ave features a bus drop-off lane. Simply walk towards Fuller Lodge once disembarking, then locate the museum.
 - Specific bus parking is available approximately half a mile away, behind the Bradbury Museum on Iris Street. Signs are posted for bus parking. The Smiths’ parking lot, about a mile away, is also available for easy parking.
 - The lower public library lot is also an option if it is not too crowded. Signs are posted around the campus on bathtub row to direct you to that lot, as well as green “Parking” signs.
 - All parking options are labeled on the campus map on the first page.
- Multi-stall bathrooms with changing tables and accessible stalls are available inside Fuller Lodge on the first floor. Take a left down the hallway on the first floor. Single stall bathrooms are in both the Guest Cottage & Bethe House.



The museum is located behind Fuller Lodge, visible through the trees on the left (brown shingled roof)

An annotated map of downtown Los Alamos with parking, eating, and attraction info is provided on the last page

OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN THE LOS ALAMOS AREA:

- [Bradbury Science Museum](#) (Tues-Sun 9-4) - only about half a mile from the History Museum, the Bradbury Science Museum is sponsored by the Los Alamos National Lab and provides free admission to their space, which focuses on the research and development of the Manhattan Project as well as the modern-day work of LANL.
- [Manhattan Project National Historic Park](#) (Fri-Mon 10-3) - located across the street from the museum campus, the Manhattan Project National Historic Park Visitor's Center offers a brief overview of the role of Los Alamos in the Manhattan Project.
 - NOTE: The visitor's center is a bit smaller and may have entrance limits depending on the season of visitation.
- [Bandelier National Monument](#) (Sun-Sat 9-5) - located about 30 minutes from downtown Los Alamos, the monument features expansive ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings and highlights of CCC-era Puebloan Revival architecture
- [Valles Caldera National Preserve](#) (hours vary based on the season) - more off-road and undeveloped, the Caldera features unique geographic and wildlife features.

