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The Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club
welcomes you to
The Los Alamos NM Historic Sites Walk
An AVA Sanctioned Year-Round Event

These walks include stunning views of the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Visit the free Bradbury Science Museum of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The 10k crosses a spectacular bridge over to the LANL. The walk is above 7,300 feet. Los Alamos is one of three sites that were part of the Manhattan District during World War II. The other two are in TN and WA. The Manhattan District, established on 18 June 1942, was meant to appear to outsiders as simply another Corps of Engineers district.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one-time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Driving Directions from Albuquerque and Santa Fe:

If driving from Albuquerque, take I-25 North. After 50 miles, take exit 276 for NM-599, using the left 2 lanes to turn left onto NM-599 North. After 13 miles, use the left lane to take the US-84 N/US-285 exit toward Española. After another 13 miles, use the right 2 lanes to take the NM-502 W/Los Alamos exit. Merge onto Los Alamos Hwy, NM-502, and continue for 10 miles. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto Central Ave. Continue on Central Ave. for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto 20th St. Destination will be on the right. Parking is on the left side of 20th St. **Start Point: Los Alamos Visitor Center, 475 20th St Suite A, Los Alamos, NM 87544. GPS Coordinates: 35.8809906, -106.3017901 .**

Restrooms and Other Guidance:

The Visitor Center is currently closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrooms may be open to the public at restaurants, stores, or points of interest along the walk. Please carry water with you. Be aware of icy conditions in the winter. Please do not take any photos on LANL property once you've crossed the Omega Bridge. Guards will be aware of your presence.

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1. **EXIT** the Los Alamos Visitor's Center.
2. **Turn LEFT towards Central Avenue, and turn RIGHT** on Central Avenue.
3. **CROSS** 15th Street at the traffic light. **NOTE** the Bradbury Science Museum of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), well worth a visit.
4. **CONTINUE** east on Central. Notice the majestic Truchas Peak (13,108 feet) in the Pecos Wilderness Area in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range on the horizon. Bear left at traffic circle where Central merges with Trinity.
5. After passing Canyon School Complex and a basketball court and playing fields on your left, turn **LEFT** onto Canyon Road.
6. After 1 km, **RIGHT** on Quartz Street which curves into 4th St.
7. **LEFT** on Rim Road.
8. **RIGHT** on Canyon Road, being careful as you cross the street.
9. After 1.2 km, **AT** the T intersection of Canyon Road and Central, the 5 and 10 km walks split.
10. **5 KM OPTION: LEFT** on Central Avenue passing Mesa Public Library on the left. At Fuller Lodge, resume main directions at **number 30**.
11. **10 KM OPTION: RIGHT** on Canyon Rd. The Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center is on your right. It has an Olympic-size pool at one of the highest altitudes in the nation. **RESTROOMS** available inside.
12. **CONTINUE** on Canyon Road. Los Alamos High School is on your right at Diamond Dr.
13. **CP:** What is the name of the school mascot written on the building?
14. **CROSS** Diamond Dr. at the traffic signal. Proceed diagonally right across the parking lot toward the University of New Mexico in the direction of the football field entrance. There is a memorial plaque there. Checkpoint: who does it memorialize? _____
15. **REVERSE** direction back to the intersection at Canyon and Diamond.
16. **CROSS** Canyon at the light and continue on Diamond Dr. **DO NOT** cross Diamond Dr. Cross Trinity at the next light, then...
17. **WALK** across the Omega Bridge over Los Alamos Canyon. Many historic LANL sites and reactors were in this canyon.
18. **AT** the end of the bridge, continue along the sidewalk, and as Diamond Dr. bends left, cross over a driveway ramp to a traffic island, and across another ramp to continue on the right sidewalk along W. Jemez Rd.
19. **CONTINUE** on W. Jemez Rd. past the Los Alamos Fire Station #1 on the right.
20. **AT** Casa Grande Dr. turn left on the sidewalk with outdoor plaques showcasing the history of LANL and the area. **NOTE:** A security officer may approach and ask for your ID.
21. **AT** the end of the plaques, walk straight ahead towards a large blue sign that says "Badge Office."
22. **LEFT** at the sign diagonally across the open air plaza towards a brown stucco building with a triangular shape on the roof (LANL Library).
23. **NOTE:** In the center of this plaza is a 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. General Leslie Groves headed the Army Corps of Engineers in building the Pentagon, and LANL during the Manhattan Project.
24. **FROM** the memorial, turn and follow the path toward the parking garage.
25. At the sidewalk, turn **LEFT** and then **RIGHT** on Casa Grande towards the traffic signal.

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26. **RIGHT** on W. Jemez Rd.

27. At W. Jemez and Diamond, cross W. Jemez at the signal and turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk towards the traffic island to return across the Omega Bridge back to the "town site."

28. **RIGHT** on Trinity Dr.

29. **AT** the Ice House Memorial (wood shingled pavilion) at Ashley Pond, walk down the steps towards the pond, turn **LEFT** and proceed around the pond to the steps on the other side. This was the area of the original Lab during WWII.

30. **WALK** up the steps and cross Central at the crosswalk. **(5 KM WALK joins here.)** You are now in front of Fuller Lodge Art Center. This was the headquarters of the Los Alamos Ranch School that was taken over by the Manhattan Project during WWII. The laboratory could operate out of the public eye in this isolated location. It is now a vibrant community center and has an excellent art gallery.

31. After visiting the Fuller Lodge, **RIGHT** on Bathtub Row (named for the homes along this street that had baths; formerly the homes of the higher-ups at the Ranch School. Most personnel at LANL during WWII lived in barrack style housing with no bath tubs!).

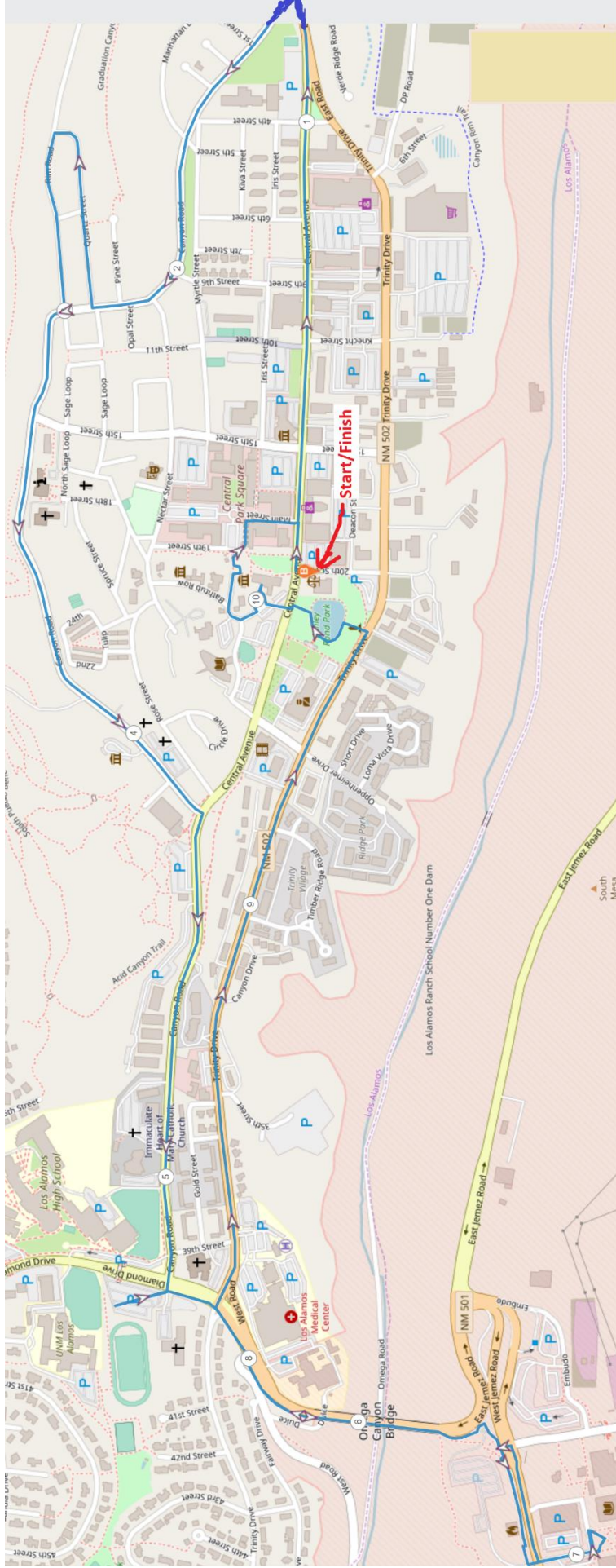
32. **RIGHT** on Juniper on the circular drive behind Fuller Lodge.

33. **NOTE:** the Los Alamos History Museum is well worth a stop.

34. **RIGHT** at the Los Alamos Map sign, turn **LEFT** at the end of the sidewalk and walk through the Memorial Rose Garden (no sidewalk). Just past the arbor, turn **RIGHT** past the old Romero Cabin.

35. Bear **RIGHT** towards the covered walkway with numbered offices in a row.

36. **LEFT** at the end of the building, proceed under the covered walkway past Origami, turn right at the corner of the shopping center to continue under a covered walking, right at the post office, and left back to the Visitor Center to **FINISH**.



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Los Alamos NM 10K Event



Start/Finish

Los Alamos NM 5K Event

Internet Resources

Los Alamos Visitor's Center: <https://visitlosalamos.org/contact>

Bradbury Science Museum: <https://www.lanl.gov/museum/>

Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center:

https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/community_services/parks_recreation_and_open_spaces/aquaticcenter

Fuller Lodge Art Center: <https://fullerlodgeartcenter.com/>

Los Alamos History Museum: <https://www.losalamoshistory.org/>

Los Alamos National Laboratory: <https://www.lanl.gov/about/index.php>