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### **Los Alamos - Historic Sites**

Year Round Walk **Y931**, elevation 7,320 feet, rated 1A, is a 10 or 5 km AVA sanctioned international volksmarch of the Double Eagle Hike & Bike Club.

Please carry water with you. Be aware of icy conditions in the winter months. **Please do not take photos while on LANL property once you cross the bridge. Guards will be aware of your presence.**

#### **START point Location:**

475 20th St Suite A, Los Alamos, NM 87544

#### WALK DIRECTIONS

1. **EXIT** the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce 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. **WALK** 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.
5. After passing Canyon Complex and playing fields on your left, turn **LEFT** onto Canyon Road.
6. **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. **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 proceed up Diamond Dr.
17. **WALK** across the Omega Bridge over Los Alamos Canyon. Many historic LANL sites and reactors were located in this canyon.
18. **AT** the end of the bridge, continue along the sidewalk, cross over to the traffic island, and

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across to the other side of the road, and bear right on the sidewalk.

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.
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 down the bridge back to the "town site."
28. **RIGHT** on Trinity Dr.
29. **AT** the Ice House Memorial (wood shingled structure) 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. **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.

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36. **LEFT** at the end of the building, proceed past Origami, turn right at the entrance road, right at the post office, and left back to the Visitor Center to FINISH.

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