The Los Alamos County Trail Network, along with routes in the surrounding Santa Fe National Forest, offers hikers, runners, mountain bikers, and equestrians more than 75 miles of trail to explore. Trails range from 5,400 feet in White Rock Canyon to 10,454 feet near the summit of Caballo Mountain. Most trails are easy to follow, but may be rough, steep, and challenging for all trail users. The County Trail Network is for non-motorized use only. Additional information is available trailhead kiosks around the community and at the County Customer Care Center.

Finding the Trailheads

Quemazon: Head west (away from downtown) into the Western area on Trinity for 0.6 mile. At the corner of Trinity and 48th Street, bear left to stay on Trinity as 48th goes right. Immediately make another left onto a road heading toward a water tank. The trailhead is just down the road on the right.

Mitchell: Head north on Diamond 1.4 miles to 36th Street and turn left. At the T-intersection with Arizona, turn left and continue 0.4 mile to the trailhead on the right.

48th Street: Head north on Diamond to Urban. Turn left and continue 0.6 miles to the trailhead.

Mitchell: Head north on Diamond 1.4 miles to 36th Street and turn left. At the T-intersection with Arizona, turn left and continue 0.4 mile to the trailhead on the right.

Rendija: Head north on Diamond 2.2 miles to Range Road and turn left. Continue 0.4 mile to a parking area on the right.

Bayo Canyon: Go north then east on Diamond 2.5 miles to the roundabout at San Ildefonso. Park in the wide area on the left.

Kinnikinnik Park: Head north on Diamond 0.1 mile to Canyon and turn right. In 0.4 mile, turn left into the aquatic center parking.

East Park: Head east on Trinity 1.6 miles to the entrance to East Park.

Deer Trap: Go north then east on Diamond 2.5 miles to the roundabout at San Ildefonso. Turn left and in 0.3 mile continue straight onto Barranca Road. Follow this road 1.3 miles to the end past the intersection with Nm501.

Pajarito: Go north then east on Diamond 2.5 miles to the roundabout at San Ildefonso. Turn left and in 0.3 mile, make a sharp left turn. Continue 0.5 mile to the parking area on the left past the end of the pavement.

Kwage Mesa: Go north then east on Diamond 2.5 miles to the roundabout at San Ildefonso. Continue straight on North Area Road. One mile from the roundabout, turn left onto the North Mesa Stable Area. Drive slowly down the road and continue past the rodeo arena. Turn right and watch for the well-marked trailhead.

Pine Street: Head east on Trinity 1.2 mile to 15th Street. Turn left and continue 0.5 mile to the intersection with Canyon. Turn right and in 0.2 mile, turn left onto Pine. Find parking at the end of Pine Street.

Pueblo Canyon: Head east on Trinity (Nm502) through downtown and past the airport to the White Rock interchange. Carefully turn left at the entrance to the highway yard and park in the lot to the left of the gate (do not block either entrance).
**USING LOS ALAMOS COUNTY OPEN SPACE**

The Los Alamos County Trail Network is open to non-motorized use only.

**RESOURCE PROTECTION**

All cultural resources such as Ancestral Pueblo room blocks, potshards, petroglyphs, and historical artifacts are protected by Federal and State law. Let all cultural resources lie undisturbed.

**SHARE THE TRAIL**

These are multi-use trails for pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists. Bicyclists should yield to all other users.

**DOGS IN LOS ALAMOS COUNTY OPEN SPACE**

All dogs must be on a leash when within 100 yards of a trailhead. Dogs must be under voice and sight control at all times.

**SAFETY**

When exploring, please stay on marked trails. Always carry water to prevent dehydration, sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself from sun exposure, extra clothing, a flashlight, and a navigational aid. Always be alert and aware of your surroundings, and be prepared for sudden changes in the weather. Watch for hazard trees, flash flooding, and lightning.

**GREAT TRAILS: HIKING**

**Queenam Nature Trail.** Queenam Trailhead, 1.1 mile roundtrip, moderate: A short tour of the canyon trail network. Head left and downhill past the Acid Canyon Trail. At the Acid Canyon Bridge, cross the bridge to the South Pueblo Bench Trail. Turn right and follow the Perimeter Trail to picnic area. Then continue straight on NM40. Continue 1.1 miles to the parking area.

**Acid Canyon.** Enkinnkink Park Trailhead, 1 mile roundtrip, easy: A quiet, shady walk in the heart of Los Alamos. From the trailhead kiosk, head down the slope. Angle right and follow the historic switchblocks on the Ranch School Trail. In a few hundred feet, bear right and descend a series of switchbacks. Cross a stream channel and angle left onto the Acid Canyon Trail. Cross a small bridge, then swing right. In a few minutes, bear left and follow the wide road as it heads up canyon. Follow the road to the trailhead.

**North Bayo Bench.** Bayo Canyon Trailhead, 2.6 miles, easy: A canyon exploration that ends with a view. From the parking area, head east into the pine forest. Immediately take the left fork and travel to the north side of Bayo Canyon. In 0.4 mile, drop to the bench level between two cliffs. Follow the trail on the bench. At mile 1.2, bear right to reach a viewpoint of Bayo Canyon. Return by the same route.

**East Trap Mesa.** East Trap Trailhead, 2 miles or 5 miles, easy or strenuous: A fascinating look at a recovering watershed with the option of a rugged ascent to a ridge with 360-degree views. Head up the trail from the information kiosk. Cross the Perimeter Trail and angle left to begin paralleling Benvy Canyon. At 0.3 mile, cross the stream channel and in a few yards turn left and follow the narrow ridge to the ridge. Climb to greater views on light wildlife. Traverse along the ridge, then drop back to the canyon. Reach the bottom of the steep canyon at mile 1.2. From there up, turn around. To make the 1.300 climb to Goose Ridge, continue up the trail on steep and eroded switchbacks. There are two false summits before reaching the ridge at mile 2.6. Return by the same route.

**Cañon de Valle.** Cañon de Valle Trailhead, 3.4 miles roundtrip, 1,200-foot elevation gain, moderate: A shady trip through a mostly unburned canyon. Follow the rough road from the trailhead into the canyon. In 0.7 mile, continue up the canyon as the road meanders to the right. Walk as far as you like up to the boundary of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Turn around and return by the same route.

**WHITE ROCK Blast trailhead.** From Rover & Highway 4

**Blue Dot:** Head east to White Rock Road on Rover Boulevard. In 0.2 mile, turn left onto Meadow Lane. Continue past Chamisa Elementary on 0.7 mile from Rover and turn left into Overlook Park. Continue on this road to a paved side road to the ridge that is signed for the trailhead. Turn right and head to the parking area.

**Red Dot:** Head south on Highway 4 on 0.3 mile to Sherwood Boulevard. Turn left and then right on Sherwood 0.9 mile to a T-intersection with the Roop Road. Turn left onto Pajarito Loop and continue 0.6 mile to the pullout on either side of the road at the well-marked trailhead.

**TRAILHEAD GUIDES**

For more information, visit losalamosun.us - search for “Trails.”

**GREAT TRAILS: MOUNTAIN BIKING**

**Central Canyons Loop.** Kinnikinnik Park Trailhead, 3 miles, moderate. A short tour of the canyon trail network. Head left and downhill past the Acid Canyon Trail. At the Acid Canyon Bridge, cross the bridge to the South Pueblo Bench Trail. Ride to the Pueblo Canyon Bridge, cross it, and pick up the North Pueblo Bench Trail. Turn left and ride through several drainages to the Homestead Crossing Trail. Turn left, cross the bridge and turn right. Climb to return to the South Pueblo Bench Trail, turn left and return to the trailhead.

**Tour de Los Alamos.** Kinnikinnik Park Trailhead, 9 miles, moderate. A great tour that incorporates many popular trails. Start at the aquatic center and take the Acid Canyon Trail to the South Pueblo Bench Trail at the Acid Canyon Bridge. Across the bridge, turn right and ride that trail to the Homestead Crossing. Turn right, cross the Homestead Bridge, then turn right and follow the North Pueblo Bench Trail to the White Rock Canyon Trail. Turn left and ride to the East Trap Mesa Trail. Continue 0.2 mile to the Pajarito Trail, turn right and follow the Pajarito Trail to the Pajarito Park Trailhead.

**Pipeline Road Loop.** Pajarito Canyon Trailhead, 4 miles, difficult. A challenging climb followed by a cruising descent through a scenic canyon. Head north on a descending dirt road, around a gate, and turn right. Continue to the end. Look for a rock cairn marking the start of the Trail. Angle right and start a steep, easy climb. At mile 0.6, the route follows a logging road through an unburned forest. At mile 1.4, turn left and shortly pick up a singletrack angling right. Follow the trail to Pittsburgh at mile 2.1. Swing left and follow the Pajarito Canyon Trail back to the trailhead.

**Guaje Ridge.** Cabotia Bandito Trailhead, 13 miles, one-way difficult. A Los Alamos classic. Starting with a booming climb to the rollercoaster ridge trail. Lessons can be valuable in avoiding the steep switchback climbs to the Pajarito Mountain, Sierra Area. Head south on the Cabotia Bandito Trail in 3 miles, angle right onto Pipeline Road. Climb steeply 1.6 miles to the Goose Ridge Trail. Turn left and descend the length of this trail to the Upper Guaje Road. Turn left on 0.4 mile to the Oasis. Turn right onto the Oasis Loop. Don’t head uphill, but turn another right and descend the rocky trail to the Ridge Trail. Turn right and take that trail to the East Trap Mesa Trailhead. Continue west on the Oasis Loop, take the Perimeter Trail to Pipeline Road and ascend back to the ski area.

**Out-and-backs can be ridden on the Queenam and Cañon de Valle trails (difficult), and Kinnikinnik Mesa and North Bayo Bench trails (easy to moderate).**