

INFORMATION SHEET
 BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT
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On the Pajarito Plateau, west of the Rio Grande from Santa Fe, NM, are found the ruined dwellings of the Anasazi, the prehistoric Pueblo Indians. Bandelier National Monument protects several of the largest of these ruins, in particular the unique cliff dwellings in the Canyon de los Frijoles.

The Monument was established in 1916 and named in honor of Adolph F. Bandelier, a historian and ethnologist who worked in the Southwest in the 1880's. Bandelier did some of the earliest scientific work on both prehistoric and modern Pueblo Indians.

Location

From Albuquerque, drive north on US 25 to Santa Fe (60 miles). Bandelier is located 46 miles west of Santa Fe driving north on US 285 to Pojoaque, then west on NM 502, then on NM 4. Approach may also be made north of Albuquerque at Bernalillo on NM 44 then onto NM 4 at San Ysidro and through the Jemez Mountains (104 miles). All roads are paved; NM 4 may be impassable through the Jemez Mountains in winter.

Visitor Services

The Visitor Center, located in Frijoles Canyon, is open daily, except Christmas. Summer hours (May to August) are 8:00am to 6:00pm; winter hours (September to May) are 8:00am to 4:30pm. A ten minute slide program is shown upon request as an orientation to the area. Museum exhibits interpret the ancient Pueblo culture from 1150 AD to modern Pueblo times.

The most accessible features of the Monument are the ruins in Frijoles Canyon. The one-mile round trip Ruins Trail starts at the Visitor Center. Self-guiding trail booklets in English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, and Braille are available at the Visitor Center. The ruins trail is partially accessible to wheelchairs; a wheelchair for visitor use is available at the Visitor Center.

In the summer a variety of interpretive programs are offered by rangers and volunteers, including guided ruins walks, evening campfire programs, and children's activities.

A detached section of the Monument, Tsankawi, lies 11 miles from the Park Headquarters, east on NM 4. The ruins there may be seen by walking a two-mile round trip trail, which begins at the parking lot east of the Truck Route to Los Alamos. A self-guiding trail booklet is available at the trailhead or at the Visitor Center.

Other services in Frijoles Canyon include a Gift Shop and Snack Bar. Overnight accommodations are available in the nearby communities of Los Alamos, White Rock, and Santa Fe. Service stations are 12 miles away in Los Alamos and White Rock. A picnic area is located behind the Visitor Center and is open during daylight hours. **No fires are permitted.** For information on accommodations and restaurants, Chamber of Commerce numbers are: Los Alamos (505)662-5595; Santa Fe (505)983-7317 and 988-4597.

Backpacking

Bandelier contains 23,267 acres of designated wilderness with 65 miles of backcountry trails. Permits, free of charge, are required for all overnight travel into the backcountry. Permits, maps, and trail information may be obtained at the Visitor Center or by phone. All trails are for foot travel. Trail bikes and other vehicles are not permitted. Pets are not allowed on any trail in the Monument!

Campgrounds

Juniper Family Campground: Open March-November. Fee: \$6.00 per night per site. Tables, grills, water, comfort stations, a dump station, tent sites, and trailer sites up to 30 feet long are provided. No electrical hookups or showers available. Sites available on first-come-first-served basis. No reservations.

Ponderosa Group Campground: Groups only (10 people minimum). Open April 15 to November 1 (weather permitting). Fee: \$1.00 per person or \$10.00 minimum per site per night. Reservations are REQUIRED in advance. Tables, grills, water, and pit comfort stations provided.

Recreation Fees

Entrance Fees: Single, private, non-commercial vehicle: \$5.00/car
(good for 7 days)
Person on foot, on commercial bus or other means:
\$ 3.00/person

Golden Eagle Passport: Available for \$25.00; allows continual entrance into all Federal Recreation Areas for one calendar year. It does NOT cover camping fees.

Golden Age Passport: U.S. citizens, 62 years or older are eligible for this free, lifetime entrance permit valid for all Federal Recreation areas. It also permits a 50% discount on camping fees.

Golden Access Passport: U.S. citizens who have been determined medically blind or permanently disabled for purposes of receiving benefits under Federal Law are eligible for this free, lifetime entrance permit. It gives the same benefits as the Golden Age Passport.

Waiver of Entrance Fees: Bona fide educational and research institutions intending to visit Bandelier National Monument for educational purposes may receive a waiver of entrance fees by contacting Monument Headquarters in writing or by telephone well in advance of their visit.

Regulations

Pets: Pets are NOT permitted in the backcountry, in buildings or on any trails. Pets must be leashed at all times in parking lots, picnic, and campground areas.

Collecting Plants, Wildlife, and Hunting: Collecting of natural food such as nuts and berries is permitted for personal consumption while here in the Monument ONLY. Taking plants, rock, pine cones, artifacts, etc. is NOT permitted. Fishing is permitted with a valid New Mexico state fishing license. Killing, disturbing, or harassing wildlife is prohibited. Do NOT handle or feed wildlife--plague and rabies may be transmitted to you.

Archaeological Sites and Artifacts are protected under State and Federal Laws from all disturbances. Collection of any artifact is prohibited!

Fires Wood and charcoal fires are permitted in Juniper and Ponderosa campgrounds. Use only wood you bring or purchase. Please, no wood gathering; it's bad for the environment. For the same reason, container stoves are mandatory in the backcountry - no open fires are permitted.

