

Now That I'm Here What Do I Do?

Bandelier National Monument was established in 1916 to protect one of the largest concentrations of archeological sites in the Southwest.

The Monument was named in honor of Adolph Bandelier who pioneered anthropological research in the area in the late 1800s.

To help you make the best use of your time while visiting the Monument, we suggest the activities listed below.

IF YOU HAVE

1 HOUR

- go to Visitor Center
- see "The Bandelier Story"
- walk through exhibit room
- walk Main Ruins Loop

2 HOURS

- go to Visitor Center
- see "The Bandelier Story"
- walk through exhibit room
- walk Main Ruins Loop, then continue to Ceremonial Cave

(Refer to map on the back.)

4 HOURS OR MORE

- go to Visitor Center
- see "The Bandelier Story"
- walk through exhibit room
- walk Main Ruins Loop, then continue to Ceremonial Cave
- return to Visitor Center and hike Falls Trail

Visitor Center

- "The Bandelier Story", a 10 minute free introductory slide program shown in the auditorium
- exhibit room interprets the occupation of the area from about 1150 to modern times

Main Ruins Loop

(Self-guiding trail book for \$1 at the Visitor Center.)

- 1½ mile paved trail
- 1 hour round trip
- trail begins behind the Visitor Center

Ceremonial Cave

- extension of the Main Ruins loop
- round trip adds 1 mile and 1 hour
- cave and reconstructed kiva accessible only by a 140' climb up 4 steep wooden ladders and stairs
- cave can be viewed from ground level

Falls Trail

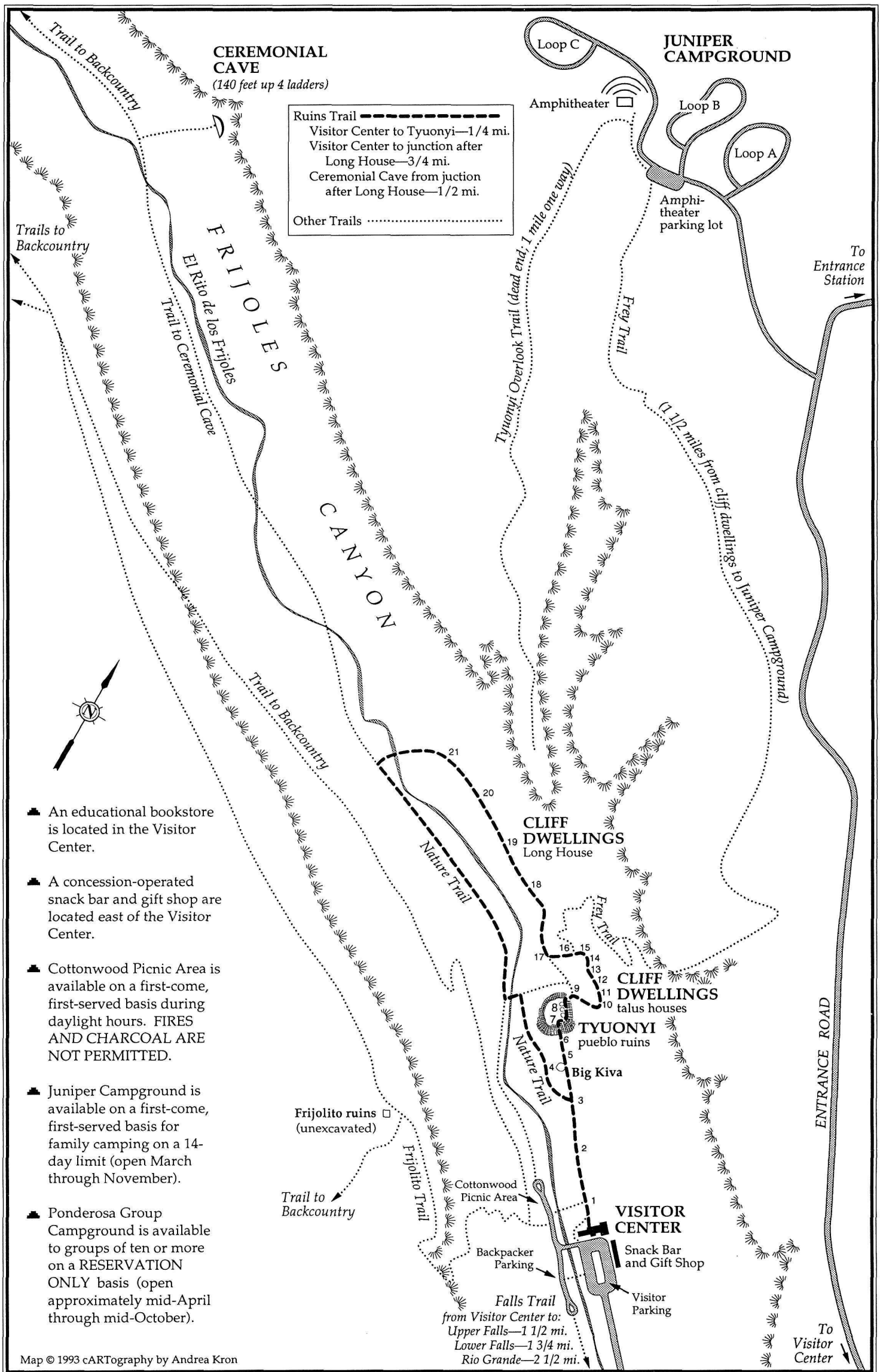
- Upper Falls: 1½ miles one way (300 ft elevation change)
- Lower Falls: 1¾ miles one way (500 ft elevation change)
- Rio Grande: 2½ miles one way (700 ft elevation change)
- moderate hike; uphill coming back
- self-guiding trail book available for \$1.50 at the Visitor Center
- trail begins at end of backpacker parking area

Restrooms & public telephone are located outside the Visitor Center, left of front door.

Pets are **NOT** allowed on any trail within the Monument. Ask for regulations at Visitor Center.



Check at the Visitor Center for information on accessibility.



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