

Bandelier

National Monument
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

So Now That I'm Here What Do I Do?

Bandelier National Monument was set aside 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

research in the area in the late 1800s. The area contains nearly 50 square miles, with 71 per cent designated as wilderness. With 70 miles of maintained hiking trails and many cultural and natural points of interest,

numerous educational and recreational opportunities are available. To help you make the best use of your time while visiting the Monument, we suggest the following activities: (Refer to the map on reverse side.)

If You Have 1 Hour

A. See "The Bandelier Story" 10-minute slide show and walk through the museum at the Visitor Center.

B. Walk the Main Ruins Trail, a one-mile paved loop (about 45 minutes round trip). This trail is partially accessible to wheel

chairs and strollers. **A self-guiding trail book is available for \$1 at the Visitor Center.** Translations in Spanish, German, Japanese, French, Braille, and on audiotape for the visually impaired are available on request.

If You Have 2 Hours

A. See "The Bandelier Story" 10-minute slide show and walk through the museum at the Visitor Center.

B. Walk the Main Ruins Trail, a one-mile paved loop. **A self-guiding trail book is available for \$1 at the Visitor Center.**

C. Continue 1/2 mile up Frijoles Canyon to the base of Ceremonial Cave. This ruin is located in the cliff face and is accessible **ONLY** by climbing 4 steep ladders up 140 feet. (One hour round trip from the junction with the Main Ruins Trail.)

If You Have 4 Or More Hours

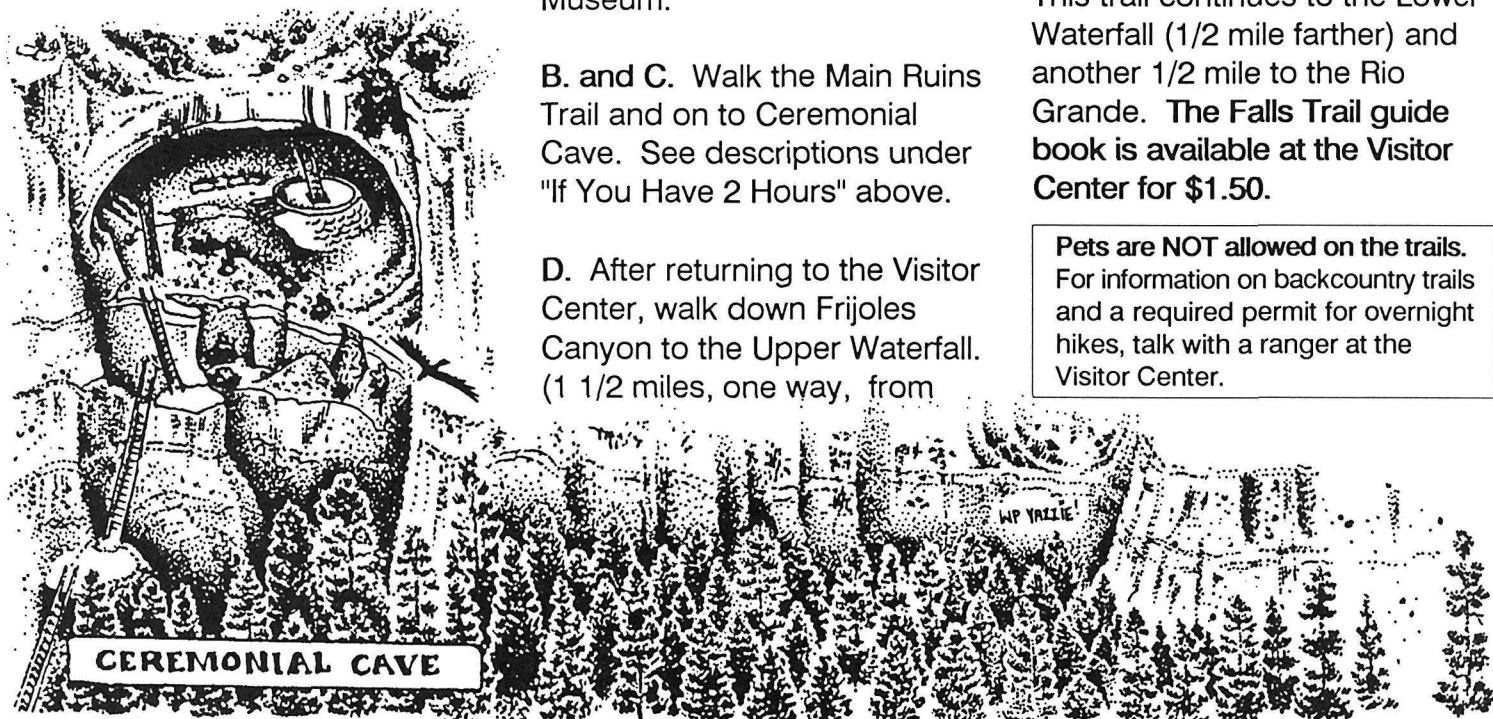
A. See "The Bandelier Story" 10-minute slide show and walk through the Visitor Center Museum.

B. and C. Walk the Main Ruins Trail and on to Ceremonial Cave. See descriptions under "If You Have 2 Hours" above.

D. After returning to the Visitor Center, walk down Frijoles Canyon to the Upper Waterfall. (1 1/2 miles, one way, from

the backpackers' parking lot—about 2 hours time round trip.) **CARRY DRINKING WATER.** This trail continues to the Lower Waterfall (1/2 mile farther) and another 1/2 mile to the Rio Grande. **The Falls Trail guide book is available at the Visitor Center for \$1.50.**

Pets are NOT allowed on the trails. For information on backcountry trails and a required permit for overnight hikes, talk with a ranger at the Visitor Center.



Trail to Bandelier
Wilderness

CEREMONIAL CAVE
140 FEET UP FOUR LADDERS

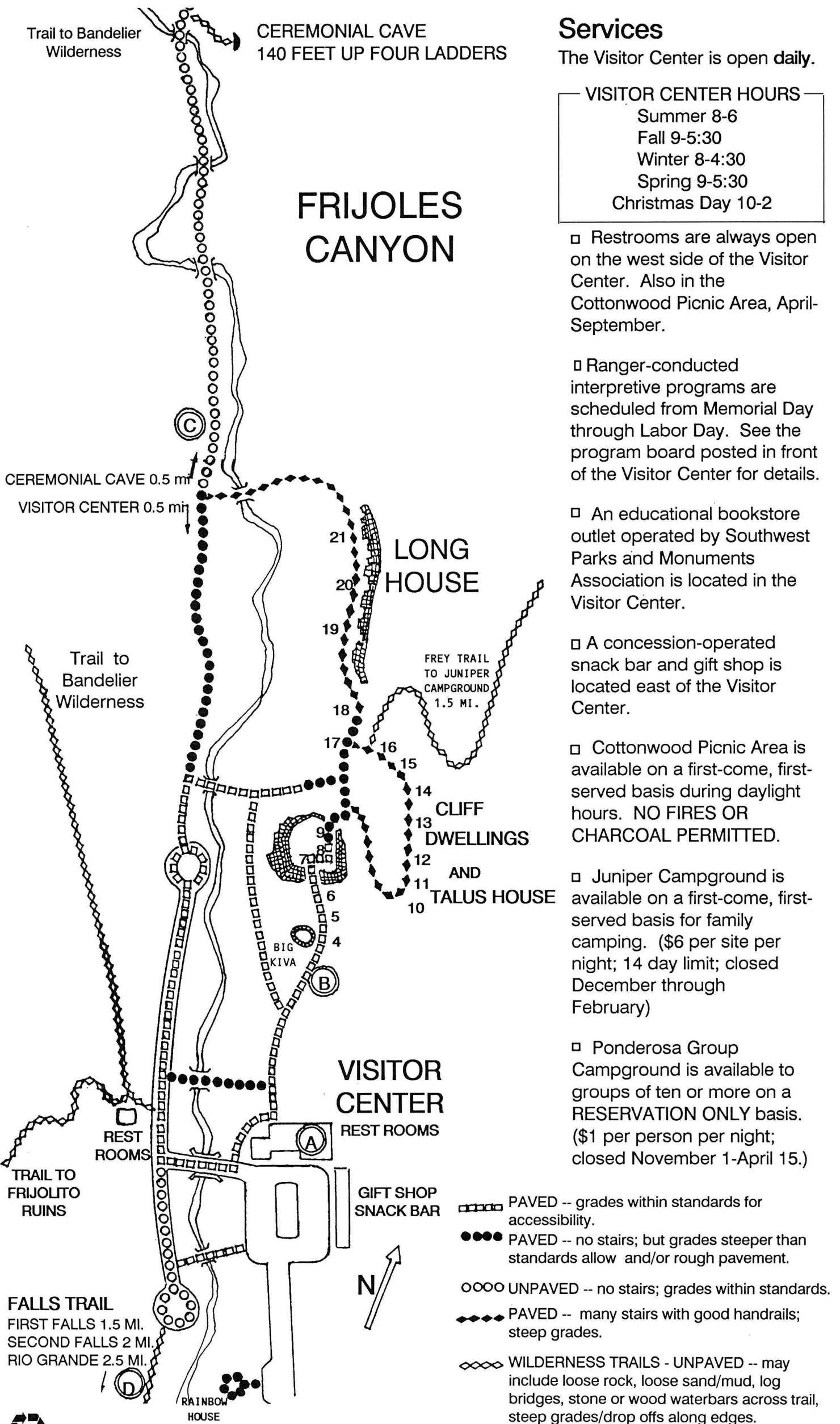
Services

The Visitor Center is open **daily**.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Summer 8-6
Fall 9-5:30
Winter 8-4:30
Spring 9-5:30
Christmas Day 10-2

FRIJOLES CANYON



☐ Restrooms are always open on the west side of the Visitor Center. Also in the Cottonwood Picnic Area, April-September.

☐ Ranger-conducted interpretive programs are scheduled from Memorial Day through Labor Day. See the program board posted in front of the Visitor Center for details.

☐ An educational bookstore outlet operated by Southwest Parks and Monuments Association is located in the Visitor Center.

☐ A concession-operated snack bar and gift shop is located east of the Visitor Center.

☐ Cottonwood Picnic Area is available on a first-come, first-served basis during daylight hours. **NO FIRES OR CHARCOAL PERMITTED.**

☐ Juniper Campground is available on a first-come, first-served basis for family camping. (\$6 per site per night; 14 day limit; closed December through February)

☐ Ponderosa Group Campground is available to groups of ten or more on a **RESERVATION ONLY** basis. (\$1 per person per night; closed November 1-April 15.)

- ▣ PAVED -- grades within standards for accessibility.
- PAVED -- no stairs; but grades steeper than standards allow and/or rough pavement.
- UNPAVED -- no stairs; grades within standards.
- ◆◆◆ PAVED -- many stairs with good handrails; steep grades.
- ◇◇◇ WILDERNESS TRAILS - UNPAVED -- may include loose rock, loose sand/mud, log bridges, stone or wood waterbars across trail, steep grades/drop offs along edges.



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