

# **New Mexico's Bandelier Walking Tour**



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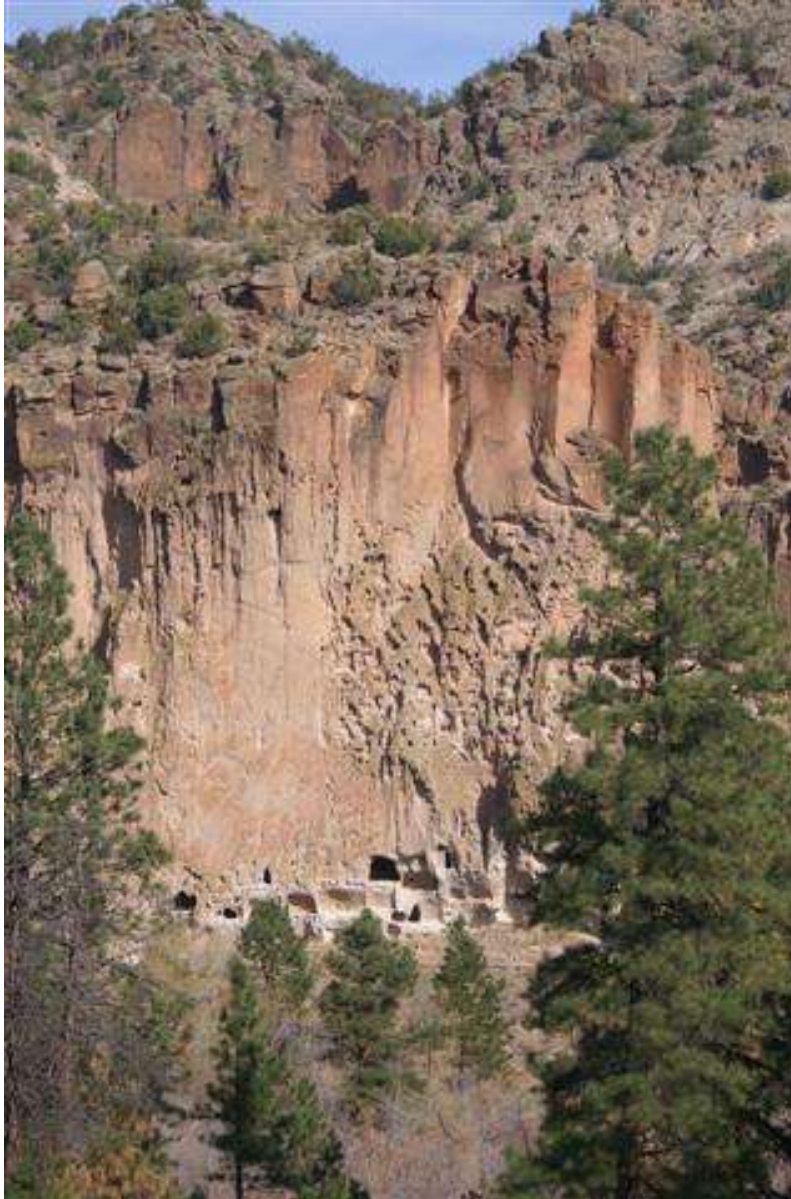
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# Tour Summary

This isolated National Monument is a true insider's secret! Discover the hidden joys of the Land of Enchantment: petroglyphs, potsherds and weird geological formations. Unique ruins, carved into volcanic tuff, have enchanted pot hunters and archaeologists since the 1880s. When you experience this colorful tour, the Indiana Jones in you will discover why Bandelier's visitors keep coming back; the park is a favorite of adventurous hikers, campers and archaeology-buffs alike. The most-visited sites are found on short, easy trails, but free overnight wilderness permits are available for longer routes. Discover the magic of Bandelier for yourself with this remarkable tour!

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# Introduction To Bandelier





Bandelier, an isolated national monument, is a true insider's secret for discovering the hidden mysteries of the "Land of Enchantment." The unique ruins, carved into the side of volcanic cliffs, have

enchanted pot hunters and archaeologists since the 1880s. When you experience this colorful tour, the Indiana Jones in you will discover why visitors to Bandelier return again and again.

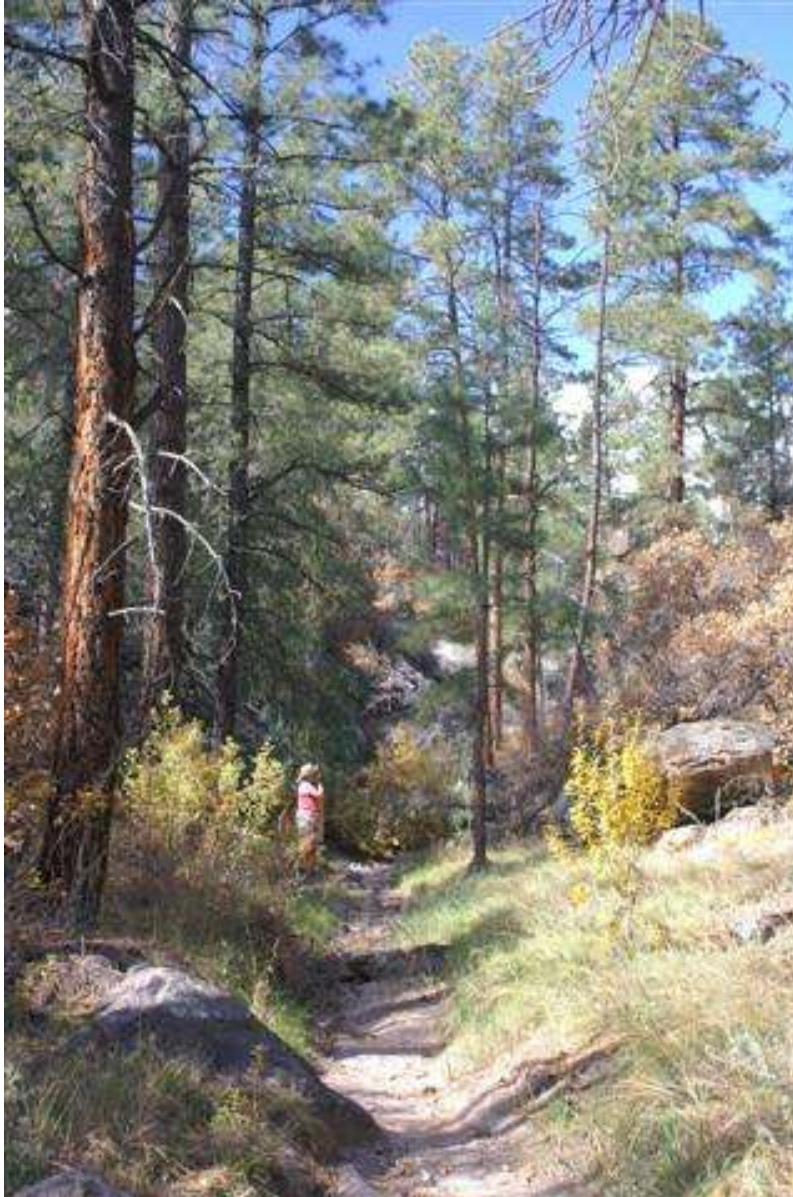


The park is a favorite of adventurous hikers, campers and archaeology-buffs alike. With over 33,000 acres, many designated as wilderness area, Bandelier offers over 70 miles of trails.



The most-visited archaeological sites are found on short and easy trails.





Free wilderness permits are available at the Visitor Center for longer routes that require overnight stays.



Discover the magic of Bandelier for yourself by taking a stroll along the Main Loop Trail. It winds 1.25 miles through the most visited archaeological sites.

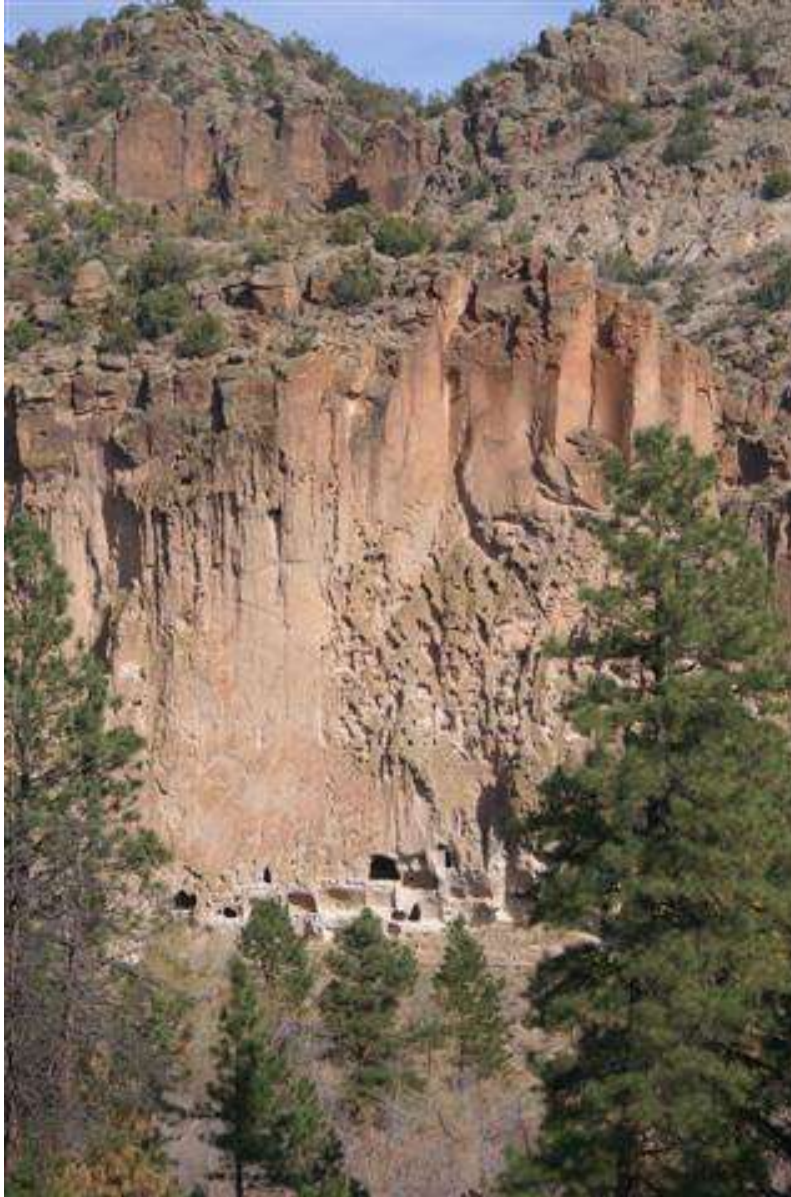


The first section of this trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible.



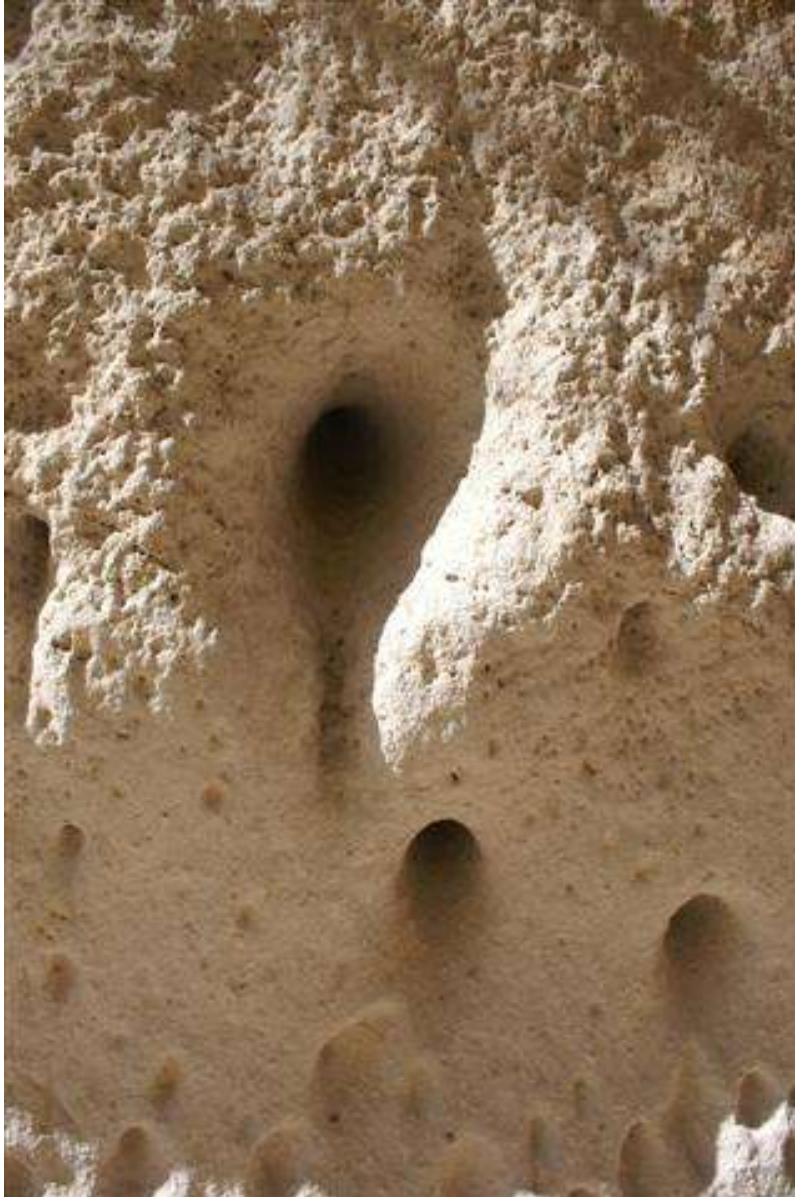
On the second section of Main Loop Trail, we'll climb a hand-hewn log ladder to Alcove House for a view of Frijoles Canyon and the ruins below.

Bandelier National Monument is a scenic one-hour drive from Santa Fe, NM and only 30 minutes from Los Alamos, NM. Over eleven million US visitors make their way to New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment, every year. Although Bandelier is off the beaten path, many who visit are drawn back for repeat tours.



Bandelier is situated on the side of the Valles Caldera, the collapsed summit of the Jemez Volcano which erupted over 1 million years ago. The park's distinctive

volcanic formations are what drew prehistoric people to the area hundreds of years ago.



Ash from this volcano formed the soft volcanic tuff from which the ancestral Pueblo people carved their homes. Experiencing the ruins of these homes,



some with over 400 rooms, is what attracts curious visitors to the park today.

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