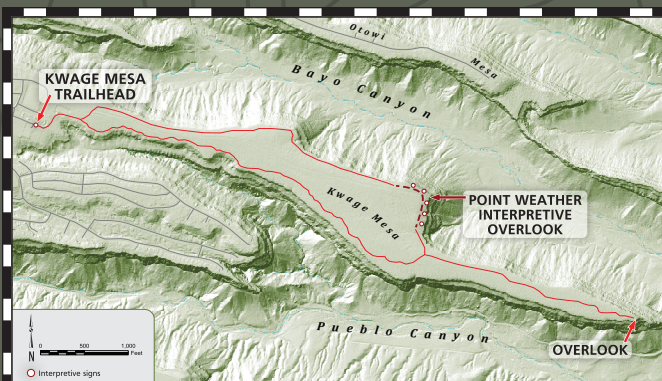


LOS ALAMOS COUNTY TRAIL NETWORK

Kwage Mesa Interpretive Trail

Manhattan Project National Historical Park





The Kwage Mesa Interpretive Trail, through six informative panels, will introduce you to the life and history on the Pajarito Plateau. At an elevation of 7,000 feet, this trail provides sweeping views of Bayo Canyon and the Sangre de Cristos mountains to the east.

The Kwage Mesa Trail is a relatively flat 4.3-mile round-trip hike or bike ride on an unpaved dirt trail to an overlook at the east end of Kwage Mesa. Plan for a 2½ hour trip on foot. Make sure to bring plenty of water, be aware of changing weather conditions, and keep small children away from steep cliffs on the mesa edge.

Point Weather provides dramatic views into historic Bayo Canyon and can be accessed via a short spur off the main trail.

Finding the Trailhead: From 15th Street and Central Avenue in downtown Los Alamos, head west (towards the Jemez Mountains) on Central. In 0.8 miles, past Ashley Pond and the Aquatic Center, turn right onto Diamond Drive. Pass the Los Alamos High School and the Los Alamos Golf Course to reach the San Ildefonso roundabout located 2.4 miles from the intersection of Central and Diamond.

Get to the Kwage Mesa Trailhead from the roundabout by bearing right on South San Ildefonso. Head south, then east on this road, passing the Los Alamos Middle School. About 0.1 mile past North Mesa Road on the left, turn left onto North Mesa Park Road heading toward the stable area. The road swings to the right and ends at a parking area at the North Mesa Tennis Courts. The trailhead is on the left of the playlot.