



LOS ALAMOS HISTORY MUSEUM

MANHATTAN PROJECT SCAVENGER HUNT
for YOUNG LEARNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

DIRECTIONS

Look for outdoor signs to help you find information for the hunt. We'd love to see what you come up with for the photo challenges below! Share your photos online with #LosAlamosHistory.

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PHOTO CHALLENGE #1

Take a photo of the WAC dorm or the Performing Arts Center and try to leave out anything that would not have been there in 1945.

PHOTO CHALLENGE #2

Take a photo of any spot on the scavenger hunt that you've seen before but learned something new about. Bonus points for adding text to the photo explaining what you learned or for a less-than-one-minute video where you explain what you learned!

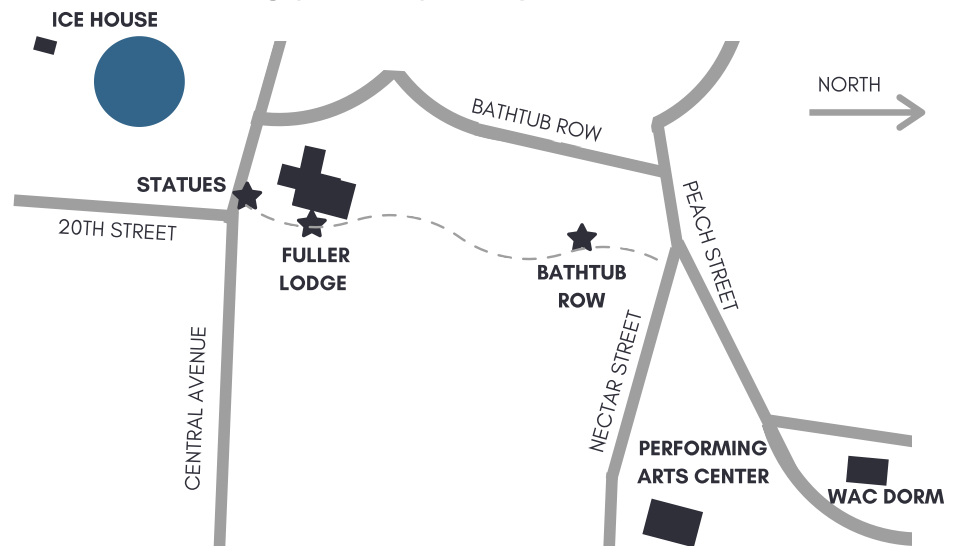


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The Manhattan Project began work here in 1943. The Manhattan Project had dozens of sites across the United States and Canada working to create atomic weapons for use in World War II. Los Alamos was a secret army post and the center of research.

Talk about: Can you find evidence of the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos today?

SCAVENGER HUNT MAP



PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

1. Look at the photo of this building on the walking tour sign. What is the same? What is different?

WAC DORM

2. Soldiers in the Women's Army Corps lived here during the Manhattan Project. Some of these women used calculators to solve math problems for their job. Those women were called computers. Did you know that in the past, computers were women? What do you think these computers did to relax after work in their dorm?



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BATHTUB ROW

3. Find the walking tour sign along the sidewalk. Why is the street named for bathtubs?
4. Manhattan Project homes were heated by wood or coal in the winter, and in the summer Los Alamos' dirt streets turned to mud during the rainy season. What would Bathtub Row look, sound, and smell like at this time of year in 1945?

FULLER LODGE

5. Find the walking tour sign. How was Fuller Lodge used during the Manhattan Project? Are there similarities to how it is used today?

STATUES

6. Why is one statue wearing a uniform and one statue wearing a suit? What do you think General Groves is holding in his hand—and why?

ICE HOUSE

7. Find the walking tour sign. On this spot, Manhattan Project scientists put together the core of the Gadget—the world's first atomic explosion, tested in White Sands. Scientists worked long days, in secret, on a project for World War II. What emotions do you think they might have felt?
8. To remember the people who were killed by atomic bombs in World War II, people around the world fold origami cranes and send them to Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Do you think it is important to remember what happened in the past? Why?

NOW THAT YOU'RE DONE Look at the **talk about** question on the front of this sheet. Do you have any different thoughts about it now?

