

Los Alamos' Charming, Challenging Golf Course

Los Alamos Golf Course offers all golfers a challenging round steeped in history.

The second oldest 18-hole golf course in New Mexico, Los Alamos Golf Course was built by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in 1947, shortly after the close of the Manhattan Project. At that time, a group of golf-starved scientists and military personnel scouted out the location for the course in an army Jeep. They designed the front nine in a meadow with help from a Professional Golfers Association member out of Santa Fe. They later enlisted golf architect William H. Tucker, a Scotsman responsible for the design of the University of New Mexico's North Course, to design Los Alamos' tricky back nine. Course designers incorporated the natural contours of the land into the designs of the front and back nine, giving the course a personality as well as a connection to the original landscape.



Today the 6,500-yard, par-72 course is owned and operated by the County of Los Alamos. Golfers really come to appreciate the extra distance they get out of their drives at 7,300 feet above sea level, but perhaps the best benefit of the course's high-altitude location is that the cool mountain air makes Los Alamos Golf Course a perfect place to beat the heat during the summer months.

The golf course's municipal ownership means that greens fees and cart rental prices are among the most reasonable in the state. But don't let the course's humble pedigree fool you. Los Alamos Golf Course features some incredibly fun and challenging holes. Situated in ponderosa pine forest and mature stands of cottonwood trees, Los Alamos' sloping fairways, unforgiving rough and small, often elevated greens make the course a thrill for golfers of all abilities. Take hole number six for example: this unique par-3

LOS ALAMOS *New Mexico*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
visit.losalamos.com

CONTACT: Los Alamos Meeting & Visitor Bureau
800-444-0707 or 505-662-8105

demands a high tee shot in order to clear a phalanx of trees 30 to 100 yards from the tee

Fast Facts: Los Alamos Golf Course

Greens Fees:

18 holes: \$21 Cart Riding \$40

9 holes: \$16 Cart Riding \$23.50

Junior 18 holes: \$12.50, 9 holes: \$8.25

Seniors M-TH 10:00 -2:00 18 holes: \$30 w/ cart

Golf cart rental: \$13 (\$7.50 for nine holes)

NCGA Rating and Slope:

Blue Tees rating/slope: 70.2/124

White Tees men's rating/slope: 64.8/115

White Tees women's rating/slope: 69/119

Red Tees women's rating/slope: 68.4/119

Facilities: Rental, pro shop, snack bar, driving range, practice green

Lodging/Packages: Call Los Alamos Meeting & Visitor Bureau at 1-800-444-0707 or on the web at visit.losalamos.com

Tournaments: go to visit.losalamso.com/events

box that guards the hole's tiny, bunkered green, located 120 to 165 yards downhill.

The course also features some heartbreakingly long par fours and a couple of par fives that are easy birdies—assuming that you've remembered to pack some accuracy in your bag.

Each year during the week before the Fourth of July, the Los Alamos Golf Course hosts the Atomic City

Invitational, an amateur tournament that

is now going into its 56th straight year of play. The ACI draws golfers from points near and far, in state and out of state. The match-play format makes for an exciting week of golf, and the tournament's longevity makes it the oldest match-play tournament in the state.

Of course, Los Alamos Golf Course has a spacious driving range and convenient putting green. Its Pro Shop is well stocked with merchandise and rental equipment for all levels of golf enthusiast. Because of the course's small-town location, walk-on tee-times are possible, but it's nearly impossible to play weekend mornings without setting up a tee time in advance.

Call 505-662-8139 for tee times or course information.