



May 12, 2026

Ellyn Felton  
Los Alamos County  
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Los Álamos, NM 87544

RE: Discover Los Alamos LTAB's Tourism Visitation Report for the month of February 2026.

Dear Ellyn,

Here is my tourism report for February 2026. Things were slow at both Visitor Centers, during our normal slow season. Please note that at the time this report was submitted, both the Bradbury Science Museum and the Valles Caldera did not have their visitation numbers available for February.

Sincerely,

*Melanie Peña*

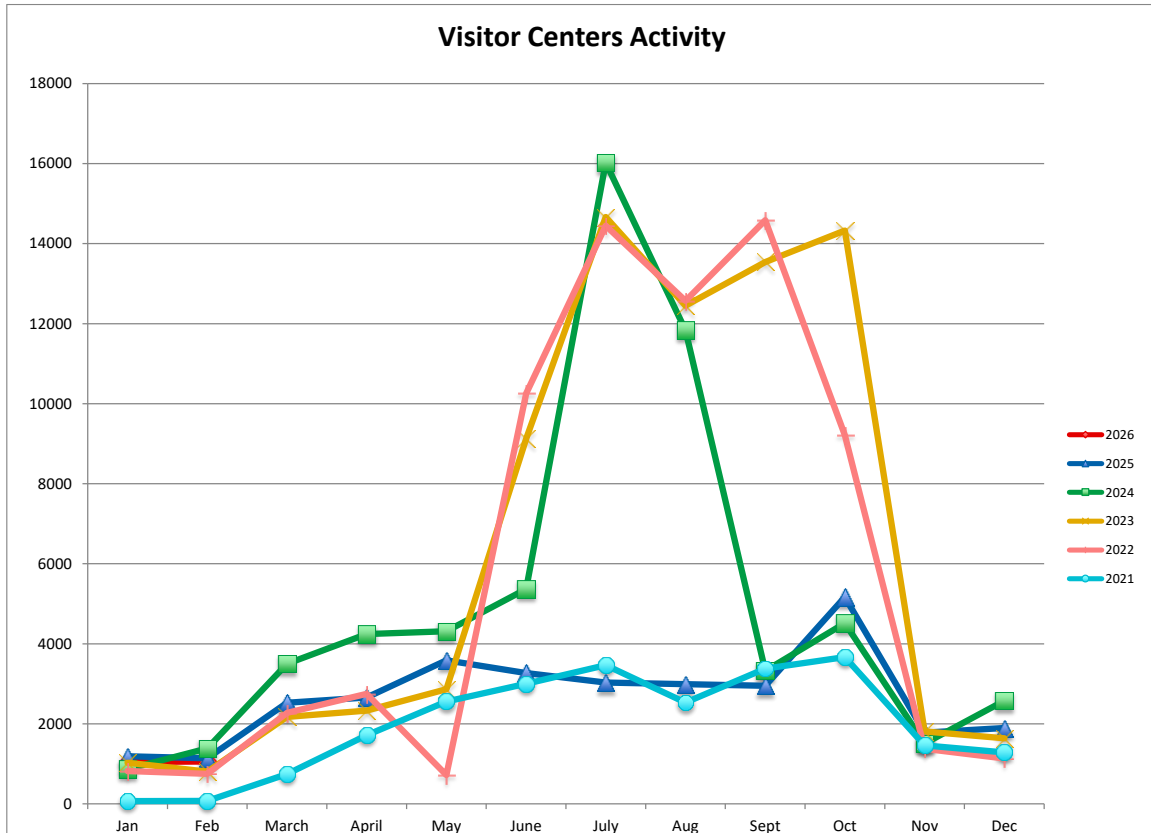
Melanie Peña  
Discover Los Alamos Director

cc: Lauren McDaniel, Eli Isaacson, Adrienne Lovato, and Wendy Parker

# Discover Los Alamos

## Monthly Tourism Report

### February 2026



Los Alamos Visitor Center, February 2026 ~ 676

White Rock Visitor Center, February 2026 ~ 294

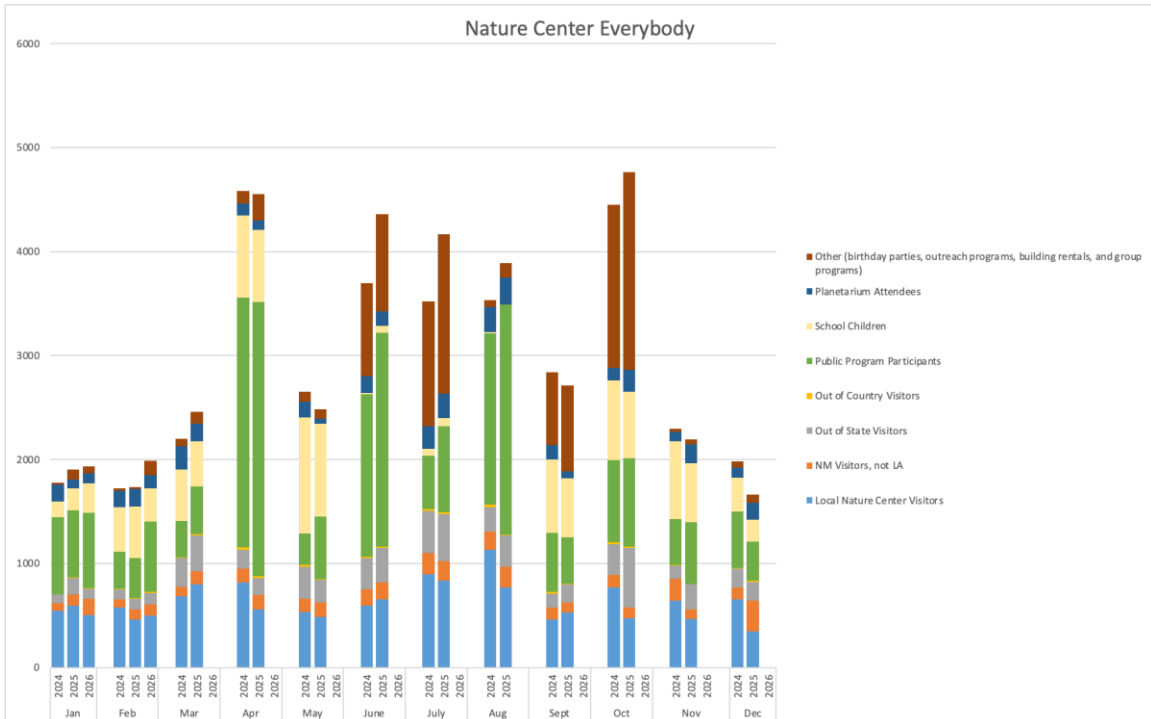
~Beginning March 16, 2020, both Visitor Centers were closed to the public due to Covid 19 pandemic~

~Visitor Centers reopened normal business hours on March 17, 2021 after Covid 19 pandemic was over~

~May 2-16, 2022 the White Rock Visitor Center was closed during the Cerro Pelado Fire, and the Los Alamos Visitor Center was closed May 9-15, 2022 due to this fire. ~

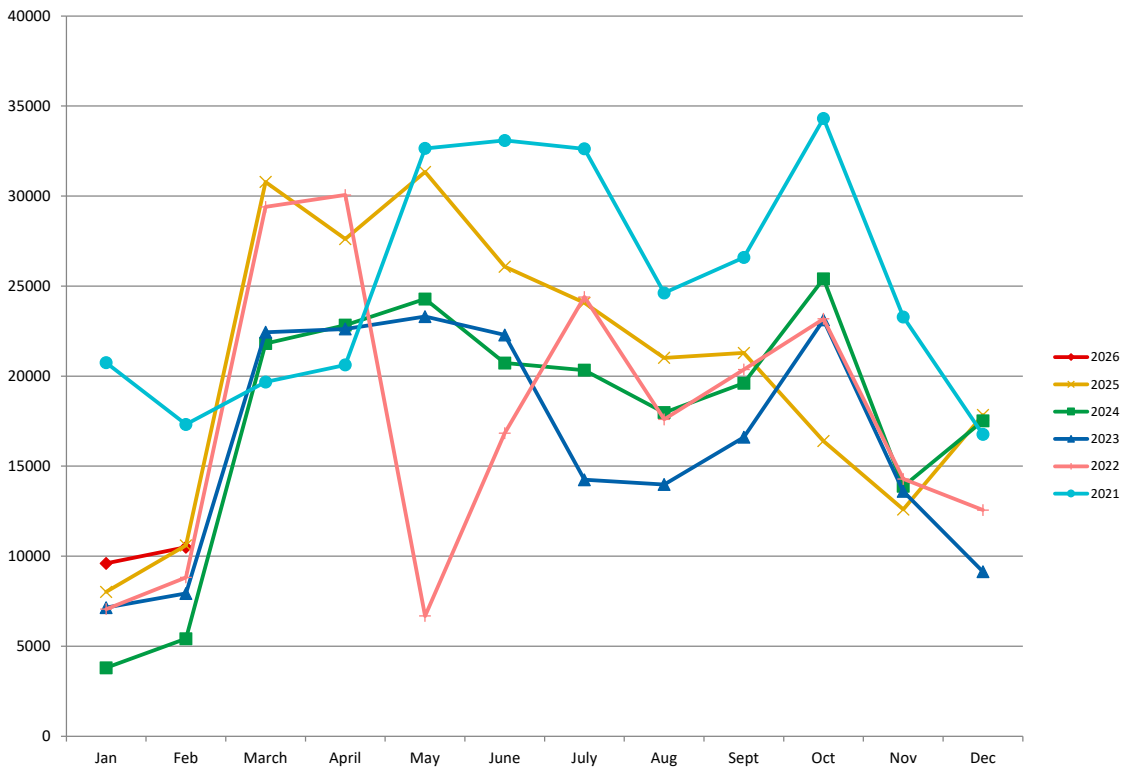
~Bandelier Shuttles started late June 2024, and shuttles ended August 29, 2024 months before the busy summer season ended. WRVC went back to winter hours.~

~No Bandelier Shuttles running out of the White Rock Visitor Center for 2025~



Nature Center, February 2026 ~ 1,987

### Bandelier Visits Reported

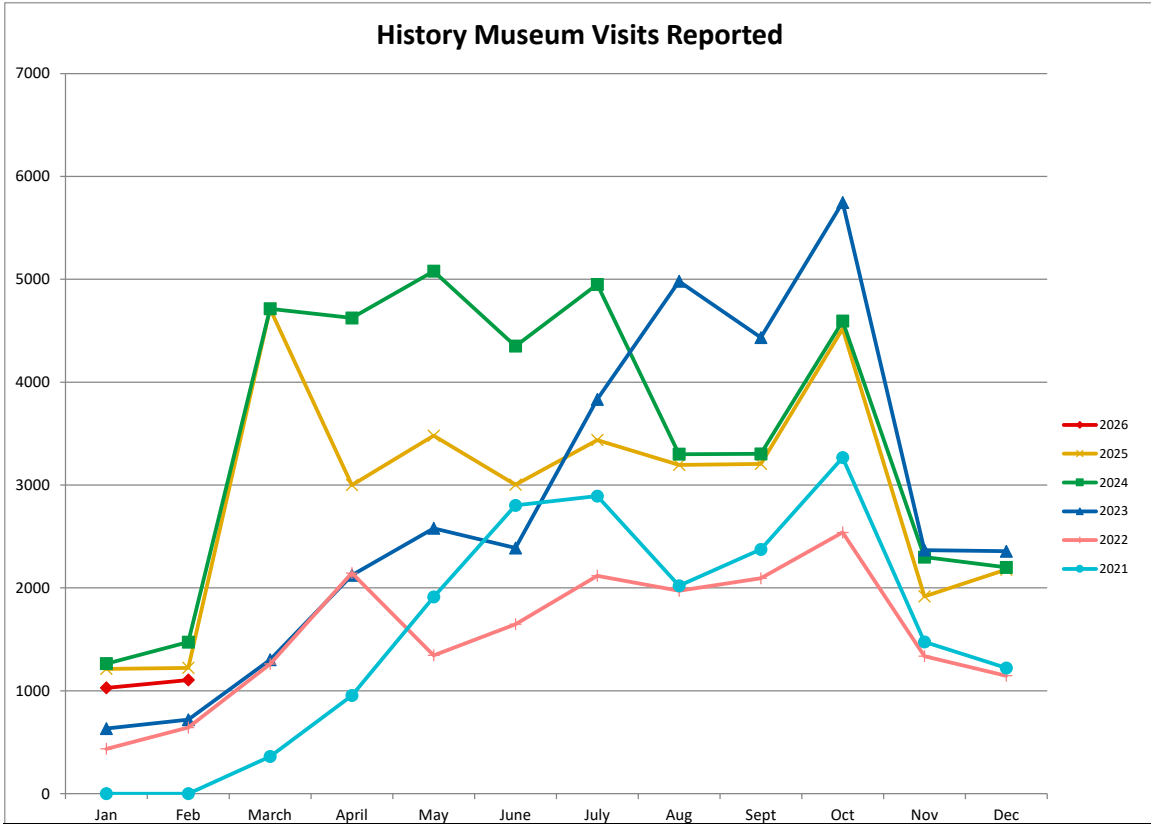


Bandelier National Monument, February 2026 ~ 10,498

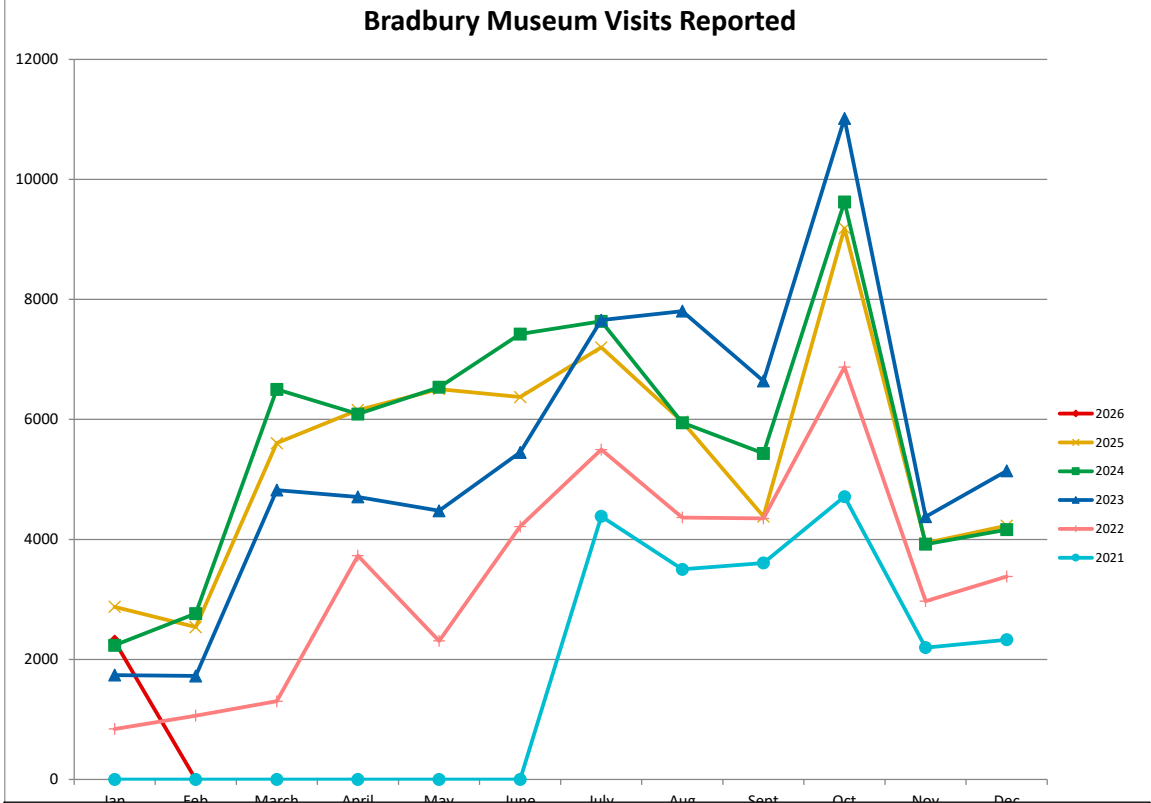
~Note due to lapse in funding, BNM was closed 1/1/19-1/25/19

Cerro Pelado Fire Closed BNM April 2022-May 2022~

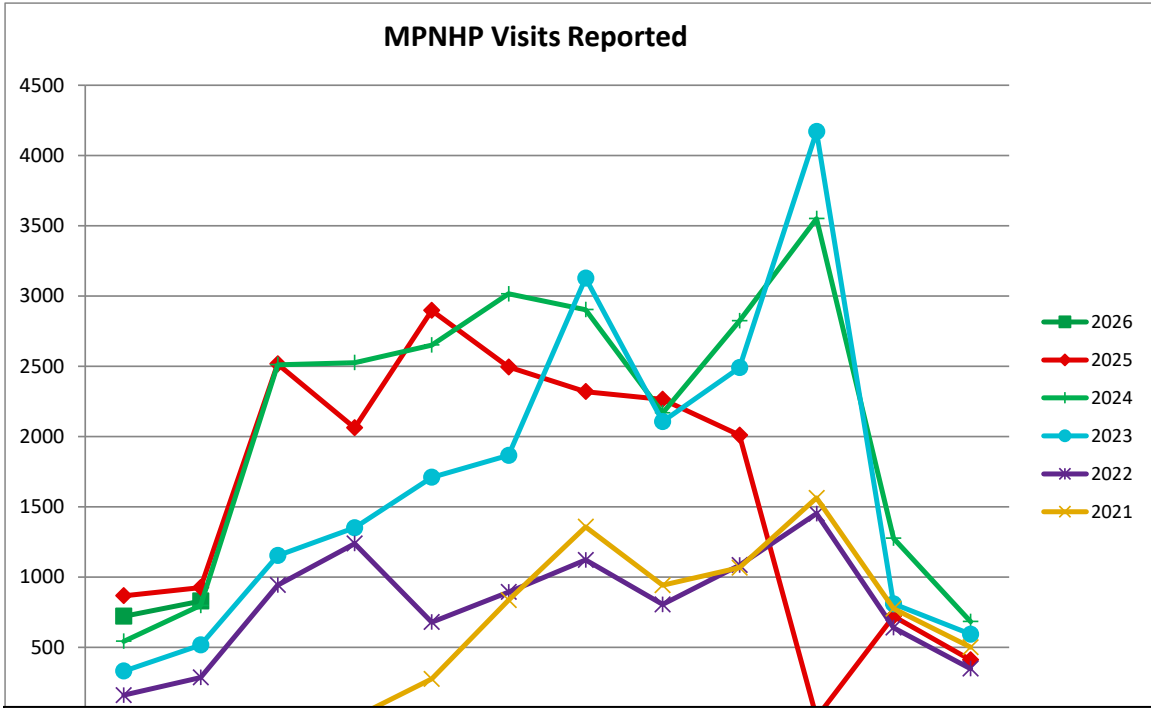
~Federal Government Closer, BNM Closed Oct 1-31, 2025~



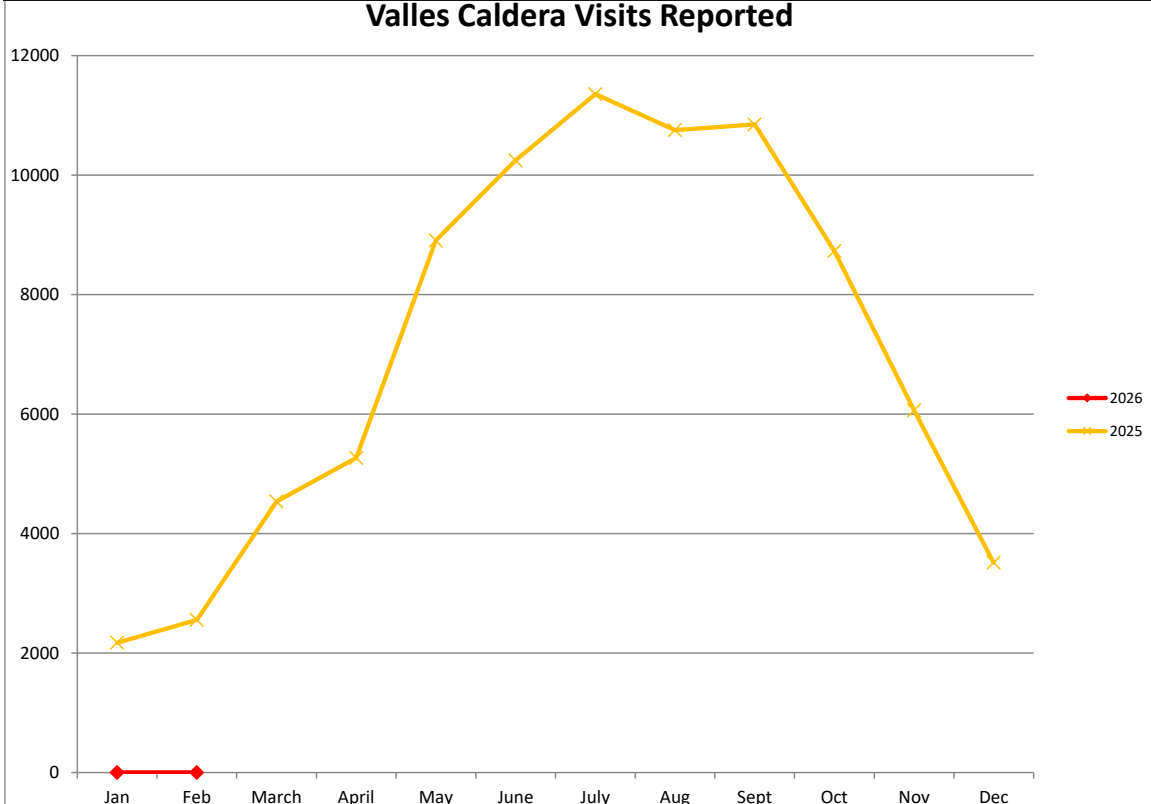
History Museum, February 2026 ~ 1,105



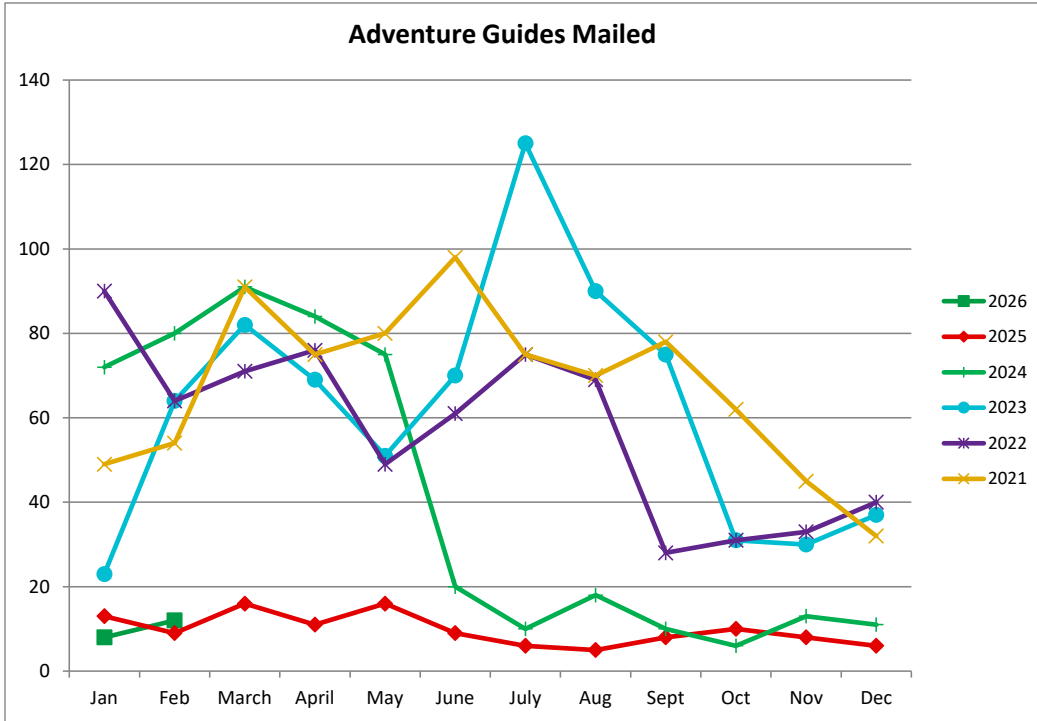
Bradbury Science Museum, February 2026 ~ 0  
 ~Note: Starting Jan 2021 the collection of visitor attendance was changed which reflects lower numbers~



**Manhattan Project National Historical Park, February 2026 ~ 828**  
 ~Fed. Govt.Shutdown, MPNHP was closed 1/1/19-1/25/19, MPNHP reopened Memorial Weekend 2021~Fed. Govt Shutdown, MPNHP was closed October 1-31, November 1-13, reopening Nov 14th~



**Valles Caldera National Preserve, February 2026 ~ 0**  
 ~ Park has now been added to this report moving forward comparing 2025 to 2026 ~

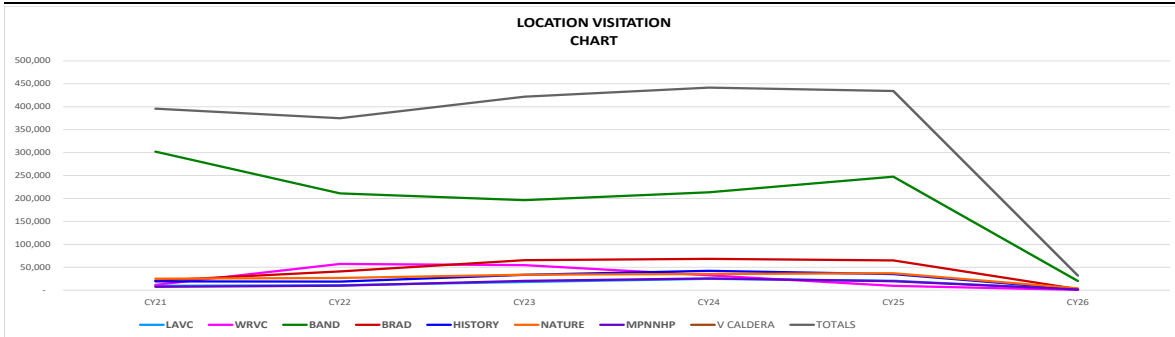


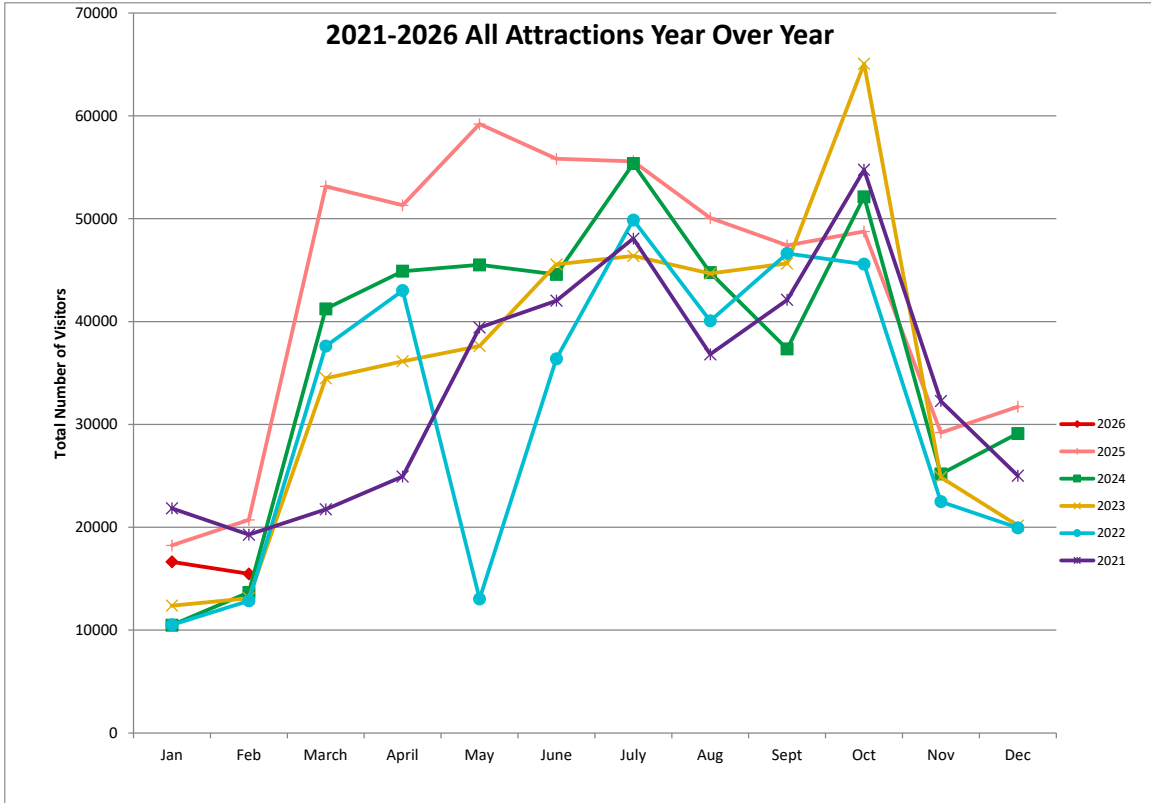
Adventure Guides Mailed Out, February 2026 ~ 12

Year	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Mailed Guides	20	117	490	747	687	809

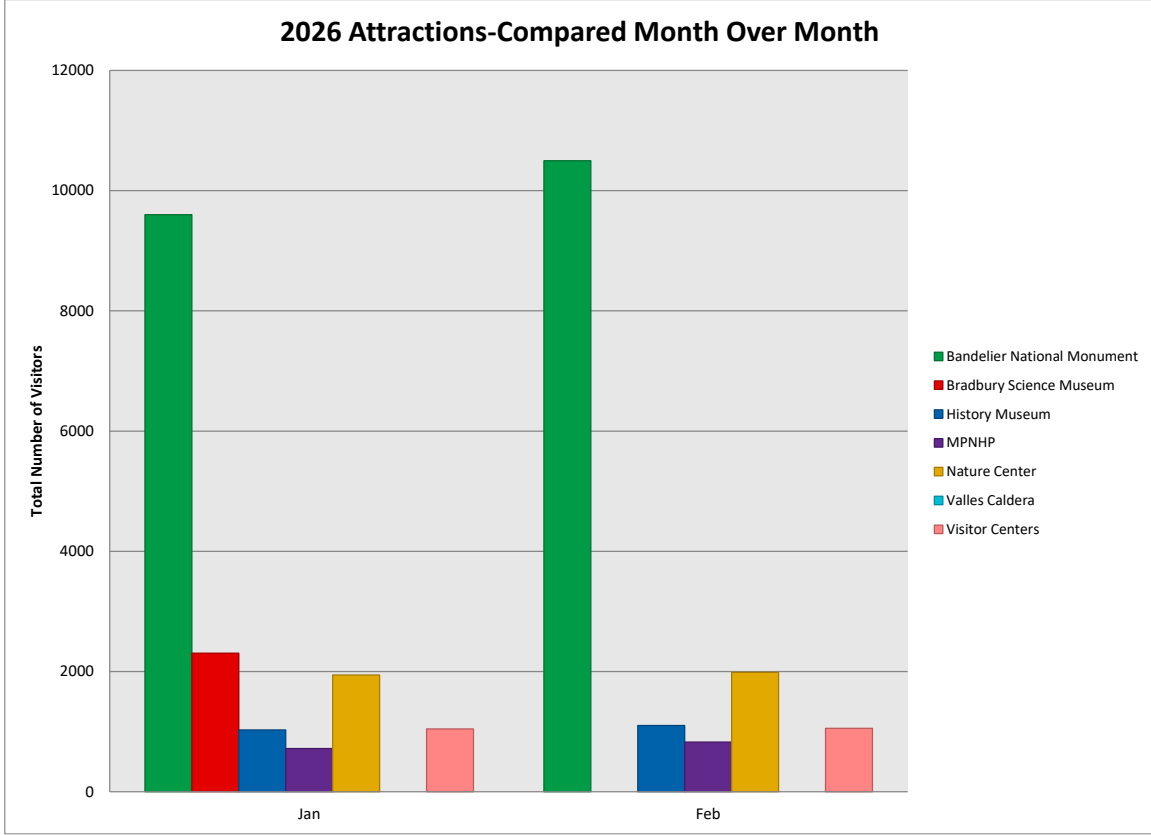
### Attractions by Calendar Year January 2021 – February 2026

LOCATION	CY21	CY22	CY23	CY24	CY25	CY26
LAVC	9,601	10,694	17,951	24,681	20,657	1,319
WRVC	11,648	57,221	54,684	32,403	9,583	523
BAND	302,295	211,241	196,432	213,595	247,642	20,099
BRAD	20,735	40,902	65,561	68,269	64,955	2,305
HISTORY	19,281	18,682	33,465	42,151	35,088	2,134
NATURE	24,941	26,648	33,678	35,350	36,884	3,930
MPNNHP	7,310	9,643	20,220	25,448	19,487	1,548
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>395,811</b>	<b>375,031</b>	<b>421,991</b>	<b>441,897</b>	<b>434,296</b>	<b>31,858</b>





All Attractions YOY & MOM, February 2026 ~ 16,545



### **February Narrative Comments:**

- The new Los Alamos Adventure Guide's has been delivered to DLA's storage unit. There are approximately 5000 copies of the guides available in storage.
- Event materials in kiosks are updated weekly or as needed by a DLA representative. These contain a weekly Concierge Calendar and are restocked with 8-10 different Los Alamos County tourism pamphlets. There are currently **29** in place in the Los Alamos, LANL and White Rock areas.
- All state-managed visitor centers were contacted during the month to ensure they have Los Alamos Adventure Guides in stock. Similarly, local distribution points are also monitored. These are distributed by our contractor Santa Fe Brochure Distribution.
- DLA's website [www.visitlosalamos.org](http://www.visitlosalamos.org) and events page are updated on a weekly basis with new events and information.
- DLA recruits, trains, and manages volunteers for a variety of work. There were **3** volunteer hours logged for the month of February.
- WRVC Business Display Cases featured the Los Alamos Nature Center (PEEC), Gadgets (Bradbury Science Museum), Los Alamos History Museum Gift Shop, Bathub Row Brewing Coop, Los Alamos Coop Market, Boomerang, Little Studio on the Mesa, Brenda Fleming (local artist), Metzger's, Pajarito Mountain and Samizdat Bookstore were on display for the month of February. The large display featured the Bradbury Science Museum.
- In February, DLA helped the following groups/events requesting assistance in promoting and planning their upcoming planned and/or potential events in 2026. We provide tourism materials and maps as needed for each group.
  - n/a

### **Adventure Guides Mailed Out February 2026:**

- 12 [www.visitlosalamos.org](http://www.visitlosalamos.org) online Adventure Guide requests.

### **Analysis of Visitor Surveys:**

#### **February 2026**

Total of **35** combined LAVC & WRVC Visitor Kiosk Survey Entries (New iPad kiosks were installed at each Visitor Center in February 2024)

## LOS ALAMOS VISITOR CENTER KIOSK ANSWERS – 29 Responses

✓ *What is your age?*

- Under 18 0
- 18-24 1
- 25-34 1
- 35-44 3
- 45-54 3
- 55-64 11
- 65+ 10

✓ *Where are you staying?*

- this is a day trip from home 2
- this is a road trip 3
- lodging in Albuquerque, NM 3
- lodging in Los Alamos/White Rock 1
- lodging in Santa Fe, NM 19
- lodging in Taos, Abiqui, Espanola 0
- other 1

✓ *How did you hear about Los Alamos?*

- Family/Friends 2
- School/History Education 0
- Business 0
- Film 25
- Online/Media 2
- Local Event 0

✓ *What brought you to Los Alamos?*

- To visit friends/family 6
- To work 1
- To attend a special event or conference 0
- To learn more about the Manhattan Project/Oppenheimer 0
- To visit Bandelier National Monument 11
- To visit the Valles Calcedera National Preserve 3
- To visit the Manhattan Project National Historical Park 18
- To visit the Bradbury Science Museum 12
- To visit the Los Alamos History Museum 9
- To visit the PEEC Nature Center 1
- To discover new outdoor activities/scenery (hiking,biking,skiing) 4

- To enjoy some local shopping/food/drink 1

✓ *How much do you anticipate spending on your visit to Los Alamos County?*

- Less than \$25 8
- \$25-74 7
- \$75-149 8
- \$150-299 1
- \$300-499 2
- \$500+ 1

✓ *Please rate today's experience at our visitor center.*

- Very positive 23
- Somewhat positive 4
- Neutral 2
- Somewhat negative 0
- Very negative 0

**WHITE ROCK VISITOR CENTER KIOSK ANSWERS – 6 Responses**

✓ *What is your age?*

- Under 18 1
- 18-24 0
- 25-34 0
- 35-44 0
- 45-54 0
- 55-64 0
- 65+ 5

✓ *Where are you staying?*

- this is a day trip from home 1
- this is a road trip 2
- lodging in Albuquerque, NM 1
- lodging in Los Alamos/White Rock 0
- lodging in Santa Fe, NM 2
- lodging in Taos, Abiqui, Espanola 0

✓ *How did you hear about Los Alamos?*

- Family/Friends 2
- School/History Education 3

- Business 0
- Film 0
- Online/Media 2
- Local Event 0

✓ *What brought you to Los Alamos?*

- To visit friends/family 1
- To work 0
- To attend a special event or conference 0
- To learn more about the Manhattan Project/Oppenheimer 0
- To visit Bandelier National Monument 3
- To visit the Valles Caledera National Preserve 2
- To visit the Manhattan Project National Historical Park 2
- To visit the Bradbury Science Museum 0
- To visit the Los Alamos History Museum 0
- To visit the PEEC Nature Center 0
- To discover new outdoor activities/scenery (hiking,biking,skiing) 2
- To enjoy some local shopping/food/drink 0

✓ *How much do you anticipate spending on your visit to Los Alamos County?*

- Less than \$25 0
- \$25-74 1
- \$75-149 3
- \$150-299 1
- \$300-499 0
- \$500+ 0

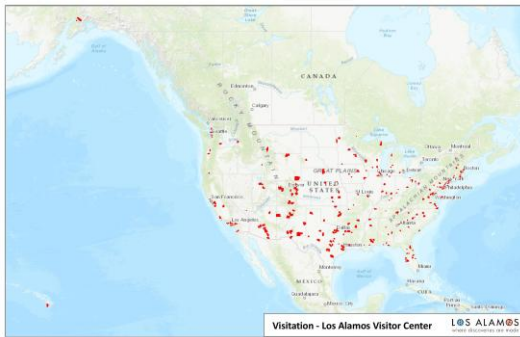
✓ *Please rate today's experience at our visitor center.*

- Very positive 6
- Somewhat positive 0
- Neutral 0
- Somewhat negative 0
- Very negative 0

✓ *The most prevalent states of origin visiting Los Alamos and White Rock were from:*

- Arkansas – 2
- California – 2
- Indiana – 2
- Iowa – 2

- New Hampshire – 2
- Texas – 2



Los Alamos Visitor Center



White Rock Visitor Center

- ✓ The foreign visitors visiting Los Alamos and White Rock were from:
  - Israel
  - Japan
- ✓ The most prevalent cities in New Mexico visiting Los Alamos and White Rock were from:
  - Santa Fe
  - Albuquerque
  - Edgewood
- ✓ *Visitor Comments:*

**Los Alamos Visitor Center Comments:**

- Larger town than I thought
- Please fund more national sites and parks!
- The internet stated that visitor center was closed. Glad and surprised to hear that this is open today on a Wednesday.

**White Rock Visitor Center Comments:**

- Great visitor center. Great maps!
- Beautiful
- Nice to have white rock visitor center open Sunday afternoon!