

# Los Alamos Bike Park Working Group 2025 Update

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PRESENTATION TO THE LOS ALAMOS COUNTY COUNCIL  
10/07/2025

# LA Bike Park Working Group Goals

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*Outline **community benefits** and **requirements** for a bike park*



*Assess pros and cons of suitable **locations** for bike parks in Los Alamos County*



*Gauge **community sentiment***



*Demonstrate **community support***

# What is a bike park?

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# Why does Los Alamos County need a bike park?

## Large mountain biking community

- Tuff Riders (120+ members; 30-year history)
- NMCL MTB Team (>150 student athletes since 2019)
- Tuff Tykes (grown to 100+ families of 2-12yo kids in 2yrs)
- Many others not in organized groups



Los Alamos Mountain Bike Riders Rise To The Challenge: Thrilling Finishes At New Mexico Interscholastic Cycling League Season Finale

Submitted by Carol A. Clark on November 4, 2024 - 8:36 am



## Difficult Trails

Trails suitable for intermediate and advanced riders but **difficult for beginners, including children and teens**



## Skills development an essential part of *any* sport

- Need safe place for skill progression for children, teens, and adults alike
- Community hub for skills and etiquette education





# Benefits to Los Alamos County

*\*County priorities*

- **Increased** health and outdoor recreation
  - *Quality of Life/Health, Wellbeing & Social Services*
  - Bike parks are fun!
  - Adds to the many amenities that make Los Alamos a great place to live
- **Support for families** looking for stuff to do
  - Place to bring kids to learn biking skills
  - Healthy activity for kids and teens
- **Community Hub** and platform for educational programs
  - Teach bike skills, trail etiquette, bike maintenance
  - *Quality of Life/Educational, Historical, Cultural Amenities*
- **Potential tourism revenue**
  - *Economic Vitality/Tourism and Special Events*





# Design Requirements, Community Benefits, Costs

- Contacted builders to determine design requirements and costs
  - Pump track: \$250k, 1.5 acres minimum
  - Full bike park (pump track + intermediate features): \$500-800k, 5 acres minimum
  - World class NM trail builders
- Assessed benefit to Los Alamos County
  - Place to learn biking skills
  - Healthy activity for kids and teens
  - ADA-compliant pathways ensure accessibility for all community members.
  - Return on investment
  - *Quality of Life/Mobility*
- Explored potential supplemental funding options
  - IMBA Grants (matching up to \$30k)
  - State Funds (matching \$100k-1M), in-kind county contributions possible)
  - Foundations ([Saris](#), others)
  - Concessions
  - Volunteer partnerships for maintenance

Beginner-Friendly Pump Track



Beginner-to-Intermediate Skill Features





# Potential Locations

- Scouted four locations in Los Alamos and White Rock
- Assessed pros and cons
  - Zoning
  - Access
  - Infrastructure
  - Conflicts
  - Meet Requirements
- ***North Mesa and Overlook*** determined best locations for Los Alamos and White Rock, respectively







# Los Alamos Bike Park Survey

- Developed Los Alamos Bike Park Survey with help from Los Alamos Places and Spaces
  - Introduction to bike parks, commitments needed, costs
- Distributed widely
  - LA Places and Spaces distribution
  - 13 user groups (>270 participants); personally contacted those with past history of conflict
  - Editorial in Atomic Daily and LA Daily Post
  - QR codes
- Findings
  - >89% support a bike park in LA! (>55% non-bikers)
  - Large majority prefer N. Mesa

Questions Responses **256** Settings



## Los Alamos Bike Park Survey

**B I U ↺ ✕**

The Los Alamos Bike Park Working Group is seeking community input about support for and priorities for one or more bike parks in Los Alamos County. Bike Parks are environments for children, teens or adults who want to learn essential bicycle riding skills in safe and fun conditions. They are purposely designed areas with asphalt and dirt surfaces with various fun and challenging features such as pump tracks and jumps to help riders develop skills like balancing, turning, jumping, and handling their bike. Generally an area of 1 to 2 acres is needed for each beginner level bike park (pump track) and 2 to 3 additional acres would be needed to add features for intermediate-level riders (jumps, berms, and drops). A typical bike skills park can cost anywhere between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per acre to build, depending on the complexity of the features, terrain, and required site preparation which can be covered with a combination of nonprofit grants and state-



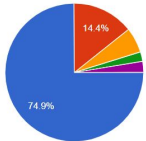
# Survey Results – 272 Participants as of 9/28

## SUPPORT

How supportive are you of the idea of developing a bike park in Los Alamos County?

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271 responses



- Strongly Support
- Somewhat Support
- Neutral or don't know enough about it to say
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose

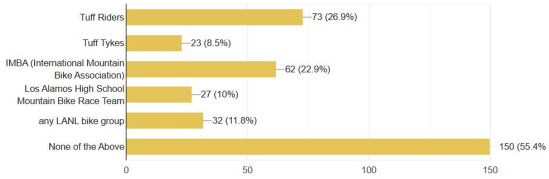
**89% of Surveyed Residents Support a Bike Park in Los Alamos**

## REPRESENTATION

Are you or a household member affiliated with the following? (check all that apply)

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271 responses



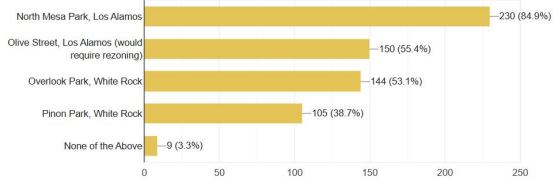
**55% of Surveyed Residents Non-Bikers**

## LOCATION

Which of the potential locations would you support for the bike park (choose all that apply)?

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271 responses



**85% of Surveyed Residents Prefer North Mesa Location**



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## REQUIREMENTS

What educational programming would you like to see offered at the bike park?

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268 responses



**Trail Etiquette #1  
Priority for  
Education  
Programs**

## Concerns:

- **Cost**
- **Lack of Advanced Features**
- **Proximity to Stables / Rodeo Grounds**





# Building bridges





# Community Support for Bike Park at North Mesa Recreation Area

MARCH 14, 2025

North Mesa Recreation Master Plan  
Listening Session Draws More Than  
100 People, Many Of Them Cyclists

- > 26 acres on North Mesa slated for rec development
- March 12th Listening Session
  - **Over 100 bikers**
- April 17th Planning Workshop
  - **Every design** included a bike park
- July 22nd Open House
  - Both Conceptual Designs included 2 acres of bike infrastructure







- NORTH MESA RECREATION AREA COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP





2  
acres

(of 26) bike infrastructure (jump line/terrain park, pump track, bike playground)



**OPTION A**

**CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN**  
Los Alamos, New Mexico  
Conceptual Design  
July 22, 2025



LOS ALAMOS  
where discoveries are made



**OPTION B**

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# Return on Investment

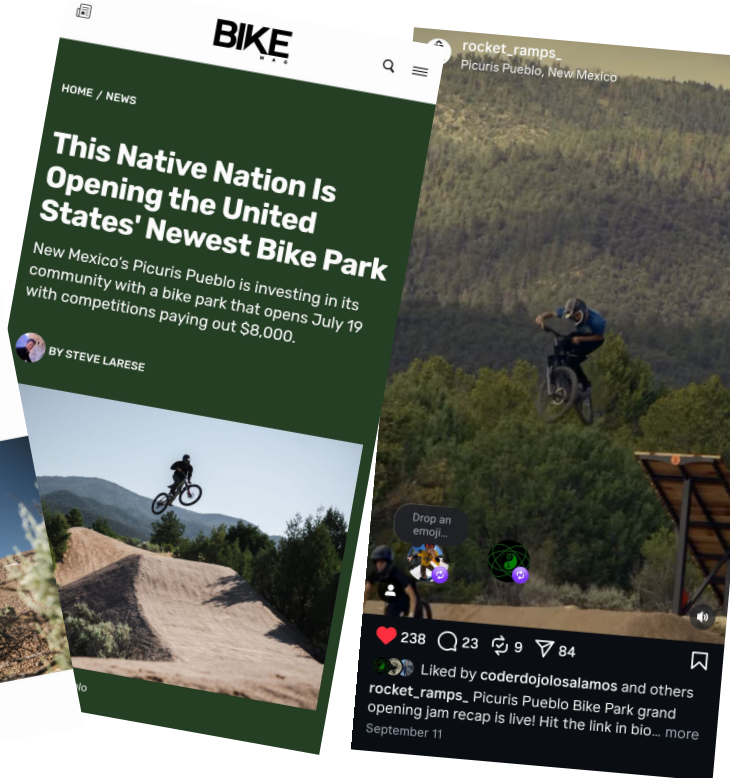
Strategic Area	Impact
Economic Vitality	Attract customers to local food, lodging, and gear shops
Tourism	New visitors to local sites
Community Health	Increased accessibility to fitness and recreation
Quality of Life	Youth & families, all skill levels
Maintenance Costs	Offset by revenue, 5-10k annual visits x \$30-70 daily spend = \$150-700k economic impact







# Case Study: Picuris Bike Park







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## Build Statistics

- **Total cost** for the Picuris park was **\$498,000**. The pro-line and airbag zone inflated this price immensely, as larger features are more expensive.
- **Funding:** Picuris Pueblo secured a **Tier-2 Outdoor Recreation Division (ORD) Trails+ grant**.
- **Timeline:** The Picuris park took **3.5 months** to build.
- **Size:** The bike park, including the large asphalt pump track, is **5.3 acres**.
- **Impact:** As far as the grand opening, we had a little over **200 riders** with an additional **200+ spectators**. Most weekend days, the parking lot is teeming with cars of people riding the park.



# Ways the Bike Community can help

- Bike community helps pursue grants and funding to help get appropriate features built and drive down cost
- Non-profit driven community effort in collaboration with Los Alamos County
- Collaboration on maintenance using extensive community trail building/maintenance
- Guidance on what makes a good bike park





# YIMBY

YES! IN MY BACKYARD!

## FILM FESTIVAL

- May 10th, Yes In My Backyard Film Festival—sold out show (>100 seats)
- Local and National sponsors
- Demonstrated community support for a bike park

ATTACHMENT A

SANMARTINO



los alamos  
children's  
dentistry



tailwind  
PERFORMANCE



TECHNICALS CAFE  
10.0 AM - 10.0 PM







# References

- Funding opportunities
  - [IMBA Trail Accelerator](#)
  - [NM State Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grants](#)
  - [Saris Foundation](#)
- Trail Builders
  - [Rocket Ramps](#) (NM Local!)
  - [Jagged Axe](#)
  - [IMBA Trail Solutions](#)



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# THANK YOU!

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