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1998 Foray . Field-Trip Descriptions

Nelson (Bill) Jarmie . Los Alamos NM . 1998-08-14

CODE	Where	Foray time	Drive time	Hike difficulty	Habitat See key below
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VG1-4 Valle Grande "All day" 35 min. Mostly Easy MC. Spruce?

A rare opportunity by special permission, to visit one of the world's largest volcanic calderas; the east wall of which overlooks Los Alamos. Never before searched for fungi.

AP1-3 Apache Springs "All day" 15 min. Easy scramble MC, PP moist

By special permission of Bandelier National Monument. A mix of habitats, One year 40 species were found at this site. Some restrictions on harvesting at this NPS site. About a 1/2 mile walk.

PC1 Pajarito Canyon 1/2 day 8 min. Easy Riparian MC, PP

This is a pretty walk, up a deep canyon with a running stream.

BN6, SH1, SH2 Ponderosa 1/2 day 10 min. Easy PP

Car hopping, to look for fungi that are mycorrhizal with PP (Boletus, Amanita etc.) The site BN6 is in Bandelier (see note above) If time, could go farther up the Ski Hill road to get to MC habitats.

SH3 Chain pullout #2 1/2 day. 12 min.. Easy Scramble Riparian MC

Shady moist Mixed Conifer. sometimes odd things fruit.

SH5 Ski Hill #5 1/2 day 15 min. Easy scramble MC

Usually prolific, The higher up the Ski Hill, the moister it is. The endangered Jemez salamander has been seen here.

PL1 Pipeline trail All day? 20 min.. Easy, but long walk. MC+

This shady cross country trail has a lot of downed wet wood and seems to favor Ascomycetes. The only Morchella seen in this county fruited here in late August. If you live at sea level remember the altitude. (9000 ft)

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SH8 End of the Road All or 1/2 day 25 min. Easy or tough Spruce/Fir (Aspen)
This important site gives us the only nearby Spruce habitat in the Foray. An easy hunt would be to go South into the Spruce stands on the ski hill (but remember the altitude.) Aspen groves are to the North. A tougher trail is to hike up to the saddle and then South up the ridge to the top. Nice view! Species have been seen here, that are not at other sites.

WR4 Piñon/Juniper 1/2 day? 20 min. Easy PJ

With heavy rains, the piñon/juniper woodland can suddenly blossom with species seen nowhere else. A preliminary scout will be made Wednesday or Thursday morning. and a decision to hunt made Thursday evening. The area chosen is south of white Rock. easy hike but very easy to get lost!

Back-up site

LC1 Los Alamos Canyon 1/2 day 15 min. Easy Riparian MC

A dirt road from the Los Alamos Bridge up to the "reservoir"; park and hike 1/2 mile to a cool area with stream.

Glossary

PJ Piñon/Juniper

PP Ponderosa Pine

MC Mixed Conifer White Fir, Douglas Fir, Aspen, Hardwoods some Spruce.

Spruce Spruce, Aspen, some fir

Riparian Wet, often stream, often in narrow canyon. Hardwoods

Notes:

- Bill Jarmie provided this information in preparation for NMMS 1998 Los Alamos Foray.
- Bill Jarmie & Fran Rogers used most of these Location Codes (AP1, BN6, &c) in conjunction with their [Los Alamos Macromycete Diversity study](#). See Appendix B2.

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