



UNM Classroom/Office

Our UNM office and classroom are located in Castetter Hall, the biology building, on campus. Castetter has a few green houses on the roof and is located north of Marron hall about one block north of Central across from Buena Vista. If you don't have a permit to park on campus, you can park in a paid spot, in the garage, or you can find free parking on the street in the blocks between University, Copper, and Central (ie, Maple, Spruce, Sycamore). Our office is located on the main floor of **Castetter Hall room 184**, directly across from the indoor greenhouses. If we aren't in our office, we may be in our **lab (Castetter 1524)**, located on the same floor, but in the NEW addition of the building, SE from our office. The BEMP classroom is located in the basement of Castetter, room 53 (spring semester) or 41 (fall semester).

Bosque School BEMP Office

4000 Bosque School Road NW, 87120

Bosque School is located on the SE corner of Coors Blvd. and Montañero Road. Enter campus by turning east towards the river at the Dellyne/Bosque School Road (Google Maps calls it Learning Rd as of 5 July 2018) light south of Montañero and Coors. The BEMP office is located in the NORTHERN-most building on the Bosque School campus called the **Pera Science Building** with bright green doors. You can park in the lot just north of this building.

BEMP Sites

Albuquerque Sites

Badger, Alameda, and Diversion (BAD, DIV, ALA)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Alameda exit west. After Rio Grande Blvd. and just before the river, turn left into the Open Space Division parking area. Park in the Open Space lot, or you can take your vehicle onto the levee road from site to site if you have an Open Space permit/key. If you take your car onto the levee road, make sure to leave the permit on your dash, and call Open Space to inform them of your vehicle's location and what you are doing, especially in case of fire restrictions.

To sites: Cross the bike path into the forest. **Badger** is directly south of Alameda Bridge. **Diversion** is just south of the diversion dam's southern fencing structure-- continue down into the dirt path and over the jetty jacks and you should begin to see site materials. **Alameda** is an additional 3/4 mile south—a landmark for where to turn into the forest from the path is a farm with llamas, horses, and sometimes camels. It is easier to walk on the bike path than in the woods between sites; be sure to walk on the gravel section of the path to avoid bikers.

Bobcat, Minnow, and Calabacillas (BOB, MIN, CALAB)

These sites are located across the Rio Grande from the Badger, Diversion and Alameda sites.

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Alameda exit west. Cross the river, turn around at the first light, and start heading back east on Alameda. Just before you get to the river, turn south onto the levee road. You will need an Open Space permit and key in order to take your car onto the levee road. Be sure to call Open Space and inform them of your vehicle's location and what you are doing, especially in case of fire restrictions. Leave the permit on your dash.

To sites: **Bobcat** is just south of the bridge—park immediately after crossing through the gate and head into the woods. **Minnow** is an additional 3/4 of a mile down the road (just south of the dam structure), and **Calabacillas** is approx. 200 yards south of Minnow. There are obvious places to turn into the forest the last two sites, where you can also park.

Montañero and Savannah (MON, SAV)

Driving/Parking: Park at Bosque School (see above)

To sites: Cross the ditch next to the Upper School Science Building and take the trail into the woods heading east. **Montañero** is located just south of Montañero Bridge, near the river—follow the path straight and keep heading east where it forks toward the south. **Savannah** is south of the Montañero site and just north of the "100 Acre Wood." Take the south fork of the trail and continue into the forest for a little less than 1/4 mile; watch on your left and you should see site materials.

Rio Grande Nature Center (RGNC)

2901 Candelaria NW

Driving/Parking: From I-40, take the Rio Grande Blvd exit north. Turn west onto Candelaria and it will dead-end at the nature center. The parking lot is through the gates and on the north side where Candelaria ends. The gates are locked at 5 pm. DO NOT park in the lot unless instructed otherwise—park on the neighborhood street nearby.

To site: Walk through the nature center, taking the trails west toward the ditch and bike path. You will pass by the visitors' center on your way through. Leave through the gate at the bike path, cross over the ditch and bike path, and continue on the Bosque Loop trail heading south. When the trail bends west toward the river, continue going south (there is still a trail heading south). The wells are tall at this site and you should be able to find them easily.

Levee driving directions:

Route 66 (Rt 66)

Driving/Parking: From I-40, take the Rio Grande Blvd. Exit north, turning right onto Rio Grande Ave. Make 2nd left onto Floral Rd NW, just after the Chevron station. Go to the end of Floral and turn Left onto Duranes Rd. Make next left onto Gabaldon Dr NW and then next right onto Gabaldon Pl NW. Drive to the end of Gabaldon Pl and park.

To site: Walk south under I-40; cross the ditch and bike path and walk along the levee. Continue until you reach a bridge over the ditch on your left. Turn right descending the gravel path into the bosque and take first left. Take that trail. You will see the canopy rain gauge after about 4 minutes of walking. Tubs and other site materials are in the willow swale for the northern half of the site.

BioPark

Driving/Parking: From I-40, take the Rio Grande Blvd exit south. Turn right onto Central, then left on Tingley Dr (at a light and across from the Aquarium/Botanic Gardens). Drive past the train station and main parking area for the BioPark and Tingley Ponds. Turn into the last parking lot (a gravel lot) and park as far south as you can in this lot.

To site: Cross the train tracks and take the main path into the forest. This site can be a little tricky to find as most of the elements are camouflaged or low to the ground in order to avoid vandalism. If you follow the main path south and keep an eye out on your right, you can find the E tub after less than ¼ mile. From there, use the site map to help orient yourself.

Hispanic Cultural Center (HCC)

1701 4th St. SW

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Avendia Cesar Chavez exit west. Turn south onto 4th St to enter the Hispanic Cultural Center. Park against the wall furthest to the west, closest to the bosque.

To site: Walk out of the parking lot towards Bridge Street; turn west and go down the sidewalk, crossing the bike path and the ditch. Once you reach the forest path, turn south; site materials are very easily visible from the trail. The site is just south of the bridge on the east side of the river.

Albuquerque Overbank Project (AOP)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Avendia Cesar Chavez exit west. At Isleta, either do a U-turn or otherwise somehow get back onto Cesar Chavez heading east. Very soon turn right onto the levee road. You will need an Open Space key to pass through the gate on the levee road. Drive 1 ½ miles south until you see a bridge over the ditch on your right. After passing that, take a left into the bosque and park.

To site: The site is immediately between you and the river here. You are at about line D.

Harrison (Harr)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Rio Bravo exit west. Cross the Rio Grande and take a left on Isleta Blvd. Turn around on Isleta and go north (do a U turn), and then take a right back onto Rio Bravo, heading east. Just before the river and just after a green sign saying “Rio Grande,” turn right onto the dirt levee road. BEMP staff will need an Open Space key to pass through the gate on the levee road. Continue along the levee road about ¾ of a mile, to the second set of power lines, just across the ditch from Harrison Middle School. You will see a small turn-off area where you can park (be careful not to get stuck in the sand!).

To site: Materials for this site can be a bit tricky to find. Pass under the power lines and walk south down a sandy, wide horse path until you see the south well on your left; then orient by this well. If you walk more than 1/4 mile you have gone too far.

San Jose (SJ)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Rio Bravo Exit and head west. Turn right onto Poco Loco road (it is named Rosemoor on Google Maps) before crossing the river. The road will U-turn left back towards Rio Bravo and then it will parallel Rio Bravo still heading west. Before going up and over the levee, take the sharp left turn that goes underneath Rio Bravo. Use the upper levee gate (open space key) to access the site. It is not recommended to leave any vehicles here near the levee gates. There have been break-ins in the past.

To site: Drive south on the levee road about 1.2 miles. You will pass the wastewater treatment plant outflow into the Rio Grande on your right. There is a large dirt pull-off on your right. The majority of the site is in the large willow swale northwest of the parking area.

Valle de Oro (VDO)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Rio Bravo exit and head west. At 2nd Street, take a left/head south. Continue straight, past where

the road curves left. After Laguanitas Ln., the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge is the next entrance on your right (there are brown Refuge signs).

To site: Once inside the refuge, drive west towards the bosque and follow the signs that say ‘Route to Bosque/Outdoor Classroom.’ Drive over a small concrete irrigation ditch/drain and turn right on the first dirt road past the ditch. The site will be on your left (west side of the road). The site is on your right in the southern portion of a field.

State Land Office (SLO)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Rio Bravo exit and head west. At 2nd Street, take a left/head south. Continue straight, past where the road curves left. Turn right into the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge property. Drive through the refuge following the signs that say ‘Route to Bosque / Outdoor Classroom’ until you arrive at the furthest southwest corner of the property. Park in the grassy field on the north side of the dirt road (across from the horse ranch).

To site: Cross the ditch and walk to the levee road. The site is about ¼ mi south along the levee road. There will be a white sign on your right that says something about the State Land Office and AMAFCA project. Turn into the bosque at the sign and you will be in the site.

Southern Sites

Bosque Farms (BF)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take the Isleta/Broadway exit south to Isleta Pueblo (NM 47). Go through Isleta Pueblo and into the town of Bosque Farms. Turn right at N Bosque Farms Loop. Follow it as it curves south/left. Pass the Bosque Farms Elementary School on your left. At Cottonwood Rd, take a right and drive to the gate by the bosque. Park along the road, but please make sure not to block the gate (or you may get a ticket!).

To site: Cross the ditch and head straight west to the river. Before hitting the river, you will be in the site.

Los Lunas (LL)

Driving/Parking: If collection is around 3:30 PM in fall/spring: traffic is very heavy from I-25 south of ABQ through Los Lunas. In this case, take exit 215 (Broadway/NM 47) south; continue through Isleta, Bosque Farms, and Peralta for 11.5 miles. NM 47 will turn south at an intersection with NM 6; continue straight on the main road/get on NM 6. Go 0.7 miles, cross the river, and turn right immediately after the river onto the dirt levee road.

Otherwise, take the Los Lunas exit (203) east from I-25 and continue through town. Just before crossing the river, turn left onto the dirt levee road. You will need a key to pass through the gate. Continue driving until the levee road bends west (about 3/4 mile); there will be a slight turn-off to the right where you can park a little off to the side.

To site: There is a trail just to the right of the turn off where you will be parking; you’ll see the west well almost immediately as you walk into the forest.

Reynolds Forest and Reynolds Cleared (RF & RC)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take exit 195 (the first Belen exit) east. Continue on this road east and then south into Belen. Turn left at the light at Reinkin Road, (Aragon Rd is the signal just before Reinkin). After crossing the river, turn left at the light (Hwy 47). Just past the gas station and the burger joint, take a left onto a dirt road that leads towards the levee road. You will need a key to access the

levee road. Cross over the ditch and drive north along the levee for 0.4 mi to the second turn-off point on the left. Drive in and park your car at the end of this road.

To sites: You will be in the center of Reynolds Cleared when you park. The **Forest** site is just north of the cleared site through a small patch of woods—there is a visible trail.

Belen, Valencia Forest, Valencia Cleared, & Crawford (BEL, VF, VC, CRAW)

Driving/Parking: From I-25 take exit 195 (the first Belen exit) east. Continue on this road east and then south into Belen. At the light at Reinkin Road, turn left (Aragon Rd is the signal just before Reinkin). Cross over the railroad tracks, and continue along the road. Just after a veterinary clinic on your right, you'll see the Willie Chavez Park. Immediately past the park is the levee road where there is an Open Space gate. If you cross the river, you've gone too far. You will need two keys for the gates in order to access the four sites and park your car on the levee road. There is a fairly obvious turn-around area on the levee from which to access Belen, V Forest and V Cleared after ~1/4 mile. For Crawford, continue another 3/4 mile to an open area for bus parking and a dirt road going towards the river. You can either park here or pull into the road.

To sites: After parking at the first turn-off area, you will find a north-south trail if you walk east towards the forest. **Valencia Cleared** will be to your north, and **Valencia Forest** will be to your south. Site materials are easily visible from the trail. To find **Belen**, walk east from the north end of V Forest or the south end of V Cleared into the bosque, following any trail you find leading inward; you will run into site materials very quickly. If you don't, try another trail into the forest. To access the **Crawford** site, go north from where you parked into the uncleared area. Slightly more than half the site is north of the jetty jacks. The site is about midway between the levee road and the river.

Sevilleta (SEV)

Driving/Parking From I-25, take the San Acacia exit (exit 163) east onto Alamillo Rd. Alamillo will become San Acadia Rd. Continue along this road until it meets the levee road (there is a farm with white horses on your left), and turn left onto the levee road. Follow it to an MRGCD gate (you will need to get the combination to open the lock). Pass through the gate, and follow the levee road where it crosses over the ditch, turns south, crosses the train tracks and then turns back north parallel to the train tracks. Continue driving for less than 1/4 mile; if you reach the gate to the refuge, you have gone just slightly too far. There are two turn-offs where you can both park and enter the site; the southernmost one is the easiest to see. The northern one is slightly overgrown.

To site: If you walk to the edge of the woods from either turn-off area, you should find a flagged trail. **DO NOT GO IN THE WOODS IF YOU DO NOT SEE THE FLAGGED TRAIL!** It is very difficult to navigate without the flags. Make sure you have a site map with you to orient yourself with.

Lemitar (LEM)

Driving/Parking: From I-25, take exit 156 to Lemitar. Turn left under the freeway. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right at the T (CR 48/Slayton Rd). Continue for 0.3 miles (around curve) and turn left after the sign for the Socorro Nature Area. Follow this road past another house (veer left), cross the ditches, and at the end of the road turn right along the ditch. Keep the ditch on your right, with forest to your left. When the road splits, take the sharp left and continue with the drain on your right and forest on your left for about 1.2 miles. The site is on the left of the road; there's a sign

noting a vegetation study and somewhat of a gate to enter into the site.

To site: Walk west into the site.

Bosque de Apache (BDA)

Driving/Parking: It will take about 1.5 hrs to get to this site from, the middle of Abq, so leave plenty of time to get here. Take I-25 south past Socorro and take exit #139 to San Antonio (HWY 380). Drive east through town and turn right onto the levee on the west side of the river 0.7 mi past the famous "Owl Bar and Café." Continue south along dirt levee road (take the lower levee road) for 3.5 mi until you are forced to the upper part of the levee where there is a metal gate. You will need to get the gate code from BEMP staff prior to entry. Drive 3.5 more miles past the gate, look for a square well casing along the left side of the levee, you will part where there is a ramp to the upper levee just past this well. There is a clearing in the saltcedar trees that creates a trail to the site.

To site: Walk west through the corridor of saltcedar for about 1/4 mile and you be in the center of the site beneath a canopy of smaller cottonwoods and mixed understory.

River Realignment (RR): *4-wheel drive vehicle required*

Driving/Parking: It will take about 1.75 hrs to get to this site from, the middle of Abq, so leave plenty of time to get here. Take I-25 south past Socorro and take exit #139 to San Antonio (HWY 380). Drive 1.4 miles past the famous "Owl Bar and Café" and turn right after you cross over the river onto Camino San Pedro. Drive straight then turn left at the stop sign (no street name), and continue straight on the dirt road for 2.9 miles until you encounter a gate (you will need to ask BEMP staff for the gate code). Continue for 4.6 more miles down the dirt road until you come to an obvious right bend in the road where a large wash crosses the road and there is a metal and wooden scaffolding structure on the right side of the road. There is a small parking spot on the right about 20 m past the bend.

To site: Walk east from the car through the opening in the bosque vegetation. There is an obvious corridor that leads you into the site.

Pueblo Sites

DO NOT VISIT ANY PUEBLO SITES WITHOUT A TRIBAL ESCORT OR PERMIT!! These directions provide only a very general overview of our site locations on pueblo land. If you need to go to one of these sites, you will be given more specific directions.

Santo Domingo (SD)

You must have a Tribal escort take you to the site. This must be pre-arranged

Head north on I-25 and take the Santo Domingo exit. Head west (left). The school is on your left after about 1 mile. If you are meeting tribal staff at the utilities department, continue past the school and take a right where you curve around and go under the road you were just driving on and head into the old part of the pueblo. Utility Dept is less than half a mile, on your right, after you pass under the bridge, where lots of large vehicles and equipment are parked.

Santa Ana (SA)

You must have a permit specific to the date you will be at this site. This must be pre-arranged.

Driving/Parking: The site is located near the Hyatt Tamaya Resort at the Santa Ana on the west side of the river, north of the Star Casino. Take 1-25 north from Albuquerque to Exit 242 (2nd Bernalillo exit). Travel approx. 3 miles west on 550 (through Bernalillo). Turn right onto Tamaya Blvd. Pass one turnoff to your right (Juniper Hills Rd), and at the next stop sign, take a right. Follow that road to the resort. Park here and walk unless you have a bus with kids, then drive on the southern end of the parking lot, across the road, through the gate and to the event building (all towards the river/east). If you parked in the parking lot, you have to walk this part.

To site: Take the walking path north. The site starts about where the emergency phone is – site is to your east/left. If you end up walking all the way to where the path curves towards the river, just south of that exercise area is the J line.

Sandia

You must check in & out at the Pueblo Administration building before and after visiting the site.

Driving/Parking: Take I-25 to Exit #234 for Tramway/Roy. Head west (left) on Roy down to the round-about. Stay right and head north on Hwy 313. Between mile markers 3 and 4, turn west (left) opposite of the north leg of Sandia Loop onto a gravel road (there will be a white metal fence on the north side of it). Continue west past a cattle guard, over a ditch, then through the burnt bosque until you reach a large cement bridge over a second ditch. Head south on the levee and take a right on the second dirt road entering the bosque. Drive until you see a gate and barbed wire fence, park here

To site: There is a path parallel to the barbed wire fence. Walk north along the fence line for about 100 m and the site is to your right (east).