

Hours of Operation

The VLA is open every day from 8:30 AM to sunset for free, self-guided tours of the VLA and the VLA Visitor Center.

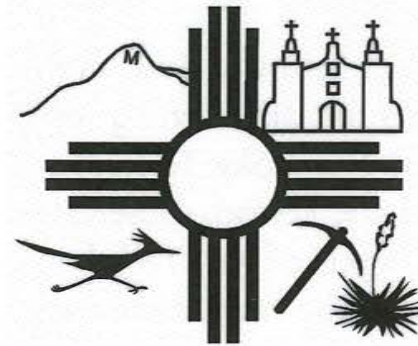
The VLA Gift Shop is open daily 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Gift Shop is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Leashed pets are welcome on walking tours.



Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array is located 50 miles west on Highway 60.

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Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array Guided Tours





The VLA hosts FREE 30 minute guided tours on the first Saturday of each month at 11:00a.m., 1:00p.m., and 3:00p.m. No reservations required, simply show up at the VLA Visitor Center 15 or so minutes before the desired tour time. These FREE tours last 30 minutes and take the Visitor to areas behind the scenes at the VLA. In addition, family friendly, hands-on activities are offered from 11:00a.m. through 3:00p.m. VLA Staff and Volunteers lead these activities and are on hand to answer questions.

Guided Night Sky Stargazing



Guided Night Sky Stargazing Etscorn Observatory on New Mexico Tech Campus

The First Saturday Tour event culminates in an evening of FREE Guided Night Sky Telescope Viewing at the Etscorn Observatory on the Campus of NM Tech located in Socorro. The night time event begins at dark and lasts two hours, despite weather conditions, no reservations required.



Extended Guided Tours

April and October First Saturday Tours are "expanded tours" to accommodate crowds coming from the Trinity Site tours. The VLA calls these special First Saturday Tours, Open House Events. We host free guided tours beginning at 11:00a.m. with the last tour beginning at 4:00p.m. These free tours are hosted by NRAO Staff, last about an hour, and take the Visitor through VLA Operations. NRAO Staff are on hand around the VLA Site to answer questions and interact with the public, plus we offer hands-on, family friendly astronomy activities too! Night Sky observing is offered at Etscorn Observatory as described above.

Information on this brochure can be found on :
www.nrao.edu/index.php/learn/vlavc