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We left Los Alamos and their creepy Tech Areas behind. Our plan was to find a nice hike at Bandelier National Monument before heading to Jemez for the night.



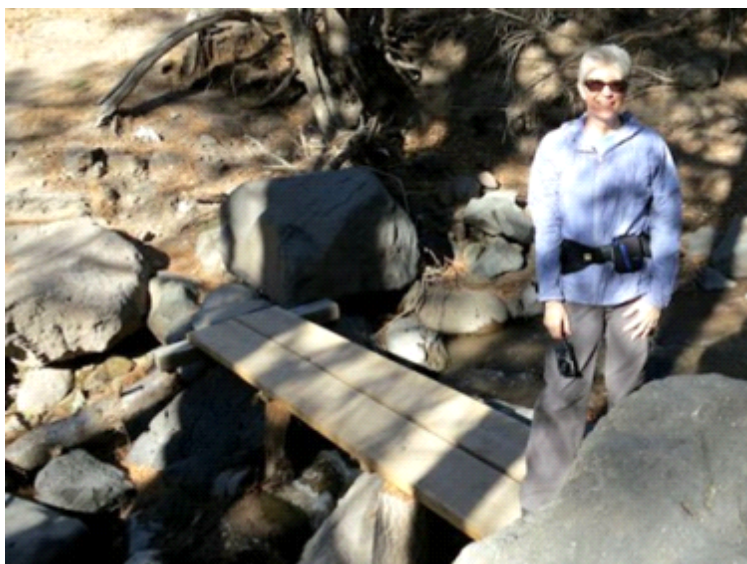
We pulled into Bandelier about 8:30 and walked over to the Visitors Center. Closed. Opens at 9:00. OK, we'll just do the Falls Trail down to the Rio Grande, which we can see on our map. That looks like a good way to spend the morning. Who needs to talk to the rangers anyway.



The Falls Trail follows Frijoles Creek. The creek rushed and gurgled and played a perfect accompaniment to the sun and breeze.



We crossed the water twice and were lucky not to fall in to the water. 6 feet wide and 4 inches deep, it almost qualifies as a river – in New Mexico.



Reached the Falls. Been there before. And we could see the Rio Grande!



But what the *#()\$(#@!!



As we learned later, um, from a ranger, the trail had washed out and had been closed since 2011. Oh, and we saw it on a sign at the trailhead... when we came back.



The squirrel laughed.

Found our cabin. It has a microwave. We ate kosher hot dawgs and green peas and blue bunny ice cream bars.

Tomorrow we will find a hike that won't leave us humiliated by park staff and wildlife.

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