



Explore Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road

VISITOR ALERT

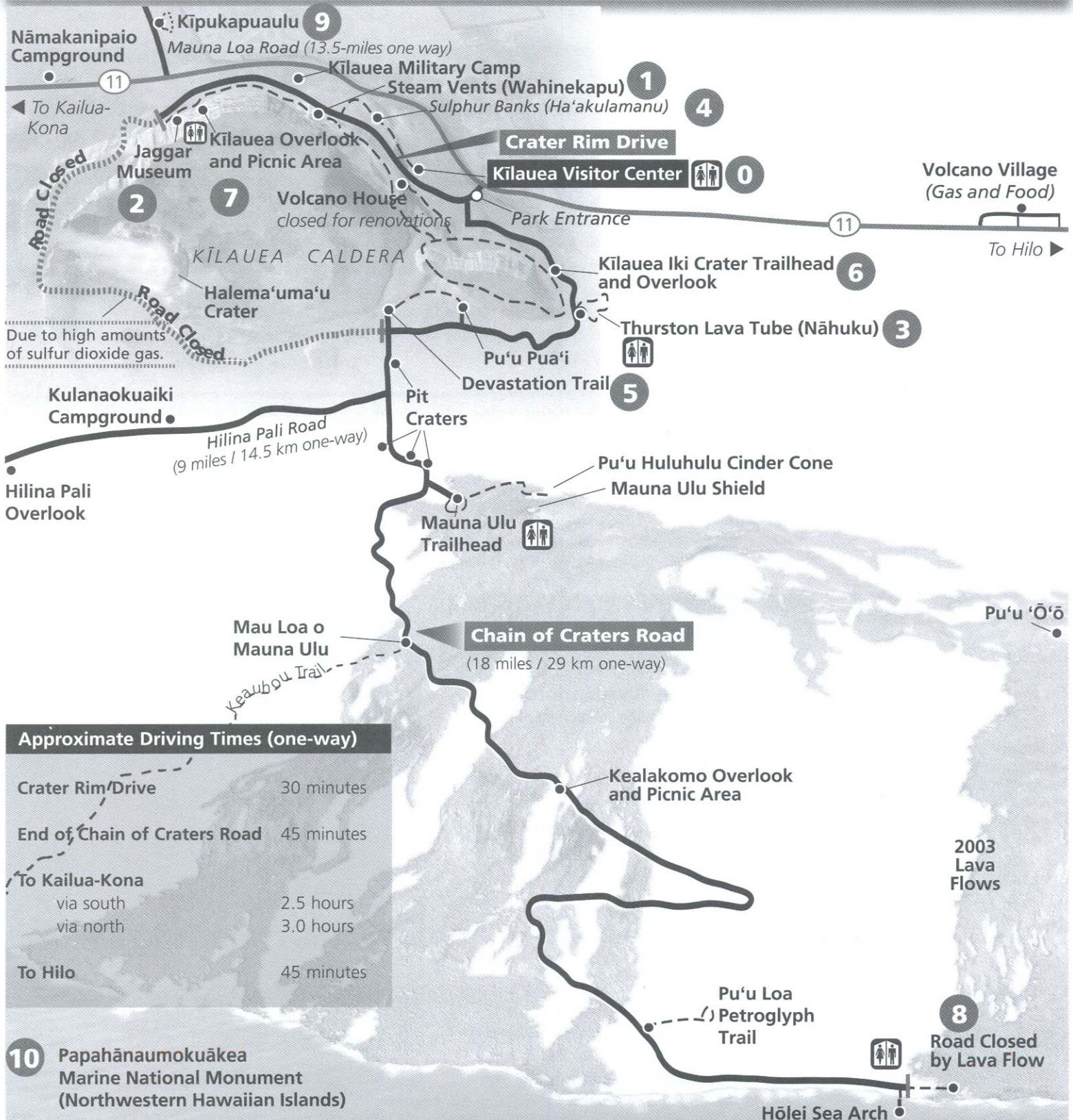
High amounts of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas are present in the park.

- Personal Safety**
- Volcanic gas conditions (visually similar to smog) may exist along portions of the Crater Rim Drive and the Chain of Craters Road.
 - If the air smells bad (like a struck match), or if you are having difficulty breathing, close your windows or, if outside, return to your vehicle and leave the area.
 - Please be flexible in your travel plans. Some areas may be closed for your safety.

Points of Interest

0 Automated Cell Phone Tour
Dial **1-808-217-9285** to learn more about the numbered stops listed below.

For emergencies call
808-985-6170 or 911



Approximate Driving Times (one-way)

Crater Rim/Drive	30 minutes
End of Chain of Craters Road	45 minutes
To Kailua-Kona	
via south	2.5 hours
via north	3.0 hours
To Hilo	45 minutes

Crater Rim Drive

This road takes you along a portion of the summit caldera—through desert and rain forest—and provides access to scenic stops and short walks. Allow one to three hours, depending on how often you stop.

Visitor Centers

In addition to these two visitor centers, an unstaffed ranger station is located at the end of the Chain of Craters Road.

Kilauea Visitor Center

Open daily from 7:45 am to 5:00 pm
Accessible restrooms, water, and phone are available.

Thomas A. Jaggar Museum

Open daily from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (may be open later hours during increased volcanic activity)
Accessible restrooms, water, and phone are available.

Short Walks

For more hiking opportunities, ask for a "Day Hikes" brochure at the Kilauea Visitor Center.

Sulphur Banks (Ha'akulamānu)

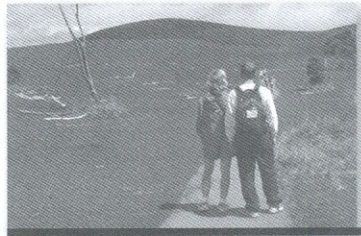
See where volcanic gases seep from the ground, depositing sulphur crystals and other minerals on rocks along this paved trail and boardwalk. Walk from Kilauea Visitor Center (.3 mile / .6 km one-way) or take the wheelchair accessible trail from Steam Vents parking area (.4 mile / .8 km one-way).

Thurston Lava Tube (Nāhuku)

Walk through lush rain forest to explore a 500-year old lava tube (.4 mile / .6 km loop trail). Restrooms and water are available.

Devastation Trail

Stroll on a paved path where an 'ōhi'a forest was stripped by Kilauea Iki's 1959 eruption. See plants returning to this stark landscape (.5 mile / .8 km one-way).



Hike

Pick up an **interpretive trail guide** at the Kilauea Visitor Center or at the overlook and discover this amazing volcanic landscape.

Kilauea Iki

Descend 400-foot (122 m) through native rain forest into a crater and hike across a frozen lava lake still steaming from the 1959 eruption.

Park at Kilauea Iki Overlook to begin with a spectacular view (4 miles / 6.4 km loop trail).

Chain of Craters Road

This 36-mile (29 km) round-trip drive descends 3,700 feet (1,128 m) to the coast and ends where lava covered 10-miles of road since 1983. Allow at least three hours round-trip, depending on how often you stop and how far you hike.

There are no services (water, gasoline, or food) on this road. Accessible toilets are located at Mauna Ulu parking lot and the end of the road. There is an emergency 911 phone at Pu'uolo Petroglyphs trailhead.

Hikes

Pick up the **Mauna Ulu Eruption interpretive trail guide** at the Kilauea Visitor Center or at the Mauna Ulu parking lot.

Pu'u Huluhulu Cinder Cone

Hike over 1973–1974 lava flows to a viewing area atop a 210-foot (64 m) cinder cone. Weather permitting, see Kilauea's East Rift, Pu'u 'Ō'ō, and Mauna Ulu. Trail begins at Mauna Ulu parking lot (2.5 miles / 4 km round-trip hike).

Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs

A traditional Hawaiian trail leads to images artfully etched in stone. Petroglyphs are fragile so watch your step. Trail begins at Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs pullout (1.4 miles / 2.4 km round-trip).

What Will I See at the End of Chain of Craters Road?

Accessibility: A portion of the end of the road is wheelchair accessible with accessible toilets at the vehicle turnaround.

During the day, you might see fumes on the hillside or steam clouds at the ocean. Sometimes after dark, flowing lava and red glow may be visible in the distance from the road.

Hōlei Sea Arch

Enjoy spectacular ocean views and a 90 foot tall sea arch from a viewing area across the road

from the coastal ranger station, formed by wave erosion, which eventually causes collapse.

Young 2003 Lava Flows

After visiting the coastal contact station, continue your walk to the end of the Chain of Craters road. Step on some of the youngest land on Earth. Here new land was born and history rewritten.

Where Can I See Lava?

For updated lava viewing conditions in the **Park**, call the Eruption Update Hotline at 808-985-6000

For updated lava viewing conditions at the **Hawai'i County Kalapana Lava Viewing Site**, call 808-961-8093.

Currently, lava is not visible in the Park or from the Hawai'i County Kalapana Lava Viewing site.

Lava Viewing Conditions are Variable

Your chances to actually see lava depends on nature.

Viewing Options:

1) In the Park: A glowing fume cloud might be visible from the Jaggar Museum overlook in the evening. The overlook is always open.

2) Outside of the Park: At the end of Highway 130, no lava has been visible.

Viewing hours are from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The last car allowed into the area is at 8:00 pm.

Be prepared, the closest stores for supplies are in Pāhoā, over 10 miles (16.1 km) away. **Bring water, wear close-toed shoes and bring one flashlight per person** for walking after sunset.

Directions: Take Hwy 11 towards Hilo to Hwy 130. Follow Hwy 130 until you reach the end of the road and the lava viewing parking area.

