



Scattering Ashes At Haleakala National Park

The scattering of cremated human remains in Haleakala National Park is a deeply personal event and should be planned as a small private affair, held away from high visitor use areas.

A Special Use Permit is required to scatter ashes within Haleakala National Park. Follow the guidelines outlined here to ensure that your permit is in place in time for this special occasion.

Timeline:

For a simple ceremony with no chairs or set-up needed, the application, a copy of the death certificate, and the \$25 non-refundable application fee must be received no less than two weeks prior to the requested date. For ceremonies requiring set-up (including chairs, etc.), a minimum of four weeks is necessary in order for your application to receive environmental and cultural compliance review. Until a Special Use Permit is approved and issued, the requested date and location cannot be guaranteed.

Once an application is approved, a permit will be written and the permittee will have to review and sign it confirming their intent to adhere to all permit conditions. Once the permittee has signed the permit, the Park Superintendent will authorize the permit with his/her signature.

Application:

The submission of a Special Use Permit application starts the process. The application form may be requested from our office or can be found online at:
<http://www.nps.gov/hale/planyourvisit/permits.htm>.

Please fill out the application completely; incomplete applications will not be considered. Provide as much detail as you can regarding your activity.

Along with your application, you must submit a copy of the death certificate along with the non-refundable \$25 application fee. We will accept a check or money order made payable to the National Park Service or you can make a notation on the application stating that you will contact our office with your credit card information. Applications will not be reviewed until payment is received.

Applications can be sent via the postal service, UPS, email, or fax:

POSTAL SERVICE:

Haleakala National Park
Business and Revenue Office
Post Office Box 369
Makawao, HI 96768-0369

UPS :

Haleakala National Park
Business and Revenue Office
Mile Marker 11, Crater Road
Kula, HI 96790

Email: HALE_Commercial_Manager@nps.gov

Fax: 808-572-4438

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Please note that only UPS delivers to the park; we cannot receive packages via FedEx, Airborne Express or DHL.

Fees and Charges:

Application Fee: A \$25 non-refundable application fee is required. This covers the time spent on initial communications and writing of permit conditions.

Administrative Charges: Permits that require more than two hours of administrative time for review, site visits, meetings, or permit processing will be charged at the rate of \$50 per hour. This is rare for ash scattering permits.

Monitoring Charges: Permits will be monitored when there is concern of impact to other visitors, cultural sites, or endangered species habitat. This charge is based on actual time spent (including travel time) and is charged at the rate of \$50 per hour (in quarter hour increments). This, too, is rare for ash scattering permits. If monitoring is necessary, the permittee will be charged up front for this. Any credit due the permittee for time charged but not worked will be refunded after the permitted activity is completed.

Locations:

No ash scattering permits will be approved for any group larger than 25 persons. Permits will not be approved for sites within the Wilderness Area (including wilderness cabins and campgrounds) or for the Ka apahu or Alelele areas near Kipahulu.

Keep in mind that these are public areas and the park will not exclude or allow you to exclude other park visitors from the site during your ceremony.

Summit Area Sites:

Pu'u'ula'ula (Red Hill)

Pa'Ka'oao (White Hill)

Kalahaku Overlook

Lelewi Overlook

Kipahulu Area Sites:

Kuloa Loop Trail

Coastal Trail from Kuloa Point to Kipahulu Campground

Terms and conditions that will be part of your permit:

- Scattering is not permitted in areas other than those listed above.
- Scattering must take place in such a manner and in such a location that the ashes will not be located and identified as human remains.
- Off-trail access is not permitted due to endangered bird, insect, and plant species habitats.
- Permittee may bring plants, flowers or lei for use during the ceremony but such materials must be removed from the park at the conclusion of the permitted activity due to the potential for non-native and invasive species to be left behind.

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- No memorials, plaques, or photos will be left in the park.
- The permittee recognizes and is aware of the sensitivity of this activity and agrees to perform it in a discreet and private manner.
- Vehicles entering the park for this activity are subject to the entrance fee (\$10 per private, non-commercial vehicle). Commercial vehicles are subject to standard commercial entrance fees.

For additional information, you can contact the Business and Revenue Program Specialist at 808-572-4440 or at HALE_commercial_manager@nps.gov.