



## Explore Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road

### VISITOR ALERT

**High amounts of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas may be present in the park.**



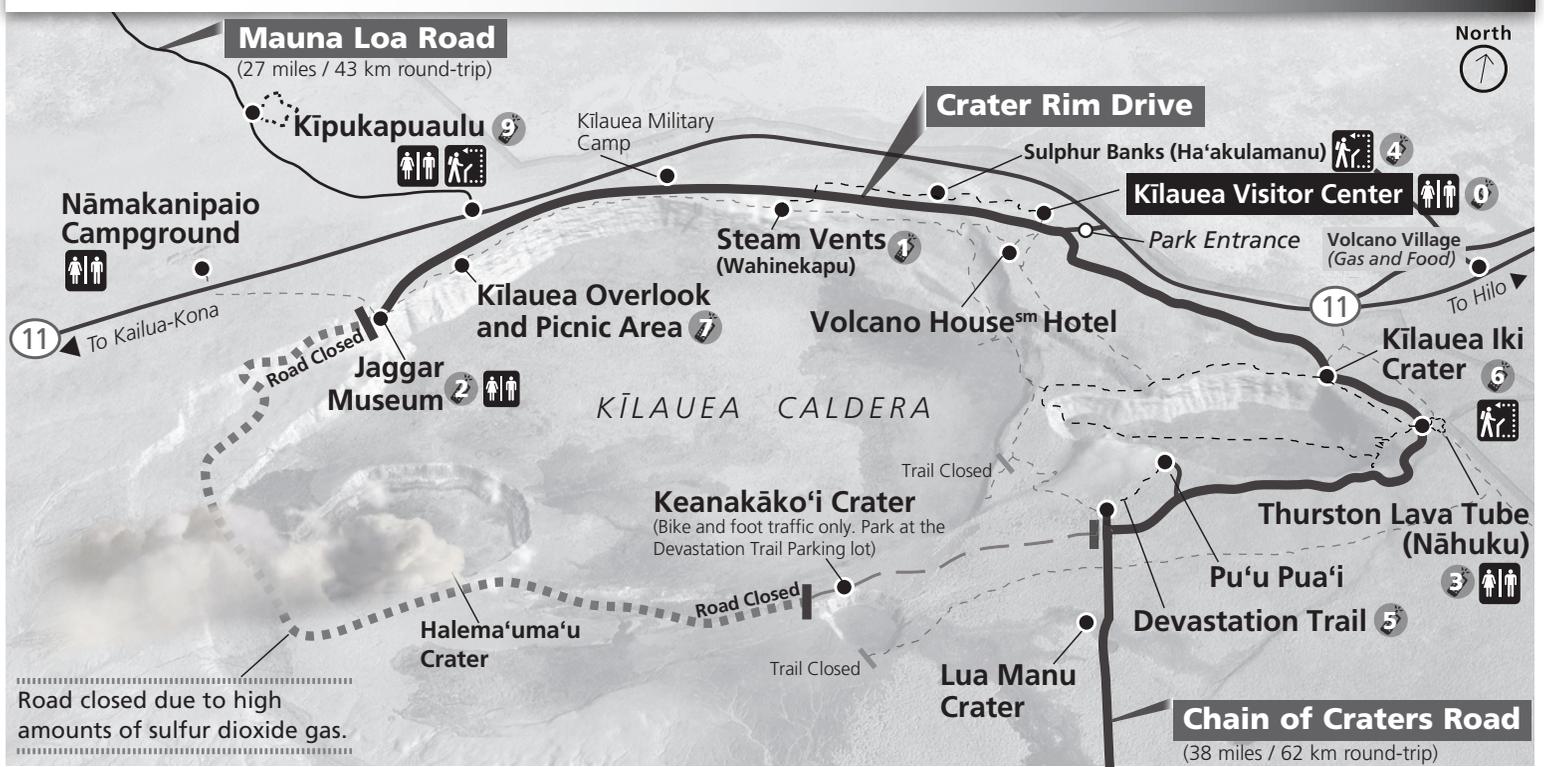
- Personal Safety**
- VOG (volcanic gases visually similar to smog) may exist along portions of Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road.
  - If the air smells bad (like a struck match), or if you have difficulty breathing, close your windows, or if outside, return to your vehicle and leave the area.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

### Crater Rim Drive: Points of Interest

For emergencies call **808-985-6170** or **911**

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 with stops.

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



#### Visitor Centers

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

#### Kilauea Visitor Center

Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(Hours may vary. Check [www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/hours.htm](http://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/hours.htm))

Accessible restrooms, water and phone available.

#### Thomas A. Jaggar Museum

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
(Hours may vary. Check [www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/hours.htm](http://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/hours.htm))

Accessible restrooms, water and phone available.

#### Short Walks

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

#### Sulphur Banks (Ha'akulamānu)

See where volcanic gases deposited colorful sulfur crystals and other minerals that paint the land along this paved trail and boardwalk.

Walk from Kilauea Visitor Center (0.3 mile / 0.6 km one-way) or take the wheelchair-accessible trail from Steam Vents parking area. (0.4 mile / 0.8 km one-way)

#### Thurston Lava Tube (Nāhuku)

Walk through lush rain forest to explore a 500-year-old lava tube. Accessible restrooms available. (0.4 mile / 0.6 km loop trail)

#### Devastation Trail

Stroll on a paved path through a starkly beautiful landscape that was buried by cinders from the 1959 Kilauea Iki lava fountain eruption. Witness life returning to this once-devastated area. (0.5 mile / 0.8 km one-way)



Devastation Trail

#### Hike

Pick up a Kilauea Iki interpretive trail guide at Kilauea Visitor Center or at Kilauea Iki Overlook.

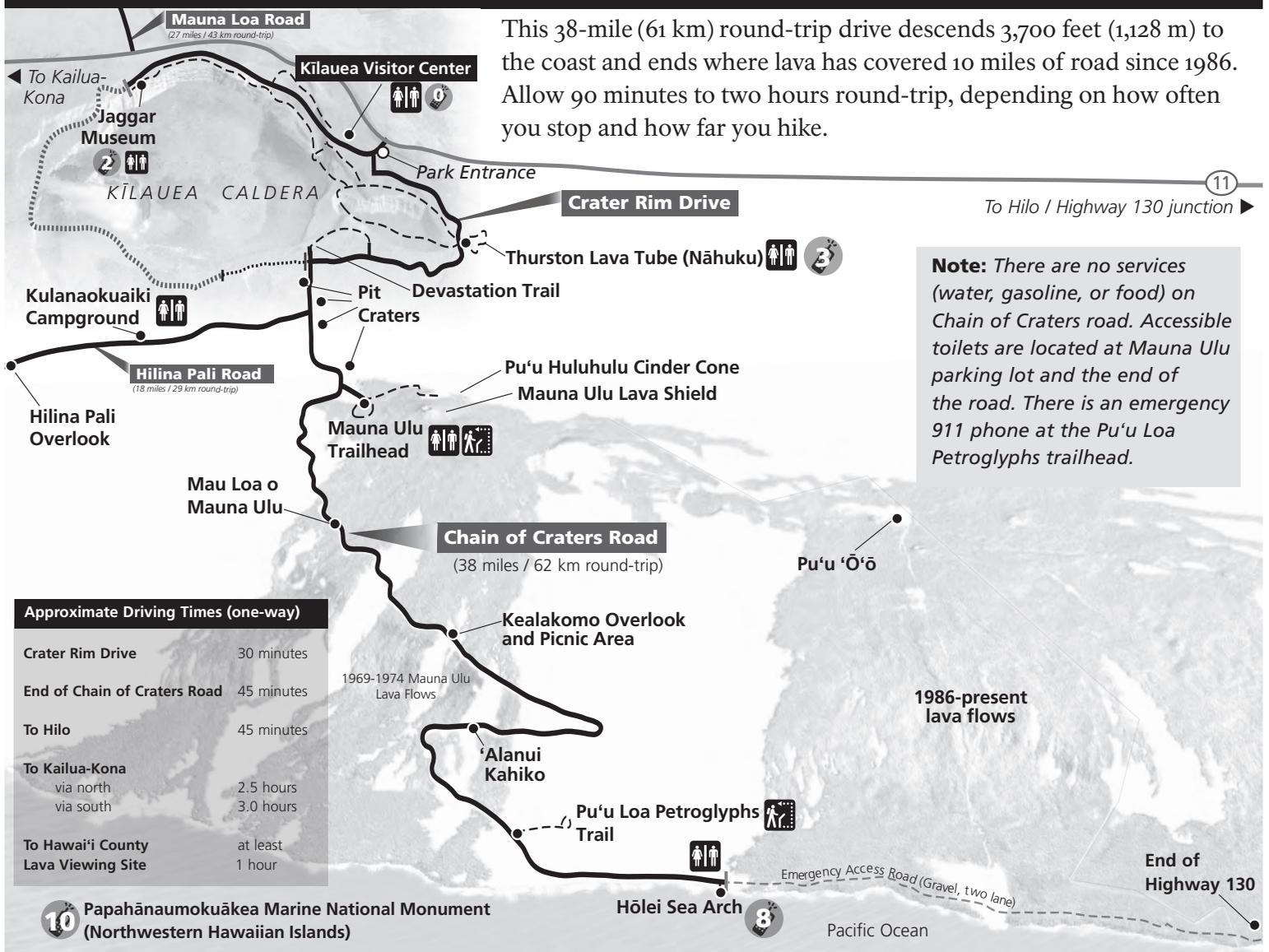
#### Kilauea Iki

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

Park at Kilauea Iki Overlook to begin your 2-3 hour hike with spectacular views. (4 miles / 6.4 km loop trail)

# Chain of Craters Road: Points of Interest

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## Hikes

Pick up the **Mauna Ulu Eruption interpretive trail guide** at 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 the East Rift Zone, 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 stay on the boardwalk. **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 will see a variety of landscapes and depending on what's going on with the East Rift Zone eruption you may see everything from fumes on the hillside to steam clouds at the ocean to a seemingly quiet volcanic flow field. Sometimes after dark, a red glow may be visible in the distance or above the hillside.

### Hōlei Sea Arch

Enjoy spectacular ocean views of a 60-foot (18 m) tall sea arch from a viewing area across the road from the coastal ranger station. A sea arch is formed by wave erosion, which eventually causes collapse.

After visiting the coastal ranger station, continue your walk to the Hōlei Sea Arch reading the signs along the way.

**For your safety, stay behind the rock wall and away from the cliff's edge. Do not climb out onto the sea arch.**

## Where Can I See Lava?

Although Kilauea volcano is active in two locations, lava viewing in and out of the park is variable and unpredictable.

For updated lava viewing conditions in and outside of the Park, **consult rangers, check the following website [www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/lava2.htm](http://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/lava2.htm).** Another option is to **call the Eruption Update Hotline at 808-985-6000.**



### Viewing Options:

#### 1 In the Park:

**1) Glow from Jaggar Museum:** During the day a robust plume of volcanic gas is a constant and dramatic reminder of the molten rock churning in the summit lava lake.

At dawn or at dusk into evening a glowing fume cloud from that lava lake is very often visible from the Jaggar Museum overlook.

This active vent is within the Halema'uma'u Crater in the caldera of Kilauea. Visit the Museum overlook which is open 24 hours a day.

Views from other locations vary considerably. **Consult rangers** for more information on these moderate and challenging lava viewing conditions.

#### 2 Outside of the Park:

For updated lava conditions outside the Park, visit <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/active-alerts/> or **consult rangers.**