



## ***Know Before You Go to the Summit***

The Summit District is home to several species that are endemic (found nowhere else on earth). The summit is sacred to Native Hawaiians and is still used for cultural practices. The following information will help you have a safe and enjoyable visit.

- ▶ Dress warmly. Be prepared for all kinds of weather. Temperatures at the Summit are at least 20 degrees colder than at sea level and often drop below freezing.
- ▶ Fill up your gas tank and bring food. Neither are available in the park.
- ▶ Bring water, sunscreen, and wear sturdy shoes.
- ▶ Paying the entrance fee with a credit card will reduce waiting times at the entrance station.
- ▶ Always respect speed limits. The park road goes through endangered species habitat.
- ▶ Please leave natural resources and cultural artifacts, rocks, and structures alone.
- ▶ Please be quiet and respectful. The Summit is sacred to Native Hawaiians.
- ▶ The Summit is remote. Emergency medical assistance is at least 1 hour away.

### **Driving Times to the Summit**

**Kahului: 2.5 hours**

**Wailea: 3 hours**

**Lahaina: 3.5 hours**

The times take into account heavy traffic and steep, winding roads. Your last 30 minutes of driving will take place inside the park, after passing the Entrance Station at 7000 feet (2133 meters) of elevation. The Summit's elevation is 10,023 feet (3055 meters).

For fees, directions, and hiking information:

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## ***Know Before You Go to Kīpahulu***

The Kīpahulu District protects an intact ahupua`a, a traditional Native Hawaiian land division that protects all resources from sea to summit. The streams are home to endemic gobies and other fish species that evolved from ancient salt water ancestors. The following information will help you have a safe and enjoyable visit.

- ▶ Dress for hot, humid, rainy weather.
- ▶ Fill up your gas tank and bring food. Neither are available in the park.
- ▶ Bring water, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, and wear sturdy shoes.
- ▶ Paying the entrance fee with a credit card will reduce waiting times at the entrance station.
- ▶ Kīpahulu is remote. Emergency medical assistance is at least 1 hour away.
- ▶ Please leave natural resources and cultural artifacts, rocks, and structures alone.
- ▶ Flash floods and sudden rock falls can occur at any time. Swimming and wading in the streams of Kīpahulu is not recommended. Always stay out of closed areas.

### **Driving Time**

The Kīpahulu District is a 4 hour drive from Kahului along the Hāna Highway. There are no roads through the park that connect the Summit and Kīpahulu Districts.

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