

Hawai'i Volcanoes

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Hawai'i



Park Unit Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park was established on August 1, 1916, the 15th National Park in a system that now numbers 398 areas. The park is located in the state of Hawai'i, on the southeastern part of the Island of Hawai'i, in the districts of Ka'u and Puna. The Superintendent is Cindy Orlando. The park website is www.nps.gov/havo

Purpose The mission of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is to protect, conserve, and study the volcanic landscapes and associated natural and cultural resources and processes, and to facilitate safe public access to active volcanism, diverse geographic settings, and wilderness for public education and enjoyment.

Resources In recognition of its outstanding values, Hawai'i Volcanoes has been designated an International Biosphere Reserve (1980) and a World Heritage Site (1987).

Geological Hawai'i Volcanoes extends from sea level to 13,677' (4,169 meters) and encompasses the summits and rift zones of two of the world's most active volcanoes, Kīlauea and Mauna Loa. Kīlauea has been in nearly continuous eruption since 1983; Mauna Loa last erupted in 1984. Volcanic features found within the park include calderas, pit craters, cinder cones, spatter ramparts, fumaroles, solfataras, pāhoehoe and 'a'ā lava flows, tree molds, lava tubes, black sand beaches, and thermal areas.

Biological The park's seven ecological zones (seacoast, lowland, mid-elevation woodland, rain forest, upland forest, subalpine, and alpine) harbor distinct plant and animal communities. The park is home to many engaging creatures (happyface spiders, carnivorous caterpillars, picture wing flies, honeycreepers, and more) and a refuge for many endangered species: honu 'ea (hawksbill turtle), nēnē (Hawaiian goose), 'ua'u (Hawaiian petrel), 'io (Hawaiian hawk) and ope'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat).

Cultural The park perpetuates the island's native Hawaiian culture and protects numerous and significant archeological sites—tangible reminders of an indigenous people forever linked to this land.

Statistics

Size 333,086 acres (134,795 hectare); 66 mi (106 km) of paved roads; 155 mi (249 km) of marked trails; 123,100 acres legislated wilderness and 7,850 acres potential wilderness

Staffing 139 employees (full-time equivalents)

Annual Visitation 1,483,930 (recreational) and 1,862,135 (non-recreational) visits in 2012

Budget \$7,407,600 appropriation in 2012

Other Agencies & Organizations

U.S. Geological Survey, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory
U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Kīlauea Field Station
U.S. Forest Service, Biological Quarantine Facility
Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association
Kīlauea Military Camp, a Joint Services Recreation Center
Stanford University – Hawai'i Ecosystems Project
Volcano Art Center
Hawai'i Volcanoes Lodge Company, LLC

Congressional Delegation 2nd District: Senator Brian E. Schatz (D), Senator Mazie K. Hirono (D)
Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D)