HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK



To Enjoy Hawaii Volcanoes National Park... SAFETY FIRST PLEASE !!

In this unusual land of active volcanoes, understanding and heeding the following important safety precautions can help you avoid potential vacation 'spoilers'

HIKING: STAY ON MARKED TRAILS. Earth cracks, hundreds of feet deep, may be anywhere. A fall can be deadly. Thin, shelly, uneven, unstable surfaces may be hollow beneath and make walking difficult.

Keep your children under control. Many trails are on the edges of steep cliffs.

Protect yourself from severe sunburn and dehydration caused by the sun's intensive rays. Wear a hat, use sunscreen lotion, and carry plenty of water.

VOLCANIC FUMES: Heed warning signs for noxious fumes which can compound heart and respiratory ailments.

VOLCANIC COASTLINE: Expect strong winds, high waves, and dangerous, unpredictable surf conditions while visiting the coast. See cliffs and coastal lava flows, though superbly scenic, are treacherous. WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

ALL OF THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE **REAL** HAZARDS! FAILURE TO HEED THESE IMPORTANT PRECAU-TIONS CAN RESULT IN SEVERE INJURY, SERIOUS ILLNESS OR DEATH.

DRIVING TIPS: Always drive defensively, courteously and carefully. Watch for bicyclists, pedestrians, and slow moving equipment. Park roads are scenic drives, not freeways. Weather can change dramatically ... sunshine turns to mist and fog. Slow down and enjoy this dynamic parkscape.

VOLCANICBRUPTIONS:
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eruptions,
special attention and precautions must be taken
for your safety. Areas around eruptive vents
are closed during eruptions. Highway congestion
and traffic jams are common. BE CONSIDERATE AND
ALERT. Airborn debris from eruptions [Pele's
hair, pumice and cinder] can cause limited
visibility, eye irritation or bodily injury.
THOUGHLESS AND IMPATIENT DISREGARD FOR THESE
PRECAUTIONS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH
TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS!

NEED MORE INFORMATION AND HELP?

Check with our information desk staff at either Kilauea or Waha'ula Visitor Center for additional information about the park, its features and timely safety messages and changes in park conditions. For in-depth information, books and audiovisual materials are available at sales centers operated by the Hawaii Natural History Association at each of the Visitor Centers.





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