



Trip Planner

2015 Edition

Discover a dynamic and ever-changing landscape

HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK encompasses 333,086 acres of dynamic, ever changing environments including the summits and rift zones of two of the world's most active volcanoes, Mauna Loa and Kīlauea, and seven ecological zones (seacoast, lowland, mid-elevation woodland, rain forest, upland forest, subalpine, and alpine). Immerse yourself in a multitude of landscapes that serve as a refuge for a wide variety of engaging and endangered creatures like the nēnē (Hawaiian Goose), opē'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat), happyface spiders, carnivorous caterpillars, honeycreepers, and so much more.

What To Do With Your Day

First, stop at Kīlauea Visitor Center for current information on eruptive activity, trails, roads, interpretive programs, and weather. Be sure to watch the park orientation film.

If You Have 1 to 3 Hours

Explore the summit of Kīlauea volcano via Crater Rim Drive. This road passes through lush tropical rain forest, views of the currently active summit caldera, and provides access to well-marked scenic stops and short walks. Visit the Jaggar Museum for exhibits on the geology of Hawaiian volcanoes. *(Note: the south section of Crater Rim Drive is currently closed due to high levels of volcanic gases and particulates. See map on page 7.)*

If You Have 4 to 5 Hours

In addition to Crater Rim Drive, explore the East Rift Zone and coastal area of the park via Chain of Craters Road. This road descends 3,700 feet (1,128 m) in 18 miles (29 km) and ends at the Hōlei Sea Arch. Lava flows are always changing. Check at Kīlauea Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/havo for the most current information. No food, water, or fuel are available along Chain of Craters Road.

If You Want to Get Out of the Car and Hike

The true character of the park is best discovered on foot. With more than 150 miles of trails in the park, walking and hiking offer a fascinating and enjoyable experience. **For walking and hiking options, see page 6.**

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Kīlauea and Mauna Loa



Halema'uma'u - Glow at Dawn

Contact Information

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

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www.nps.gov/havo
808-985-6000



General Information

Weather and Climate

The weather at the summit of Kilauea (4000 ft / 1,219 m elevation) varies daily and may be rainy and chilly any time of the year. At the summit, temperatures may be 12 to 15 degrees cooler than at sea level. The coastal plain at the end of Chain of Craters Road, where lava crossed the road in 2003, is often hot, dry, and windy with the possibility of passing rain showers.

Average Temperatures and Precipitation

Kilauea Visitor Center (4,000 ft / 1,219 m)

| | High °F °C | Low °F °C | Precip. inches cm |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Jan | 65 18 | 49 9 | 11 28 |
| Feb | 71 22 | 45 7 | 8 20 |
| Mar | 69 21 | 49 9 | 8 20 |
| April | 66 19 | 49 9 | 12 31 |
| May | 69 21 | 52 11 | 6 15 |
| June | 70 21 | 53 12 | 5 13 |
| July | 71 22 | 56 13 | 6 15 |
| Aug | 73 23 | 56 13 | 7 18 |
| Sept | 68 20 | 53 12 | 7 18 |
| Oct | 72 22 | 56 13 | 14 37 |
| Nov | 69 21 | 56 13 | 12 31 |
| Dec | 73 23 | 46 8 | 11 28 |

Entrance Fees

Entrance to the park is \$15 per vehicle; \$8 per pedestrian or bicyclist, \$10 per motorcycle and is good for seven days. A \$25 Hawai'i TriPark Pass provides access for one year at Hawai'i Volcanoes, Haleakalā (located on Maui), and Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau. The \$80 interagency pass provides entrance into all National Park Service areas. U.S. citizens 62 or older can obtain a lifetime Senior Pass for \$10 allowing free entrance to the parks. A free lifetime pass is available for U.S. citizens or residents who have a permanent disability, regardless of age. A free U.S. Military annual pass is available. Fees support projects in the park.

Park Hours

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is open 24 hours per day, year-round, including holidays. However, some areas of the park may be temporarily closed due to volcanic activity or poor air quality. Visitors may enter and exit the park at any time.

The Kahuku Unit is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 3pm. Please check the park website or call 808-985-6000 for current information.

Where Can I See Lava?

Lava sometimes flows near the southeastern boundary of the park and may be visible at the end of Chain of Craters Road, or to the Kalapana Lava Viewing Site, managed by the County of Hawai'i, at the end of Highway 130.

Lava viewing conditions are extremely variable. Oftentimes you may only see a glow from the activity in the Halema'uma'u Crater vent in the distance. This activity may be visible from the Jaggar Museum.

For updated lava viewing conditions, visit <http://hvo.wr.usg.gov>, call the park at 808-985-6011 or the Hawai'i County Kalapana Lava Viewing Hotline at 808-961-8093.

How to See the Park

BY VEHICLE

There are three primary roads that provide spectacular views of the park: Crater Rim Drive, Chain of Craters Road, and Mauna Loa Road. These roads are paved. Hilina Pali Road and the upper portions of Mauna Loa Road are narrow. Obey speed limits on all roads and watch for pedestrians, cyclists, and the endangered nēnē (Hawaiian goose).

Road Closure

Crater Rim Drive between Jaggar Museum and the Chain of Craters Road junction is **currently closed** due to dangerous volcanic gases from Halema'uma'u Crater.

BY BICYCLE

Bicycles are allowed on all roads open to automobile traffic and on some trails. A Bike Guide is available at the Kilauea Visitor Center or online at www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/brochures.htm. In Hawai'i, bicycles are subject to the same rules as automobiles. Bicycles are not available for rent in the park.

ON FOOT

Perhaps the best way to experience the park is on foot. Numerous trails wind through rain forests, desert, and lava flows. **See page 6 for hiking options.**



General Information

Getting to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

The park is located on Hawai'i Island. From Hilo: 30 miles southwest on Highway 11 (45 minute drive); from Kailua-Kona: 96 miles southeast on Highway 11 (2 to 2-1/2 hour drive), or 125 miles through Waimea and Hilo via Highways 19 and 11 (2- 1/2 to 3 hours).

BY AIRLINE

Hilo and Kona International Airports are served by several mainland and inter-

island carriers. In addition, international carriers provide service to Kona International Airport at Keahole. *Note: Kona International Airport is 100+ miles / 2- 1/2 to 3 hour drive from the park.*

Access the airport websites for more information:

<http://hawaii.gov/ito>

<http://hawaii.gov/koa>

BY RENTAL CAR

Rental cars may be reserved at both Hilo and Kona International Airports. Due to the limited nature of vehicles, reservations should be made in advance.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Public transportation is limited on island. At various locations the public bus (Hele On Bus, 808-961-8744), commercial tour buses, taxis, motorcycles, and bicycles are available. *No rental vehicles or bicycles may be obtained in the park.*



VISITOR ALERT

High amounts of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas may be present in areas of the park. These gases are a danger to everyone, particularly persons with heart or respiratory problems and infants, young children, and pregnant women.

Volcanic gas looks like smog. Keep windows closed when it is visible.

If air irritates you, smells bad, or you have difficulty breathing, leave the area.

Portions of the park may be closed during times of high sulfur dioxide levels.

Kilauea Visitor Center and Jaggar Museum offer updates on air quality in a clean-air building during open hours.

Visit www.hawaiiSO2network.com for air quality updates.

Ranger Programs

Rangers and volunteers present a wide variety of interpretive programs throughout the year. All programs are free and open to the public. **See page 6 for program options.**



View from Volcano House



Kulanao'kuai'ki Campground

Accessibility

FACILITIES

The Kilauea Visitor Center, Jaggar Museum, Volcano House, and Volcano Art Center are wheelchair accessible.

VIEW POINTS

Pullouts and overlooks along Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road afford panoramic views of the park.

PATHWAYS

Accessible pathways include Waldron Ledge (Earthquake Trail), Sulfur Banks from Steam Vents parking area, Pauahi Crater, Muliwai a Pele, and Kealakomo Overlook.

CAMPGROUNDS

Nāmakanipaio Campground has restrooms with water and moderately accessible campsites.

Kulanao'kuai'ki Campground has an accessible toilet, but no water.

RESTROOMS

Kilauea Visitor Center, Kilauea Overlook, Jaggar Museum, Thurston Lava Tube, Nāmakanipaio Campground, Kīpukapuauolu picnic area, Mauna Ulu, Kulanao'kuai'ki Campground, and the turnaround at the end of Chain of Craters Road all have restrooms or wheelchair-accessible toilets.

WHEELCHAIRS

Wheelchairs are available for use at Kilauea Visitor Center, and Jaggar Museum during normal business hours.

Visitor Centers and Other Services

Visitor Centers



KĪLAUEA VISITOR CENTER

Open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

- Accessible restrooms, water, and phone are available.
- Rangers are available during operating hours to help you plan a safe and memorable visit to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.
- The Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association sells books, posters, and other educational material. Proceeds benefit park programs.
- Ranger and volunteer led programs occur throughout the park each day. These free programs are posted at Kilauea Visitor Center, Jaggar Museum, and Volcano House hotel each day by 9:15 am.
- Movies play from 9 am to 4 pm daily.

THOMAS A. JAGGAR MUSEUM

Open daily from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm
(Hours may vary. Check www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/hours.htm)

- Perched on the edge of Kilauea Caldera, the observation deck offers the best view of the eruptive activity within Halema'uma'u Crater.
- Accessible restrooms, water, and phone are available.
- The museum presents Hawaiian legends about Pelehonuamea, scientific exhibits about volcanism, and the work conducted by the staff of Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.
- The Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association sells books, posters, and other educational material here. Proceeds benefit park programs.



View of Halema'uma'u Crater vent from Jaggar Museum

Volcano Art Gallery

Open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, the gallery features and sells art and fine crafts by various Hawai'i artisans.

Food

VOLCANO HOUSE

The Rim restaurant offers creative island cuisine for breakfast (7-10 a.m.), lunch (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) and dinner (5:30-9:00 p.m.). Uncle George's Lounge has an "all-day" dining menu (11 a.m. - 10 p.m.) and "grab-and-go" items are available at the Gift Shop.

VOLCANO VILLAGE AREA

A variety of restaurants are located nearby in Volcano Village, one mile towards Hilo, off Highway 11.

Other Services

VOLCANO VILLAGE AREA

The following services are available one mile towards Hilo, off Highway 11:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| ■ Gasoline | ■ Hardware |
| ■ Groceries | ■ Laundromat |
| ■ Camping Supplies | ■ Post Office |
| ■ ATM | ■ Internet Service |

Church Services

There are presently no chapel services in the Park.

Medical Services

For 24-hour emergency care dial **808-985-6170** or **911**.



Lodging and Camping

Lodging

VOLCANO HOUSE

The historic Volcano House reopened in June 2013. Perched on the caldera rim, it offers 33 rooms, dining, and two gift shops. It also manages 10 cabins and campsites at Nāmakanipaio Campground (see right for more information).

VOLCANO VILLAGE

There are a number of lodging options located just outside the park in the Volcano area. Search online for options.

KĪLAUEA MILITARY CAMP

This recreational facility is for active duty and retired military, reservists, DoD civilians, families, and sponsored groups. Call 808-967-8333 or visit <http://www.kmc-volcano.com/> for more information.

Campgrounds Outside the Park

COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS

808-961-8311
www.hawaiicounty.gov/parks-and-recreation
email: parks_recreation@hawaiicounty.gov

STATE CAMPGROUNDS

808-961-9540
www.hawaiistateparks.org/parks/hawaii
email: dlnr@hawaii.gov

Campgrounds Inside the Park



Nāmakanipaio Campground

There are two drive-in campgrounds located within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Entrance fees apply and are paid at the entrance station or at the Nāmakanipaio fee station near the restrooms (\$15 per car—valid for seven days, or a Hawai'i Annual Tri-Park, Interagency Annual, U.S. Military Annual, Senior, or Access Pass is valid for entry). Camping at Nāmakanipaio requires registration and fees. Camping at Kulanaoikaiki is free of charge and registration is not required. Stays are limited to seven consecutive days per month, not to exceed 30 days per year.

NĀMAKANIPAIO CAMPGROUND

Located on Highway 11 (mile marker 31)

at 4,000 feet (1,213 m) elevation, this campground has restrooms and water. There is a large, open grassy area with tall eucalyptus, koa, and 'ōhi'a trees. Campground information, registration, and regulations are located on the bulletin board near the restrooms.

A large pavilion, with picnic tables and fireplaces, is shared by all campers.

Fires are allowed in designated fire grates only. Dogs are allowed, but require a leash no more than 6 ft (3 m) at all times to protect endangered nēnē.

Weather may be cold and damp year-round. Temperatures range from the high 30s to the high 70s F (3 to 26 degrees C).

KULANAOKUAIKI CAMPGROUND

Located off Hilina Pali Road at 3,200 feet (975 m), there are eight walk-in campsites with picnic tables. There is an accessible vault toilet; however, **no water** is available and **campfires are not permitted.** Use fueled camping stoves only. This campground is subject to closure when the area is dry and during times of high fire danger. No dogs or pets are allowed at this campground to protect endangered nēnē.



Camping at Halapē



Backpacking on Mauna Loa

Backcountry Camping

The park offers over 150 miles (241 km) of trails ranging in elevation from sea level to 13,667 feet (4,169 m). With over half of the park designated as wilderness, there are numerous opportunities for solitude, dark night skies, and to experience life on active volcanoes.

ALL OVERNIGHT BACKCOUNTRY HIKERS MUST REGISTER

Obtain a free permit at the Backcountry Office, located in the Visitor Emergency Operations Center. Permits are issued on a first-come basis, no earlier than the day before your hike. When you return from your trip, stop at the Backcountry Office or call 808-985-6178 to check out.

SERVICES ARE LIMITED AT TRAILHEADS

There is no water at trailheads and catchments may be empty during periods of low rainfall. Public transportation is unavailable. There are 911 phones (for emergency use only) located at Hilina Pali Overlook and Pu'u Loa and Ka'u Desert Trailheads. Be prepared!

For more information, download the park's *Backcountry Guide* at www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/brochures.htm.

For park brochures and maps, visit our website at:

www.nps.gov/havo
planyourvisit/brochures.htm



Hiking and Ranger Programs

Day Hiking



Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs Trail

SULPHUR BANKS (HA'AKULAMANU)

See where volcanic gases seep from the ground, depositing sulfur crystals and other minerals on rocks along this paved trail and boardwalk. Walk from Kīlauea Visitor Center (.4 mile / .6 km one way) or take the wheelchair-accessible trail from Steam Vents parking area (0.5 mile / 0.8 km one way).

THURSTON LAVA TUBE (NĀHUKU)

Walk through lush rainforest to explore a 500-year old lava tube (0.5 mile / 0.8 km loop trail). Accessible restrooms and water are available.

Trail Guides

The park offers interpretive guide booklets for six trails: Kīlauea Iki, Mauna Ulu, Halema'uma'u, Kīpukapuauulu, Pu'u o Lokuauna, and Kahuku Forest Trail.

Purchase a printed trail guide at the park's bookstores or download them from the park's website at www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/brochures.htm. Enjoy your hikes in the park!



DEVASTATION TRAIL

Stroll on a paved path through a forest devastated by the 1959 Kīlauea Iki eruption. See plants returning to this landscape (0.5 mile / 0.8 km one way).

KĪLAUEA IKI

Descend 400-foot (122 m) through native rain forest to the crater floor and hike across a cooled lava lake still steaming from the 1959 eruption. Park at Kīlauea Iki Overlook to begin with a spectacular view (4 miles / 6.4 km loop trail).

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, view Mauna Ulu and look down the East Rift Zone to view the active Pu'u Ō'ō vent. 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 some 23,000 images etched in stone. Petroglyphs are fragile and easily damaged. Trail begins at Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs pullout off Chain of Craters road (1.5 miles / 2.4 km round-trip).



Especially for Children

The Junior Ranger programs engages families with children to explore, discover and learn about Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ask about them at the visitor centers or check www.nps.gov/havo/forkids/index.htm.

Download Junior Ranger publications at www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/brochures.htm.

Join a Guided Ranger Program



Devastation Trail

The following programs are generally offered on a daily basis:

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

9:30 AM AND 3:30 PM

20-minute ranger talk on Hawaiian volcanology. Meet the ranger at the relief map on the lānai (veranda) area outside Kīlauea Visitor Center.

SUMMIT WALK

10:30 AM AND 1:30 PM

45 minute to 1 hour ranger-led walk. Wheelchairs can be used on this less than a 1/2 mile paved path. Topics may include: biology, geology, and Hawaiian cultural traditions surrounding Kīlauea volcano.

LIFE ON THE EDGE

2:00 PM, 3:30 PM, AND 5:00 PM

20-minute ranger talk on Hawaiian volcanology. Meet the ranger at the overlook just outside Jaggar Museum.

Other daily activities, are posted at Kīlauea Visitor Center, Jaggar Museum, and Volcano House hotel by 9:15 daily.



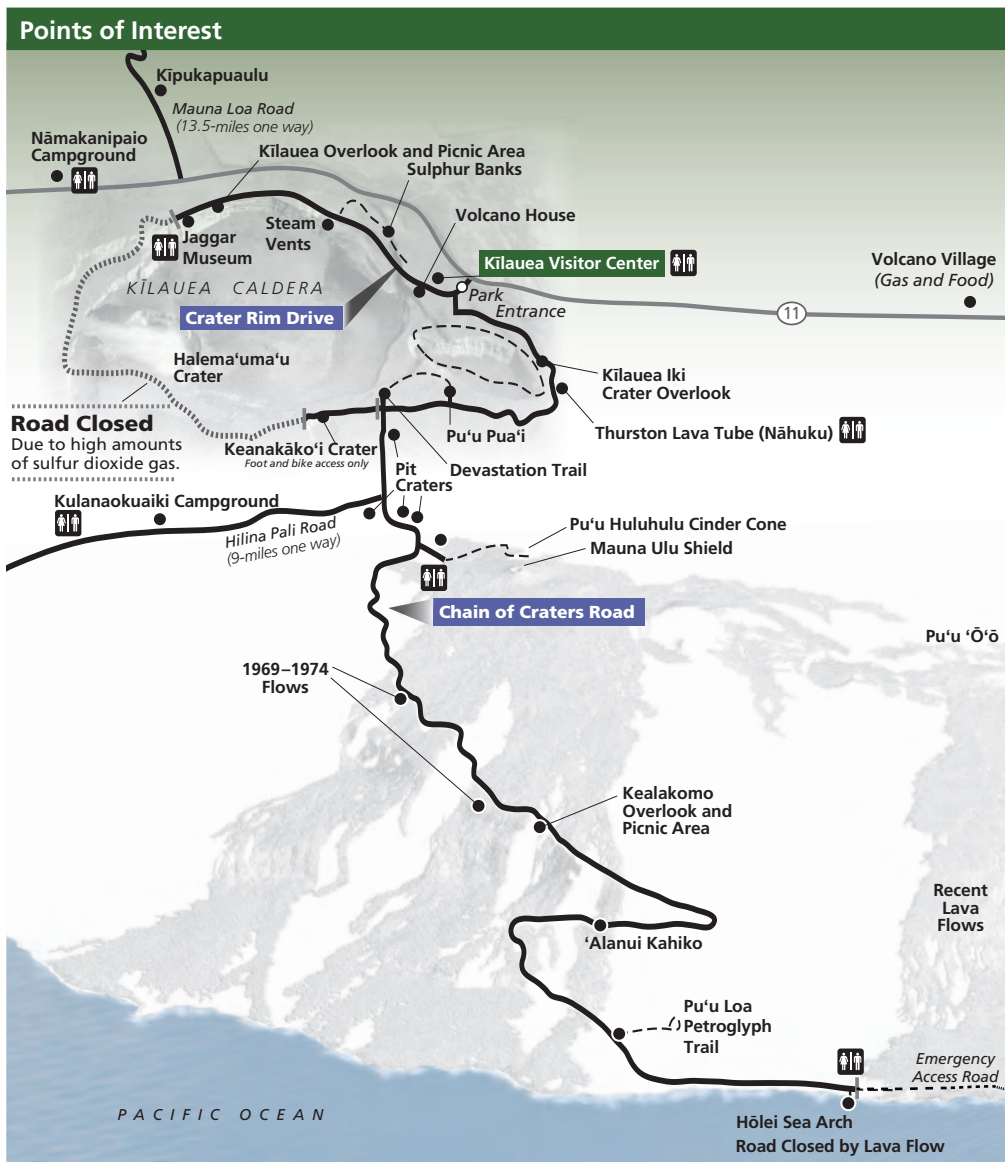
Crater Rim Trail

For more information, visit our website at

www.nps.gov/havo



Map



Support Your Park

HAWAII PACIFIC PARKS ASSOCIATION

The Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association (HPPA) is a National Park Service nonprofit cooperating association authorized by Congress to support the interpretive, educational, scientific, and cultural projects of the National Park Service in Hawai'i and American Samoa.



Proceeds from the sale of educational publications and products in HPPA park visitor center outlets directly benefit the Park. They fund interpretive programs, research projects, museum activities, exhibits, cultural demonstrations and festivals, and numerous conservation efforts.

A variety of products to enhance your visit to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park can be purchased online at:

www.hawaiipacificparks.org



Visit HPPA by scanning the QR (quick reader) code at left using your smart phone.

Special Park Programs

Join these special presentations and cultural demonstrations at Kilauea Visitor Center.

- AFTER DARK IN THE PARK
- 'IKE HANA NO'EAU (Experience the skillful work)
- NĀ LEO MANU (heavenly voices)

A complete schedule of upcoming programs can be found at www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/events.htm

All programs are free, but park entrance fees apply. Your \$2.00 donation supports the After Dark in the Park program.



Videos of previous programs are available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/havo/photosmultimedia/index.htm.

FRIENDS OF HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK



The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a non-profit, membership organization with members worldwide. Their mission is to support Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in the protection, preservation, and interpretation of the park for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

To become a member of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, visit

<http://fhvnp.org/>



Visit Friends by scanning the QR (quick reader) code at left using your smart phone.



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Join park rangers and scientists to discover Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park via these in-depth online options.

For a list of available video podcasts go to:

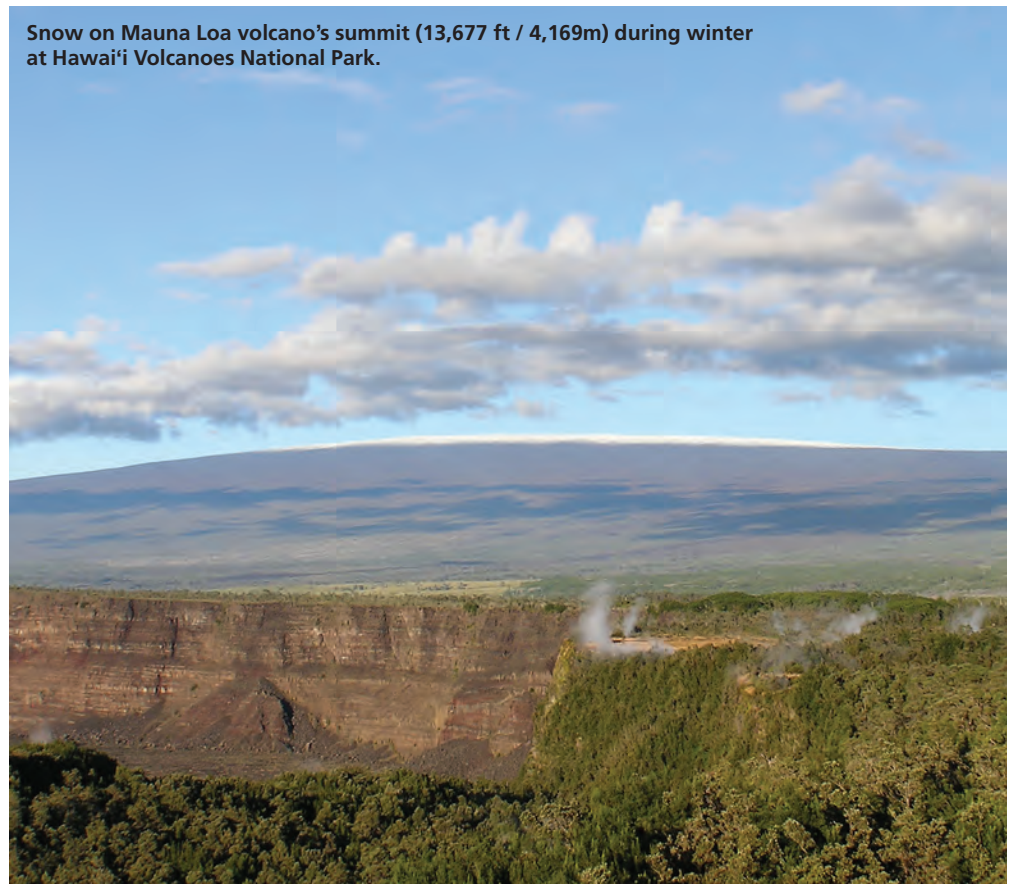
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- **Blog:** www.pacificislandparks.com



Snow on Mauna Loa volcano's summit (13,677 ft / 4,169m) during winter at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.