Superintendent’s Compendium of
Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements
and Other Restrictions Imposed Under
Discretionary Authority.

Approved:
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Superintendent

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (“36 CFR”), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 54 United States Code (Formerly Title 16), Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, and Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document.

The 2022 Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park Superintendent’s Compendium will go into effect when signed by the Superintendent and remain in effect until superseded.

Special Note: Due to Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park’s Increased Volcanic and Seismic Activity (HIVA) incident that took place from May to August of 2018, some closures remain in effect. There are also areas of the park that no longer exist that were included in previous versions of the Superintendent’s Compendium. In addition, changes in closures and openings may change with very little notice. Check the park website for updates.
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36 CFR PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

36 CFR §1.5- VISITING HOURS, CLOSURE AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a)(1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park is open 24 hours a day with the following exceptions:

1. Any areas in the park that are temporarily closed by Superintendent's Order during emergency situations as prescribed in 36 CFR 1.5.
2. The Kahuku Unit is open to the public Thursday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The unit may open to the public at other times for special programs or park events. Days and times of operation are subject to change per discretion of the Superintendent.
3. Kīlaua Visitor Center hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and may be open to the public at other times for special programs or events. Days and times of operation are subject to change per discretion of the Superintendent.
4. Coast Ranger Station hours are variable depending on staffing availability.

*These visiting hours are necessary to balance the need for public access with the park’s ability to provide staffing.*

Public Use Limits:

1. Mauna Loa Cabin, 12 persons overnight (additional 16 outside)
2. Pu‘u‘ula‘ula (Red Hill) Cabin, 8 persons overnight (additional 16 outside)
3. Kīlaua Visitor Center Auditorium, 200 persons
4. Volcano House Dining Room, 219 persons
5. Nāpau Crater, ‘Āpua, Keauhou, Halapē, Kaʻaha camping areas, 16 persons each.
6. Pepeiao Cabin, 3 persons (additional 16 outside).
7. Trail hiking: No more than 12 per group for overnight or day hiking unless part of an authorized guided hike.

*Use limits are necessary to prevent resource degradation by excessive trampling of backcountry resources and preservation of solitude by restricting the amount of people utilizing popular areas.*

Closures:

1. **Volcanic Hazards:** Due to the possibility of unpredictable volcanic hazards, the slopes of Pu‘u‘ō‘ō; all ledges, the area surrounding Halema‘uma‘u Crater; as indicated on Map K, coastal lava deltas and beaches formed at active lava entry points on the coast, as well as specific active lava areas as posted, are closed to all visitors unless they have a permit issued by the Superintendent allowing access to those areas for specific scientific research or cultural practices.
Closures are necessary for public safety, as volcanic hazards have been known to injure or kill people.

2. **Kahuku Unit**: All areas of the Kahuku Unit are closed to visitation except as stated below. This does not apply to administrative, government use, or scientific research with a permit.

   The areas accessible to the public when Kahuku is open include: Kahuku Road for vehicle traffic from Highway 11 for six miles to the Upper Glover Trailhead. This includes wayside stops at the visitor contact station, 1868 lava flow, Kahuku Road cross fence gate, picnic areas and named and designated trails. All other paddock roads and non-designated trails are closed to public use.

   i. Vehicle use is permitted only on Kahuku Road and as far as the Upper Glover and Kona Trailheads. All other paddock roads are closed to motorized vehicles with the exception of park employees performing administrative duties.

   ii. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV’s), Utility-Terrain Vehicles (UTV’s), Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs), Dirt bikes and any other motorized conveyance used for off road travel operating in Kahuku is prohibited, with the exception of park employees performing administrative duties.

   Public use limits have been set because conditions at Kahuku may pose a hazard to other visitor/vehicle traffic as well as the lack of park resources on site and a reduced ability for emergency response. Limiting these types of vehicles and the locations of vehicles of where they may operate as well as where visitors may hike are necessary to prevent resource degradation and damage, reduce the spread of invasive species, improve solitude and increase the effectiveness of emergency response.

3. **Great Crack**: This area was added to the park in 2018 (see Map J). Park management is in the process of use planning for this new section. In the meantime, the area will be managed as “backcountry” and all regulations applicable to other backcountry areas will apply. This includes the following closures:

   a. Backcountry permits are required for overnight stays. Limit 16 people per day for the entire area.

   b. The area is closed to motor vehicles unless authorized in writing by the superintendent or for administrative purposes following park minimum tool analysis. The area is designated as ‘potential wilderness’ and must be managed as wilderness to protect wilderness qualities.

4. **Halemaʻumaʻu and Kīlauea Summit**: Due to the potential from physical hazards caused by the instability from the 2018 Increased Seismic Activity Incident and hazardous gases from ongoing eruptions, the area noted in Map K is closed to visitors. Additional temporary closures for hazards may be implemented through a memorandum from the Superintendent.

   Necessary for public safety as volcanic hazards have been known to injure or kill people.
5. 'Āinahou Pens, 'Āinahou House, Gardens and Pastures: The 'Āinahou Pens and associated pastures (marked by "closure" signs along the access roads, see Map A) are closed to all public and administrative use except for authorized staff carrying out recovery actions, law enforcement staff engaged in compliance patrols and personnel responding to emergencies. In the event of an emergency, first responders should alert nēnē staff to the situation as soon as possible. Access to 'Āinahou House and Gardens and associated horse pasture is limited to HAVO employees and approved users as described in the 'Āinahou Ranch House and Gardens Operating Procedures (2018).

Current approved uses of the area include:

- Approved stewardship activities led by NPS staff and/or designated volunteers.

- Routine administrative uses, such as road maintenance, law enforcement patrols, grazing of stock animals and vegetation and wildlife management. Seasonal restrictions may apply. Activities must be coordinated with nēnē staff biologist.

- Other requests for access must be approved by the Superintendent in consultation with the nēnē staff biologist. (See Map A and the 'Āinahou House and Gardens Operating Procedures, 2018).

6. Emergency Closures for Wildlife and Plants: Specific park areas may be closed for the emergency protection of wildlife and plants. Those areas will be closed and/or opened through the posting of signs and the issuance of park memorandum and/or news releases. Information will also be sent to all Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders operating in the park.

   The Superintendent has determined that wildlife and plants may be adversely affected by human and vehicle interactions.

7. Road Closures for Motor Vehicles: The following roads within the park are OPEN to public use. All other roads including unpaved and service roads are closed to the public for motor vehicle use.

   - Highway 11 in its entirety, throughout the park.
   - Chain of Craters Road, its pullouts, parking lots and access roads.

   Note: Vehicles with a maximum length of 26’ and a width greater than 8’ are not permitted on Chain of Craters Road and Crater Rim Drive from the Entrance Station to Chain of Craters Road.

   A 2019 Road Safety Audit identified multiple locations between the entrance station and Chain of Craters Road where the road width will not permit large vehicles to remain in their lane. The narrow and twisting roadway was not designed to accommodate large vehicles. This poses a traffic safety hazard to vehicles traveling on this road.

   Note: Chain of Craters Road is closed to motor vehicles beyond the circular turnaround at the coastal end extending to the Kalapana boundary.

   This section of road has been designated as a hiking/biking trail.

   - Crater Rim Drive and its pullouts and parking areas from the temporary gate at Kīlauea Overlook north and northeast to the junction with Chain of Craters Road.

   Note: Crater Rim drive from the Kīlauea Military Camp to Kīlauea Overlook is restricted to vehicles
with a maximum length of 26’.

Parking is limited to vehicles of 26’ or less. Longer vehicles will impede the flow of traffic. Larger vehicles are unable to safely turn around in the Kilauea Overlook Parking area.

- Hilina Pali Road**

  **Note:** Hilina Pali Road is restricted to vehicles with a maximum length of 26’.

  *The long and narrow road may pose a risk to larger vehicles. Larger vehicles are incapable of safely turning around at Hilina Pali Overlook.*

- Mauna Loa Strip Road**

  **Note:** Mauna Loa Strip road** from Kipukapuaulu to Mauna Loa Overlook is restricted to vehicles with a maximum length of 26’ and width of 8’.

  *The long, narrow and steep road may pose a risk to larger vehicles. Larger vehicles are incapable of safely turning around at Mauna Loa Overlook.*

- Paved access roads to:

  1. Tree Molds
  2. Kipukåpuaulu Picnic Area (aka Bird Park Picnic Area)**
  3. Kilauea Overlook and Picnic Area
  4. Steam Vents
  5. Volcano House
  6. Namakanipaio Campground and Cabins**
  7. Kilauea Iki Overlook
  8. Pu’u Pua’i Overlook
  9. Devastation Trailhead
  10. Mauna Ulu Trailhead
  11. Kilauea Visitor Center
  12. Research Center
  13. Kulanaokuaiki Campground

- On Kahuku Road from the main entrance at Highway 11 to the Upper Glover and Kona trailheads, including the airstrip.

  **These roads, campgrounds, and picnic areas are subject to fire restrictions and closures during **VERY HIGH** (Fire Staffing Level 4) and **EXTREME** Fire Danger (Fire Staffing Level 5) in accordance with the park’s Fire Management Plan.**

All roads are subject to emergency closures without notice prior to and during natural disasters and events including volcanic eruptions and/or seismic activity, hurricanes, tsunamis, high winds, and flooding conditions. Closures will comply with Watches and Warnings issued for events.

The gated connector road between Crater Rim Drive and Mauna Loa Road, as well as the gated entrance to Kilauea Military Camp opposite Pi’i Mauna Road are emergency access roads and are for administrative use only.

*Necessary for public safety as these types of hazards have been known to injure or kill people attempting to operate a vehicle in these conditions.*
8. **Closures for Emergencies, Maintenance and Preservation of Cultural and Natural Resources:** All park roads, trails, facilities and specified designated areas are subject to temporary closure as indicated by signs or other means of notification during periods of emergencies, other public safety concerns, or for the preservation of cultural and natural resources. These temporary closures may be made until the Superintendent has an opportunity to make public notification for closures of longer durations (usually more than 48 hours). This includes closures made immediately upon the discovery of ROD (Rapid ‘Ōhi’a Death) or similar threats.

   To provide emergency responders and other staff with the flexibility to mitigate hazards to people or critical park resources.

9. **Unmanned Aircraft:** Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

   The term "unmanned aircraft" (aka UAS-Unmanned Aerial System) means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, and drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

   Unpermitted "Unmanned Aircraft" may pose a hazard to the administrative use of aircraft, a safety risk to the public, interfere with the natural life cycle of protected wildlife, or may be a visual and auditory impairment to the visitor experience.

10. **Closures for Emergency public-health situations:** In the event of a local, national, or global health emergency, the superintendent may issue administrative orders to implement emergency public-use restrictions or closures to respond to the quickly changing public-health situation.

   The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

   • **Turtle Habitat areas:** The Federally listed endangered honu‘ea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) nests along the coastal areas of ‘Āpua Point, Keauhou, Halapē, Ka‘aha, Kākīwai, and Kālu‘e. During nesting season, designated sections of these beaches will be closed to camping, artificial lights, livestock, or other activities, which are disruptive to nesting turtles and hatchlings. These restrictive areas will be posted with signs or fences. All other areas of the beach will be open to the public. Park rangers and turtle personnel will patrol and monitor the area during the nesting season (See Map B).

   • **Use of Throw Nets in Coastal Areas:** No nets, except for legal-sized throw nets, may be transported or possessed within the coastal areas of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Refer to 36 CFR Sec.2.4 (a) (1) (i).

   To reduce the destruction of marine resources adjacent to the park.

   • **Special Regulations:** Fishing is restricted in the Kalapana Extension. Refer to 36 CFR Part 7.25 Special Regulations.
• Buses in All Areas of the Park: No person shall cause, suffer, or allow any engine to be in operation while the motor vehicle is stationary at a loading zone, parking or other off street areas. Three minutes are allowed for startup/cool down or passenger loading/unloading. [106 HRS & 3428-47].

To reduce the impacts of excessive noise and air pollution to the health of visitors and wildlife.

• Commercial Tours at Mauna Ulu: Commercial tours are prohibited on Mauna Ulu unless guides have attended certification training from the NPS, which will enable them to receive a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the activity.

This restriction will reduce resource damage to the area and impacts to cultural features and practices.

(a)(2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity:

Filming: The following types of filming activities may occur in areas open to the public without a permit and without advance notice to the NPS:

• Outdoor filming activities [outside of areas managed as wilderness]² involving five persons or less and equipment that will be carried at all times, except for small tripods used to hold cameras.

The organizer of any other type of filming activity must provide written notice to the Superintendent at least 10 days prior to the start of the proposed activity. Based upon the information provided, the Superintendent may require the organizer to apply for and obtain a permit if necessary, to:

• maintain public health and safety;
• protect environmental or scenic values;
• protect natural or cultural resources;
• allow for equitable allocation and use of facilities; or
• avoid conflict among visitor use activities.

If the Superintendent determines that the terms and conditions of a permit could not mitigate the concerns identified above in an acceptable manner, the Superintendent may deny a filming request without issuing a permit. The Superintendent will provide the basis for denial in writing upon request.

The NPS will consider requests and process permit applications in a timely manner. Processing times will vary depending on the complexity of the proposed activity. If the organizer provides the required 10 day advance notice to the NPS and has not received a written response from the NPS that a permit is required prior to the first day of production, the proposed filming activities may occur without a permit.

The following are prohibited:

(1) Engaging in a filming activity without providing advance notice to the Superintendent when required.

(2) Engaging in a filming activity without a permit if [the activity takes place in areas managed as wilderness or if]³ the Superintendent has notified the organizer in writing that a permit is
required.

(3) Violating a term and condition of a permit issued under this action.

Violating a term or condition of a permit issued under to this action may also result in the suspension and revocation of the permit by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §1.6 - PERMITS

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:

1. The following activities related to Public Use Limits: (§1.5)
   a) Overnight backcountry use.
   b) Entry into any cave in the park with the exclusion of the main loop trail of Nāhuku (aka Thurston Lava Tube) (also see 36 CFR 7.25(b)).
   c) Overnight camping for Kulanaokuaiki Campground.

2. Removal of alien plants for non-commercial use (§2.1).

3. Carry or possess a weapon, trap or net (§2.4). (Public Law 111-24 sec. 512 allows for the possession of firearms in compliance with Hawai‘i laws).

4. Scientific research where there is a disturbance to park resources and/or the collection of specimens (collection of any plant, wildlife (including insects), rocks or minerals, etc., for scientific purposes) (§2.5).

5. Scientific research where entry into an area which is closed due to volcanic hazards is required. Permits may be issued only if the information derived from the study fulfills the following requirements: 1) Directly contribute towards planning, mitigation, and better understanding of hazards within the park or surrounding communities. AND 2) Identify and prevent injuries from recognizable threats to the safety and health of persons.

6. All camping activities in areas of the backcountry for overnight use (§2.10). Backcountry is designated as one mile from any road or development. Camping within the one-mile distance is prohibited unless within a designated campground or with written permission from the Superintendent.

7. Operating a chainsaw in developed areas and the use of small power implements such as chainsaws, lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. by park employees, tenants, or authorized persons within their respective curtilage is permitted, without written permit, in residential, maintenance, service, utility, and concessions areas between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily (§2.12).

8. Special Use Permits (SUP): The Special Use Permit authorizes activities that benefit an individual, group or organization, rather than the public at large. The park uses this permit as a management tool to protect park resources and the public interest. Private ceremonies (such as weddings), sporting events, and other activities that are not directly sponsored by the National Park Service are examples of activities requiring such a permit. Additionally, First Amendment activities involving more than 25 people require a Special Use Permit. A Special Use Permit application can be found on the Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park website: https://www.nps.gov/havo. There is no application fee for First Amendment activities.

9. The use of explosives within Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park is prohibited except by the
written permission of the Superintendent, for use of such explosives under the proper Federal and State regulations, laws and standards (§2.38).

10. Memorialization: See Section 2.62 of this Compendium for more information.

11. Cave Entry/Pit Crater Registration (§7.25). To protect sensitive cave systems and mitigate safety concerns, entering, exploring lava tubes or pit craters without a permit from the Superintendent's office is prohibited. This section does not apply to the developed sections of Thurston Lava Tube or trails into Kīlauea Iki Crater. The Superintendent has further determined the intent of this regulation does not apply to park visitors who attend NPS-guided tours or park-sponsored interpretive walks to designated caves.

Permits are a necessary way for the park to monitor activities that may adversely impact park resources or jeopardize the safety of visitors.

36 CFR PART II. RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE & RECREATION

36 CFR §2.1- PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

1. Pele's hair, Pele’s tears, lava of any description, dirt, sand, or other natural mineral resources are considered a mineral resource for the purpose of this regulation. Possessing or removing it from the park is illegal as defined under §2.1 (a) (1). Educational collection is not allowed; collecting for scientific study requires a permit §2.5 (g) (2). Information on obtaining a permit for scientific study may be obtained at https://irma.nps.gov/rprs/ or contacting the park’s scientific advisor.

2. The making of lava cast(s) will be considered defacing or disturbing the natural feature from its natural state.

3. Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:
   - Within 100 yards of Nāmakanipaio campground
   - Within 100 yards of Kīpukapuaulu (aka Bird Park) picnic area
   - Within 100 yards of Kīlauea Military Camp ballpark picnic area

   **Note:** Wood collected in the park may not be removed from the park or sold commercially. Cutting live [or dead] standing trees is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the Superintendent.

4. It is prohibited to transport ‘Ōhi’a wood into the park from any outside source.

   *Prohibiting the introduction of ‘Ōhi’a from outside the park limits the spread of Rapid ‘Ōhi’a Death throughout the island of Hawai’i*

5. The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological, cultural or natural resources.

   Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trailhead, trail, walkway, and/or parking area in the following locations:
   - Nāhuku (aka Thurston Lava Tube) pit crater.
   - Pu‘u Pua‘i and Devastation Trail
   - Sulphur Banks trail and boardwalk
   - Kīlauea Overlook Area
   - Crater Rim Trail from Kīlauea Military Camp to the rise west of Kīlauea Overlook leading to
Uwēkahuna Bluff

- Steaming Bluffs and Steam Vents area.
- The petroglyph field at Pu‘u Loa may be entered and traversed by visitors via the boardwalk to view the site. Visitors must remain on the boardwalk in this immediate (within 100 feet) area, unless part of an NPS-guided tour or park-sponsored interpretive walks.

_Closures are designated to protect critical ecosystems and cultural resources, including threatened and endangered species habitat, and to ensure the safety of park visitors._

6. Rock climbing, rappelling, slacklining and other activities that require anchoring are prohibited unless participating in a Superintendent approved Search and Rescue (SAR) or Resource Management activity.

_The above activities are inconsistent with protection of park natural and cultural resources and pose safety concerns due to loose, fragile rocks and limited anchoring._

7. Unoccupied seashells and listed fruits, nuts, berries may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

Fruit from the following edible species may be gathered for personal use and consumption without a written permit. Collection can be by any non-mechanical means. No motorized tools may be used for any collection without written authorization from the Superintendent. Extreme care must be exercised in the collection so as not to damage the host plant or surrounding vegetation and to leave some fruit on each plant.

- Avocado (Persea americana)
- Blackberry (Rubus argutus)
- Coconut (Niu/Cocos nucifera)*
- Guava (Psidium guajava)
- Passion Fruit (Lilikoi/Passiflora edulis)
- ‘Ōhelo Berries (Vaccinium reticulatum)**
- Pohā (Physalis peruviana)
- Thimble Berry (Rubus parviflorus)
- Strawberry Guava (Waiawi/Psidium cattleianum)
- White Strawberry (Fragaria vesca)
- Yellow Raspberry (Rubus ellipticus)

* Coconuts may not be taken by throwing rocks or other objects, or by climbing on walls of archeological features.

** Only one (1) quart of ‘ōhelo berries, per person, per month, may be collected. Seasonal closures on collecting ‘ōhelo berries at specific times and locations may occur to protect nēnē forage.

For exotic plants not listed above contact the park’s Chief of Resource Management.

Removal may not be for commercial purposes/uses. Removal is limited to the use of any non-mechanized means such as small, single person, hand-operated garden tools.

_The restrictions listed above are necessary to allow the park to adhere to its mandate of protecting these resources for wildlife (ōhelo), future generations and for the safety of park visitors and employees._
36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Wildlife, which is legally taken from outside the boundaries of the park, may be transported through the park in an expeditious manner. This will usually entail the hunter or fisherman driving through the park on Highway 11. The hunter/fisherman must have supporting documentation that the wildlife was properly taken such as animal tags, hunting permits, licenses, etc.

  To allow reasonable access to other parts of Hawai‘i Island while traveling on park roads that are also designated as a state highway.

- All areas of the park are closed to viewing wildlife with the use of artificial light. Limited exceptions are given for authorized Resource Management crews engaged in the removal of non-native species or for bona fide activities necessary for park management.

  Artificial light interferes with the protection of park wildlife.

36 CFR §2.4 - WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

Persons are prohibited from possessing any net other than a legal-sized throw net in the coastal area of the park.

To protect marine resources adjacent to the park and comply with state of Hawai‘i Conservation laws. See Section 1.5 of the Compendium for specific restrictions.

There are no public firearm ranges in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.

Hunting is prohibited with the exception of controlled resource management activities as hunting conflicts with park management practices.

(d) A permit is required to possess a weapon, trap or net with the exception of firearms allowed under Section 512 of Public Law 111-24. The Superintendent will only issue a permit under the following conditions:

i. For authorized agents (qualified volunteers) in support of approved/permitted research activities or who are a part of the park’s ungulate reduction program may possess specific weapons authorized under the permit or program.

ii. To persons in charge of pack trains or saddle horses for emergency use.

iii. For employees, agents or cooperating officials for official duty.

iv. To provide access to otherwise inaccessible lands or waters that are contiguous to the park when other means of access are impractical or impossible.

v. All federal, military, state and local law enforcement officers retired or active duty who are authorized to carry defensive equipment in accordance with their individual agency's defensive equipment policies, so long as:

  a. Carrying such equipment is in accordance with all MOUs agreed upon by each agency.

  b. Such officers are acting in an official capacity and/or are required or permitted to carry defensive equipment during “off duty” status.

  c. On-duty military personnel, where the weapon is required in the performance of their duty.
In accordance with Section 512 of Public Law 111-24, persons possessing firearms within Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park must comply with the firearms laws of the State of Hawai‘i and any applicable Federal Law. With the exception of public use cabins, possession of firearms is prohibited in all Federally-owned or leased buildings.

**36 CFR §2.10- CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

All overnight backcountry use requires a written permit. An administrative fee per permit is collected by the park. Backcountry is defined for this purpose as any area of the park more than one mile from a developed area and more than one mile from a paved road.

> Permits are a necessary way for the park to monitor activities that may adversely impact park resources or jeopardize the safety of visitors.

- The following areas with designated camping are limited to 16 persons in combination with all other permits for that site: ‘Āpua, Keauhou, Halapē, Ka‘aha, Nāpau, and the Great Crack, as well as outside at Mauna Loa, Pu‘u‘ula‘ula (aka Red Hill), and Pepetao cabins.
- The use of the cabins also requires a backcountry permit and the use limits apply as outlined in Section 1.5.
- Overnight use in the developed road accessible campground Kulanaokuaiki requires a written permit for which there is an administrative fee collected by the park.
- Except as permitted in group campsites, the number of campers is limited to six persons or all members of an immediate family, and only one vehicle per site in the developed campgrounds.
- No person, group or organization shall camp anywhere in the park for more than a total of 30 days per calendar year, or more than seven nights within a 30-day period at a developed, road-accessible campground, without a special use permit.
- No person, group or organization shall camp at any backcountry destination for more than three consecutive nights. (See above for “backcountry” definition).

**Note:** Nāmakaniipaio Campground is managed by Hawai‘i Volcanoes Lodge Company.

> Limits are necessary to prevent resource degradation by excessive trampling and preservation of solitude by restricting the amount of people utilizing popular areas.

**36 CFR §2.11 - PICNICKING**

**Areas Closed to Picnicking:** (Picnicking is allowed unless it is listed here.)

- Within the area assigned for the Volcano House concession operation, unless authorized by the Hawai‘i Volcanoes Lodge Company. Although these areas are on NPS lands, they are assigned to the company. (Nāmakaniipaio Campground)
- Within the area assigned to the Kilauea Military Camp (KMC), unless authorized by KMC. Although this area is on NPS land, it is administered by the Department of Defense through the Department of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) under a Special Use Permit (SUP). As of May 2016, the ball field area is no longer part of KMC operations
- Within any NPS residential, maintenance, service, or utility area unless sponsored and accompanied by an
NPS employee or resident of the park.

In order to respect the privacy of residence, the safe and orderly operation of park facilities, and in recognition of the area administration agreements of park partners.

36 CFR 2.12- AUDITORY DISTURBANCES

Motor Vehicles and Buses:

- Commercial buses may leave engines running for not more than three minutes providing the noise level does not exceed 60 decibels.

    Necessary to reduce noise intrusion on the visitor experience.

36 CFR 2.13- FIRES

The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

**Designated Areas:** Wood and briquette fires are allowed without a permit at the following locations:

- Kīpukapuaulu (aka Bird Park) Picnic Area fireplaces and fire grates.
- Nāmakanipaio Campground fireplaces and fire grates.*
- Nāmakanipaio cabins fire grates.*
- Kīlauea Overlook fire grates.
- Ball Field Picnic Area fireplaces and fire grates adjacent to Kilauea Military Camp.

    * Use of this area is limited to registered guest of the Hawai‘i Volcanoes Lodge Company.

**Fueled stoves** may be used but **ONLY** in the following areas:

- Developed campgrounds.
- Picnic areas where there are established picnic tables.
- Backcountry campsites with a Backcountry Use Permit.
- Kahuku picnic area located in the fields adjacent to the visitor contact station that extends to the boundaries of the forested areas and up to, but not including Pu‘u o Lokuana. Stoves must be attended at all times and away from tall grasses.

    **Note:** If fire danger is “High” or greater within park, fire use may be further restricted or prohibited by the posting of appropriate signs, website alerts, and the issuances of news releases.

**Receptacles Allowed:** Only provided fire grates and fireplaces at the above locations are allowed.

**Conditions for Fires:** The following roads and areas may be closed to vehicular traffic in times of high fire danger.

- Mauna Loa Road
- Hilina Pali Road

    *Fires may burn out of control and destroy or damage park resources.*
36 CFR §2.15- PETS

NOTE: Service Animals are excluded in sections pertaining to “PETS.” However, Service Animals are prohibited from areas where their presence will be detrimental to park resource management programs.

Pets are **PROHIBITED** in the following areas:

- In all undeveloped areas of the park, including all designated wilderness areas and backcountry trails.
- On all front-country trails, including unpaved and paved trails and trails with boardwalks.
- On all roads marked on the map as “Roads” that are only used for authorized vehicles. Roads intended for administrative use are considered "trails" and are therefore closed to pets.
- Along Chain of Craters Road from Pu‘u Loa Petroglyphs to the eastern park boundary,
- in order to protect the federally endangered nēnē (Hawaiian goose).
- On the ‘Āinahou access road.
- On the entire Hilina Pali Road (including Kulanaokuai Campground and Kīpuka Nēnē) in order to protect the federally endangered nēnē (Hawaiian goose).

Pets on a leash that is a maximum of six feet in length are **PERMITTED** in the following areas (See Map F):

Kilauea Unit:
- At all parking areas and surrounding curbs, excluding any parking areas on Hilina Pali Road.
- On Crater Rim Drive, in areas open to vehicles.
- On Chain of Craters Road down to Pu‘u Loa Petroglyphs.
- At Nāmakanipaio Campground.
- On Mauna Loa Road (also called the “Strip” Road).
- On Highway 11.
- At the Kilauea Military Camp:
  - On paved roads and parking areas.
  - At the picnic area, up to the park ball field gate, not including the ballfield.

Kahuku Unit:

- In developed areas that include the open fields adjacent to the Visitor Contact Station and other park buildings and the area that extends to the boundary of the forested areas up to and not including Pu‘u o Lokuana.
- On Kahuku Road from Highway 11 to the cross fence gate on Kahuku Road, including the airstrip by the intersection of Pu‘u o Lokuana.
- Old Mamalahoa Highway spur road.

All areas not mentioned in the “Open” Section above are closed. Additional temporary closures may be made to protect wildlife and will be documented by a memo from the Superintendent.

Pets May be Kept by Park Residents under the Following Conditions:

- Pets kept by park residents must be in compliance with the “Park Wide Resident Pet Policy.” The “Park Wide Resident Pet Policy” applies to all residents/occupants of any quarters within the park regardless of location, ownership or employer.

*Pets, even leashed pets, have been known to attack park wildlife, cause conflict with other animals, interfere with opportunities for solitude and may present a safety problem to humans.*
36 CFR §2.16- HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

For the purposes of this Compendium, saddle and pack animals include horses, burros, mules, and donkeys. The use of dogs, llamas and other animals for transportation or the packing of supplies is prohibited.

Stock use is PROHIBITED on the following trails, roads, or areas (See Map E):

- Halema‘uma‘u Trail
- Byron Ledge Trail
- Devastation Trail
- Kīpukapuaulu (aka Bird Park)
- Crater Rim Trail from the Kīlauea Military Camp north via the Kīlauea Visitor Center area to Thurston Lava Tube (aka Nāhuku).
- Crater Rim Trail south of the Escape Road.
- In the ‘Ōla’a Tract
- Between Pu‘u‘ula‘ula (aka Red Hill) and the summit of Mauna Loa.
- Nāpau Crater Trail
- Chain of Craters-Kalapana Road (Gravel Road)
- Nāmakanipaio Campground
- Kahuku Unit (Entire)

Conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Free-trailing or loose-herding is PROHIBITED in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.
- Individuals using stock in gated areas must secure all gates after passing to maintain integrity of fenced feral animal control areas.
- Stock is prohibited on paved roads except that which is minimally needed to transition from a trailer to a trail or between two designated backcountry horse use areas.
- Saddle and pack animals are required to stay on established trails for safety and resource protection.
- To prevent resource damage, no more than six stock animals are allowed per group and/or destination regardless of day use or overnight use.
- The overnight or long term (over one hour) tethering of stock to standing trees, either living or dead, is prohibited.
- Stock use at ‘Āinahou is subject to seasonal closure and is restricted to the ‘Āinahou access road only. The ‘Āinahou House, nēnē pens and associated pastures are closed to stock use. See Map B and page 3 General Provisions, Closures 4 for further information.
- All stock must be tethered at park-installed hitching posts if available or picketed at least 100 feet from any structure or obvious camping site in the backcountry.
- Stock may not enter any beach area or brackish water pond.

Stock regulations are in place to limit impacts from pack animals on the natural and cultural resources of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park while allowing for public stock use. These regulations balance stock use with other recreational uses and restrict use in areas where impacts to resources are likely to occur.

36 CFR §2.17- AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

Hang gliding, paragliding, ultra-light aircraft, base jumping, bungee jumping, and hot air balloons: the use of parachutes or other airborne means are prohibited by 36 CFR 2.17 (3). In addition, these uses pose safety and user conflict concerns and do not contribute to public use and enjoyment of the park.

(c)(1) The removal of downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the superintendent through written authorization.
NOTE: Section (c) (1) authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures for the removal of an aircraft, establish a timeframe for the removal, determine times and means of access to the site, and specify the manner or method of removal. The intent of this section is to allow Superintendent’s control over the recovery of downed aircraft through a permitting process. [48 FR 30268, June 30, 1983].

36 CFR §2.18 - SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobiles and their use are prohibited in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.

*There are no designated snowmobile routes in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, as snowline is within the park's designated wilderness area.*

36 CFR §2.20- SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:

- The paved Government Residential Area.
- The paved areas of Kīlauea Military Camp (for camp guests).
- The paved and untraveled portions of parking lots.

36 CFR §2.21 - SMOKING

1. The following portions of the park, all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All public buildings and public areas of concession buildings (including restrooms).
- Within 20 feet of any building entrance, window or ventilation duct.
- On all unpaved trails.
- Other areas as posted.

*Note:* Smoking refers to all forms of tobacco or similar products including electronic cigarettes and similar nicotine delivery systems. Smoking is allowed at backcountry camping areas unless in an area closed due to fire danger. All cigarette butts must be packed out.

*Smoke from burning tobacco and vapors from e-cigarettes may contain harmful substances. Electronic cigarettes contain at least 10 chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects. Restricting the use of e-cigarettes to areas where smoking is permitted is the least restrictive method of controlling while still allowing their use. Embers produced from cigarettes may burn out of control and destroy or damage park resources and property.*

36 CFR §2.22- PROPERTY

The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:

- Visitors on backcountry trips may leave their vehicles unattended for the period authorized in their Backcountry Use Permit at designated parking areas.
- No visitor’s property will be left unattended or stored at or in Kīlauea Visitor Center, Coastal Ranger Station and Kahuku Visitor Contact Station at any time.
- Geocaching is not allowed in the park. All geocaches will be considered unattended and abandoned property and will be removed.
These restrictions are necessary to reduce the appearance of abandoned property and litter.

36 CFR §2.23 - RECREATION FEES

Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, campgrounds, backcountry sites, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Entrance Fee Areas

The following admission fees for seven days are charged for entry to all areas of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, admission fees may change without notice:

- **$30.00** admits one single, private, non-commercial vehicle with a passenger capacity of less than 16. Valid passes accepted.
- **$15.00** admits one individual when entering by foot or bicycle.
- **$25.00** admits one motorcycle.
- **$15.00** for each person on board for organized non-commercial groups (service organizations, scouts, church groups, and college/school clubs) and any non-commercial vehicle with a passenger capacity of 16 or more will be charged. Valid passes may be used as defined on the back of the pass.

The following fees apply for commercial vehicles entering Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park:

- **$25 + $15** per person in a sedan with a capacity of 1-6 passengers.
- **$75** per van with a capacity of 7-15 passengers.
- **$100** per mini-bus with a capacity of 16-25 passengers.
- **$200** per bus with a capacity of 26+ passengers.
- **$15** per passenger for non-road-based commercial tours.

Exceptions to Fee Charges:

1. No fee is charged for the admission of any person 15 years of age or younger.

2. An educational fee waiver may be granted to schools or bona fide academic institutions that are conducting outings for non-commercial educational purposes.

3. Persons holding valid Golden Age or Golden Access Passes, Interagency Senior, Interagency Access and Interagency Annual Passes, Interagency Military Passes, Interagency Volunteer passes, Hawai‘i Tri-Park Annual Pass, Every Kid in a Park Fourth-Grade Pass, or any other specialty pass authorized by the Department of Interior or the Director of the National Park Service and persons accompanying any of these pass holders in a single private, non-commercial vehicle, are not charged an admission fee.

4. No fees are collected at the Kahuku Unit

5. The collection of recreation fees will be suspended on the day of specific events and holidays as follows:
   - January 20th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
   - April 17th: First day of National Park Week
   - August 25th: National Park Service Birthday
   - September 25th: National Public Lands Day
   - November 11th: Veterans Day

Aircraft Fees:
The following fees for tour aircraft apply to tour passengers aboard aircraft that fly within the boundaries of Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park:

- **$25** per aircraft per flight over the park for aircraft with between 1-25 passengers.
- **$50** per aircraft per flight for aircraft that have 26 or more passengers.

**Backcountry and NPS-Run Campgrounds**

**Backcountry Camping:** $10 fee per backcountry site per permit for overnight backcountry camping with a limit of three consecutive nights in one site and no more than seven consecutive nights for the entire length of the permit.

**Kulanaokuaiki Campground:** $10 fee for overnight camping per site per night with a limit of seven consecutive nights.

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**36 CFR §2.35 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- All park public buildings except under the terms of a permit or contract issued by the Superintendent. For the purpose of this regulation, open picnic shelters are not considered park buildings.

> The consumption of alcohol at these locations has interfered with the enjoyment of the park by others. These restrictions are necessary to maintain order and provide for visitor safety.

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**36 CFR §2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

The following areas are designated for public assemblies and or meetings:

- **Kīlauea Visitor Center:** There are two areas designated for this purpose. 1) On the section of lawn at the west end of the Visitor Center bordered to the north by Volcano Art Center to Kīlauea Visitor Center sidewalk, bordered to the east by the same sidewalk, bordered to the south by the rock wall that separates the paved area from the grass above and bordered to the west by the tour bus parking area. 2) A second area is designated to the west of this site for use when area 1 is occupied or for other reasons determined by park management. (See Map C).

- **Kahuku Unit:** There are two areas designated for this purpose. 1)The area north of the Visitor Contact Station parking area and along the west side of Kahuku Road, approximately 15 feet by 15 feet. 2) The area south of the Visitor Contact Station and along the east side of Kahuku Road, approximately 15 feet by 15 feet when area 1 is occupied or for other reasons determined by park management (See Map D).

- Groups larger than 25 people must obtain a Special Use Permit. A group with 25 or fewer, no permit is needed.
- Public assembly will be confined to the above-described areas only and will not include any paved walkways adjacent to those sections described.
Limits are necessary to prevent resource degradation by excessive trampling, to reduce conflicts between user groups, and to mitigate the hazards associated with crowd and traffic control.

36 CFR §2.52- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

The following areas are currently designated for the sale and/or distribution of printed matter, provided a permit to do so has been issued by the Superintendent:

- **Kīlauea Visitor Center:** There are two areas designated for this purpose. 1) On the section of lawn at the west end of the Visitor Center bordered to the north by Volcano Art Center to Kīlauea Visitor Center sidewalk, bordered to the east by the same sidewalk, bordered to the south by the rock wall that separates the paved area from the grass above and bordered to the west by the tour bus parking area. 2) A second area is designated to the west of this site for use when area 1 is occupied or for other reasons determined by park management. (See Map C).

- **Kahuku Unit:** There are two areas designated for this purpose. 1) The area north of the Visitor Contact Station parking area and along the west side of Kahuku Road, approximately 15 feet by 15 feet. 2) The area south of the Visitor Contact Station and along the east side of Kahuku Road, approximately 15 feet by 15 feet when area 1 is occupied or for other reasons determined by park management (See Map D).

- Distribution and sale of printed matter will be confined to the above-described areas only and will not include any paved walkways adjacent to those sections described. (See Map C and D).

- **Other Areas:** The Superintendent may designate other areas in writing though a SUP, Written Agreement, MOU, MOA or other similar administrative tools.

- All printed notices that are posted within the park must have prior written approval from the Superintendent. The written approval will designate the location(s), duration, removal, and clean up procedures for each notice.

36 CFR §2.62 - MEMORIALIZATION

(a) Monuments: The construction of monuments requires the approval of the Regional Director.

(b) Scattering of Ashes: The scattering of human ashes from lawful cremation requires a written permit issued by the Superintendent in conformance with Part 1 of this chapter and under the following conditions:

Requests - The written request for the scattering of ashes shall set forth the following:

- Name of applicant.
- Name of deceased.
- Date, time, and duration of the ceremony or actual scattering of the ashes.
- Estimated number of persons involved and/or attending ceremony.
- The specific location where the ashes are to be scattered.
- Any other specific details of the ceremony that would require park management attention or approval.
- Written requests for the scattering of ashes shall include a certified copy of the death certificate for the deceased, issued by the State or legal authority having lawful jurisdiction over such matters.

Locations - The scattering of ashes is permitted only at the following locations:
Additional Conditions

- Scattering must take place in such a manner and in such a location that the ashes will not be located and identified as human remains. No memorials, including rock piles, plaques, photos, or flowers, will be left in the park.
- The permittee recognizes and is aware of the sensitivity of this activity and agrees to perform it in a discreet and private manner.
- Established entrance fees are required, and this permit does not waive those fees.
- All local, state, and federal rules and regulations must be followed.
- The Superintendent, within their discretion, may prohibit the scattering of ashes at specific points within the park.
- Scattering is not permitted at or in Halema‘uma‘u Crater.
- Violation of the terms and conditions of the memorialization permit may result in the immediate revocation of the permit and/or other law enforcement action.
- The burial of human remains or partial remains that have not been lawfully cremated is prohibited.
- The scattering of human remains into the ocean within 3 nautical miles from the coastline is unlawful under the Clean Water Act.

36 CFR PART IV. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Motor vehicles are defined as every vehicle that is self-propelled and every vehicle that is propelled by electric power (includes “Segways, powered scooters, powered skateboards and etc.), except for motorized wheelchairs and e-bikes.

36 CFR § 4.10-TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS

All off-road vehicle travel is prohibited in the park.

*Because of potential adverse effects to soils, native vegetation, areas of cultural significance, conflicts with other park uses and activities, and safety concerns. ATVs/UHVs are not allowed in the park in accordance with State and park regulations. Under Hawai‘i State Law (HRS 286-291), these vehicles cannot be registered, do not possess the necessary equipment to allow on roadways, and are therefore not street legal in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park (36 CFR 4.2).*

36 CFR §4.21 - SPEED LIMITS

The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- Highway 11, 45 mph, between the Volcano (Eastern) Boundary and MM 37.
- Highway 11, 55 mph, between the Western Boundary and MM 37.
- Crater Rim Drive, speeds range from 15 mph to 35 mph.
- Hilina Pali Road, 25 mph.
- Mauna Loa Road, speeds range from 15 mph to 35 mph.
- Chain of Craters Road, speeds range from 15 mph to 35 mph.
- Kahuku Road, 15 mph, between Highway 11 and Upper Glover Trailhead.

Speed limits will be considered in effect with the posting on fixed posts of white and black signs reflecting national standards for signage. Temporary speed limits may be designated for a known hazard by posting regulatory signs on temporary A frames or similar devices and by notification to park employees and cooperators via email or written letter.

*The roads at Hawai‘i Volcanoes maybe steep, narrow and winding; vehicles cannot safely negotiate turns at higher speeds. The lower speed limits are necessary to reduce risk of personal injury and damage to property and the natural and cultural resources.*

### 36 CFR §4.30 - BICYCLES

Bicycles and electric bicycles are allowed on park roads and in parking areas that are open to motor vehicle use by the public; and on the following trails and administrative roads *(see Map G, H & I)*:

- The “Eruption Escape Road” from Crater Rim Drive and Highway 11 access points to Chain of Craters Road at Mauna Ulu.
- The Mauna Loa Stable Service Road which starts on the Tree Molds Road.
- The fuel break road which branches east from the Stable Service Road and ends at the Volcano Winery fence, and the section of the Fuel Break Road that branches west and ends at the Kipukapuaulu Picnic Area.
- Visitors may dismount and walk their bikes between the Volcano Golf Course (at the cell tower) on the short section of trail that leads to Tree Molds access road.
- The Fuel Break Roads on Mauna Loa Road, from the Keauhou Ranch fence to the Kapāpala Ranch fence.
- The power line road across from the Keauhou Ranch Fence to the Kapāpala Ranch fence.
- On the gravel portion of the Chain of Craters-Kalapana Road (along the coast; recommended for experienced bikers only).
- Palm Trail in the Kahuku Unit.
- Old Mamalahoa Highway road off Highway 11.
- Crater Rim Drive between Chain of Craters intersection to Keanakāko‘i Crater.
- On Crater Rim Trail between Kilauea Military Camp and Uēkahuna.

**Determination:**

*Bicycles are allowed on park roads and in parking areas under 36 CFR 4.30(a).*

*On September 22, 2021, the Superintendent designated park roads, parking areas, and the above trails and administrative roads as open to electric bicycles using the discretionary authority given to the Superintendent under 36 CFR 4.30(i).*

*Allowing electric bicycles on public roads and in parking areas will create new opportunities for recreation and access within the park. It will not create any adverse impacts to park visitors, resources, or values due to the existing use of these locations by motor vehicles and bicycles. This action is covered by the categorical exclusion 3.2.E in the NPS NEPA Handbook.*

*Allowing electric bicycles on the above listed trails and administrative roads will create new opportunities for recreation and access within the park. The NPS expects minimal impacts on park visitors, resources or values when allowing electric bicycles on trails and administrative roads where tradition bicycles have been allowed previously. The park will monitor reported accidents and user conflicts of electronic bikes and other users and propose mitigations if necessary. This action was evaluated in an environmental assessment / is
covered by categorical exclusion 3.3.D.3 in the NPS NEPA Handbook.

The Superintendent has determined that bicycles may cause excessive erosion to trails, not listed above, and that the recreational aspect of “mountain biking” conflicts with user groups seeking solitude and to limit the risk of serious injury to the bicyclist, pedestrians or wildlife.

36 CFR §4.31 - HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- Persons must stand clear of the roadway as not to impede motor vehicle, bicycle or pedestrian movement.
- Persons will not solicit rides through intimidation, by approaching parked or stopped occupied vehicles, or by face-to-face solicitation of rides while in visitor parking lots.
- Law Enforcement Park Rangers may require hitchhikers to move or to cease the activity at any time such activity creates a public safety hazard or interferes with the orderly management of the park. [36 CFR 1.5 (a) (2)].

36 CFR PART VII. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

36 CFR 7.25- HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Fishing

(1) Commercial fishing from parklands (above the high waterline) is prohibited except as provided for below.

To reduce the destruction of marine resources adjacent to the park.

(2) Nets: the use of nets in fishing from parklands (above the high waterline), except for throw nets, is prohibited.

To reduce the destruction of marine resources adjacent to the park.

(3) Kalapana extension area; special fishing privileges.

   (i) Pursuant to the act of June 20, 1938 (52 Stat. 781; 16 U.S. C. 391b and 396a) Native Hawaiian residents of the villages adjacent to the Kalapana extension area added to the park by the above act and visitors under their guidance are granted the exclusive privileges of fishing or gathering seafood from parklands (above the high waterline) along the coastline of such extension area. These persons may engage in commercial fishing under proper State permit.

   (ii) For the purpose of this section. The term "Native Hawaiian" means any descendent of not less than one-half part of the blood of the races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands previous to 1778 (52 Stat. 784; 16 U.S.C. 396a).

   The adjacent villages have been designated as Kapa‘ahu, Kalapana, Kupahu‘a, Mokuhulu, Kaimū, Kēōkea and Kīkala-Kēōkea. These restrictions are regulated by legislative agreements that were in effect when the National Park Service acquired the areas mentioned above.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

The National Park Service’s use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas, and public activities where no constitutionally protected
reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use, which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards, will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention and deterrence of terrorist attack and crime; help ensure the safety of citizens, employees and law enforcement officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities, revenue collection sites, etc., where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, visitor center counters, etc.). This policy does not restrict the use of an Audiovisual Recording Device (AVRD) in patrol vehicles or officer worn devices used by commissioned rangers. That use is addressed in NPS Reference Manual #9, Section 26. Recording devices will be located in a secure area that only authorized employees will have access to. A log will be maintained either at the location of the recording device or through a CAD entry with park dispatch and will contain the name, time, and date of the access.
IN REPLY REFER TO:  
10.D HAVO

10D HAVO-VRP  
Administrative Order #22-002

03/25/2022

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

This order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order #22-001

Restrictions and Public Use Limits: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2) the following activities are restricted in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, effective Midnight March 25, 2022, until further notice:

When the COVID-19 Community Level is LOW or MEDIUM in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are not required to wear masks.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, all individuals over the age of two must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in all common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH in one or more, but not all, of the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, the superintendent will determine whether individuals are required to wear masks. The requirement, if any, will apply to all facilities within the park.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals may wear masks if they choose to do so. Where a state, local, tribal, or territorial government where the park is located imposes more protective mask-wearing requirements than those indicated by the COVID-19 Community Level,
individuals must follow those more protective requirements within the park. More protective state, local, tribal, or territorial mask-wearing requirements are hereby adopted as federal requirements in all units of the National Park System located within that state, locality, area subject to a federally recognized Indian tribe’s regulatory jurisdiction, or territory, regardless of a particular park’s jurisdictional status.

Additionally, all individuals must wear masks in or on public transportation conveyances and transportation hubs/facilities, to the extent required by current orders or directives issued by the CDC, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), or other federal agencies with jurisdiction over those conveyances or areas. As of March 4, 2022, CDC and TSA orders or directives require all individuals regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor areas of all forms of public transportation conveyances, including busses, trains, and boats/ferries, and in the indoor premises of transportation hubs/facilities. Individuals are not required to wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs/facilities.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, including park visitors, government employees, concession employees, park residents and stakeholders.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis, and the order will be modified or rescinded when conditions warrant.

Approval: Signature on File 3/25/2022
Superintendent Date
MAP C

First Amendment Areas

Primary: Located between the KVC and the Volcano Art Center, and between the pedestrian foot path and parking lot, in the grassy patch.

Secondary Spot: Between the KVC parking lot and the Art Center bathrooms and closest to the Rain Shed Access Road.
MAP D

First Amendment Area-Kahuku

Legend

Kahuku Visitor Contact Station

Area 1

Area 2

Google Earth

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Note: No Horse use at Kahuku.
In addition to area shown on map, pets are allowed:
All parking areas excluding Hilina Pali Road,
Picnic Area at Kilauea Military Camp (KMC),
Fields adjacent to Kahuku contact station.

Additional temporary closures may be made.
MAP H (Roads and Trails open to bikers in Summit) (Purple line indicates Open areas for bikes)
MAP J

Private Property

HAVO-Kau Desert

Private Property

Great Crack

HAVO