



## Aloha mai kākou i nā 'āina o Kahuku *Welcome to the lands of Kahuku*

Kahuku is a place of dynamic volcanism, rich Hawaiian traditions and a fascinating history of ranching. It is a site of struggle and restoration for many unique plant and animal species of Ka'ū. Share in the wonders of this 116,000 acre unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Kahuku o ka likolika lehua

*Kahuku of the fresh lehua*

Pōhaku 'ele'ele, pōhaku 'ula'ula

*Black rocks, red rocks*

Ke ha'a la i Kahuku waena

*Dancing in the midland of Kahuku*

-Pualani Kanaka'ole-Kanahele

## Enjoy the Scenic Drive

9 miles (14.5 km) round-trip drive

1,190 feet (363 m) elevation gain



This drive will pass steep, open pastures and alongside fissures, channels and lava flows from the epic eruption of 1868. Above the upper Palm Trailhead, the road climbs more steeply and high clearance vehicles are required.



# Hike to amazing destinations



## **Pu'u o Lokuana Cinder Cone**

**0.4 mile (0.35 km) loop,**

**130 feet (40 m) elevation change**

Hike this short, but strenuous 130 foot (40 m) climb to the top of Pu'u o Lokuana cinder cone. Walk up the trail to the left of the hill. On the uphill side, you will find the route to the top through the historic cinder quarry.



## **Pu'u o Lokuana Trail**

**2 miles (3.2 km) loop,**

**130 feet (40 m) elevation change**

Take the trail along historic ranch roads to a hidden pasture. Walk to tree molds and the 1868 lava flows. Follow the old airstrip back to the main road and climb the cinder cone before returning to your vehicle.



## **Kamakapa'a Trail**

**1/2 mile (0.8 km) loop**

**40 feet (12 m) elevation change**

Follow this easy trail through grassy meadows to the top of a small cinder cone. Sweeping views from the top take in the full breadth of lower Ka'u.



## **Palm Trail**

**2.6 miles (4.2 km) loop**

**310 feet (95 m) elevation change**

Hike or bike through scenic pastures for one of best panoramic views in Kahuku. See volcanic features along the 1868 fissure and cross the main lava channel.



## **Pali o Ka'eo Trail**

**2.1 miles (3.4 km)**

**410 feet (125 m) elevation change**

Walk the trail through woodland meadows along the top of the steep grassy slope. Vistas along the way take in the coast of Ka'u from Ka Lae (South Point) to Na Pu'u o Pele.



## **Pit Crater Trail**

**2.4 miles (3.9 km)**

**from Pit Crater Trailhead to the Pit Crater, 1,165 feet (335 m) elevation gain**

This strenuous hike leads steeply up old pasture roads to the edge of a huge pit crater. A pristine Hawaiian rain forest is protected within its sheer walls. Continue hiking for an additional 1.7 mile (2.8 km) loop before returning on the same trail. Hikers must decontaminate at the ROD Quarantine Gate.



## Help Protect Your Fragile Resources and Each Other

- ▶ Entrance gate opens at 9:00 and closes at 4:00
- ▶ Stay on designated trails and bike routes
- ▶ Clean your boots and gear—introduced species devastate this fragile environment
- ▶ Do not remove or damage any natural, cultural, or geological resources
- ▶ For emergency services, call 911 or park dispatch: (808) 985-6170
- ▶ Smoke only in your vehicle and completely extinguish cigarettes
- ▶ Water, gasoline and other services are available in nearby communities
- ▶ No fires; propane stoves/grills permitted in lawn adjacent to the Visitor Contact Station
- ▶ Pets only allowed on Kahuku Road up to the ROD Quarantine Gate (cross fence) and on Old Mamalahoa Highway, leash required, no pets on trails
- ▶ Driving is only allowed on Kahuku Road. Off road travel and use of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's, UTV's and OHV's) are prohibited
- ▶ Hunting is not permitted
- ▶ No drones are allowed in the national park