



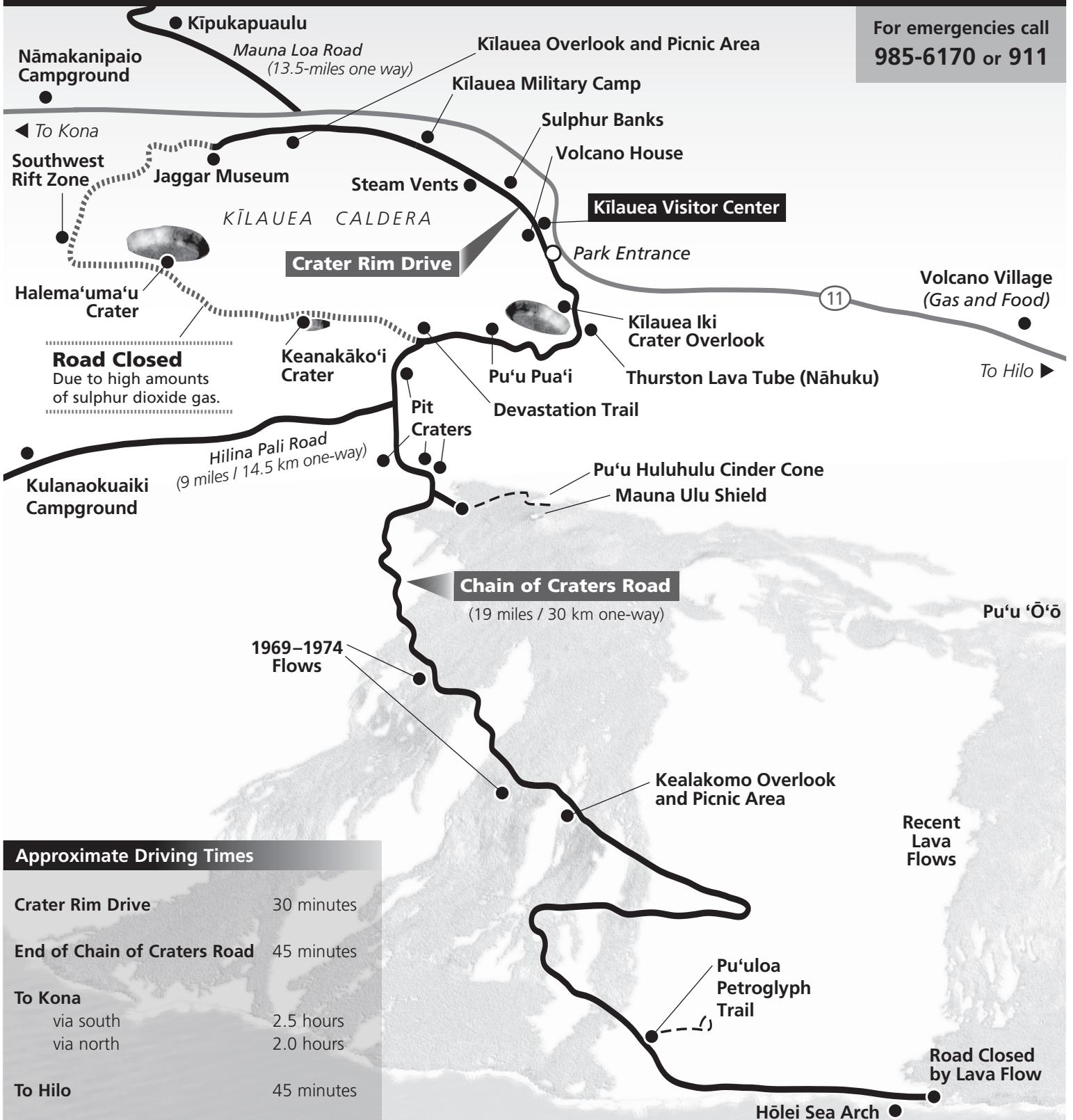
Explore Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road

VISITOR ALERT

High amounts of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas are present at the volcano's summit.

- Personal Safety**
- When driving along Crater Rim Drive, keep your windows closed.
 - Volcanic gas conditions (visually similar to smog) exist along Chain of Craters Road—keep your windows closed when visible.
 - If the air irritates, smells bad, or you have difficulty breathing, return to your vehicle and leave the area. If open, inside the Kīlauea Visitor Center is a clean air environment.
 - Please be flexible in your travel plans. Some areas may be closed for your safety.

Points of Interest



Crater Rim Drive

This road takes you along a portion of the summit caldera—through desert and rain forest—and provides access to scenic stops and short walks. Allow one to three hours, depending on how often you stop.

Visitor Centers

Kīlauea Visitor Center

Open daily from 7:45 am to 5:00 pm
Accessible restrooms, water, and phone are available.

Thomas A. Jaggar Museum

Open daily from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Accessible restrooms, water, and phone are available.

Short Walks

Sulphur Banks

See where volcanic gases seep from the ground, depositing sulphur 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 (.5 mile / .8 km one way).

Thurston Lava Tube (Nāhuku)

Walk through lush rain forest to explore a 500-year old lava tube (.5 mile / .8 km loop trail). Restrooms and water are available.

Devastation Trail

Stroll on a paved path where an 'ōhi'a forest was devastated by Kīlauea Iki's 1959 eruption. See plants returning to this stark landscape (.5 mile / .8 km one way).



Hike

Pick up an interpretive trail guide at the trailhead and discover this amazing volcanic landscape.

Kīlauea Iki

Descend 400-feet (122 m) through native rain forest into a crater and hike across a frozen 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).

Chain of Craters Road

This 19-mile (30 km) one-way drive descends 3,700 feet (1,128 m) to the coast and ends where lava has covered 10-miles of road since 1983. Allow at least three hours round-trip, depending on how often you stop and how far you hike.

There are no services (water, gasoline, or food) on this road. Accessible toilets are located at Mauna Ulu parking lot and the end of the road. There is an emergency 911 phone at Pu'uloa Petroglyphs trailhead.

Hikes

Hiking beyond Pu'u Huluhulu requires a permit. Stop at the Kīlauea Visitor Center.

Pu'u Huluhulu Cinder Cone

Hike over 1973–1974 lava flows to a viewing area atop a 150-foot (45 m) cinder cone. Weather permitting, see Kīlauea's East Rift, Pu'u 'Ō'ō, and Mauna Ulu. Trail begins at Mauna Ulu parking lot (2.6 miles / 4.2 km round-trip hike).

Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs

A traditional Hawaiian trail leads to images artfully etched in stone. Petroglyphs are fragile so watch your step. Trail begins at Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs pullout (1.5 miles / 2.4 km round-trip).

Where Can I See Lava?

For updated lava viewing conditions, call the Hawai'i County Kalapana Lava Viewing Hotline at 808-961-8093.

Directions: Take Hwy 11 towards Hilo to Hwy 130. Follow Hwy 130 until you reach the end of the road and the lava viewing parking area.

Currently, lava is flowing outside the park and is accessible by driving to the end of Highway 130 in Kalapana.

You will walk over uneven terrain to reach the lava viewing sites. The lava viewing hours are from 2:00 pm until 10:00 pm. The last car allowed into the viewing area is at 8:00 pm.

- Lava viewing is unpredictable.
- Lava flow activity is always changing.

What Will I See at the End of Chain of Craters Road?

Sometimes you can see lava flows from the end of the road without hiking.

During the day, you might see fumes on the hillside or steam clouds at the ocean. Sometimes after dark, flowing lava and red glow may be visible in the distance from the road. *A portion of the end of the road is wheelchair accessible with accessible toilets at the vehicle turnaround.*

Avoid volcanic fumes and steam clouds.

Winds can bring volcanic gases from the Pu'u 'Ō'ō vent and ocean entries towards hikers and parked cars.

Are you ready?

- Bring 2 to 3 quarts / liters of water per person.
- Wear a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses.
The coast is hot and windy.
- Wear sturdy shoes. *It can be a long hike over cracked, uneven, and slippery rock.*
- Bring one reliable flashlight per person if hiking after dusk or before dawn.

Don't venture out on new land created where lava entered the ocean.

- Recently, over 43 acres of land collapsed into the ocean without warning.



Before collapse



After collapse

