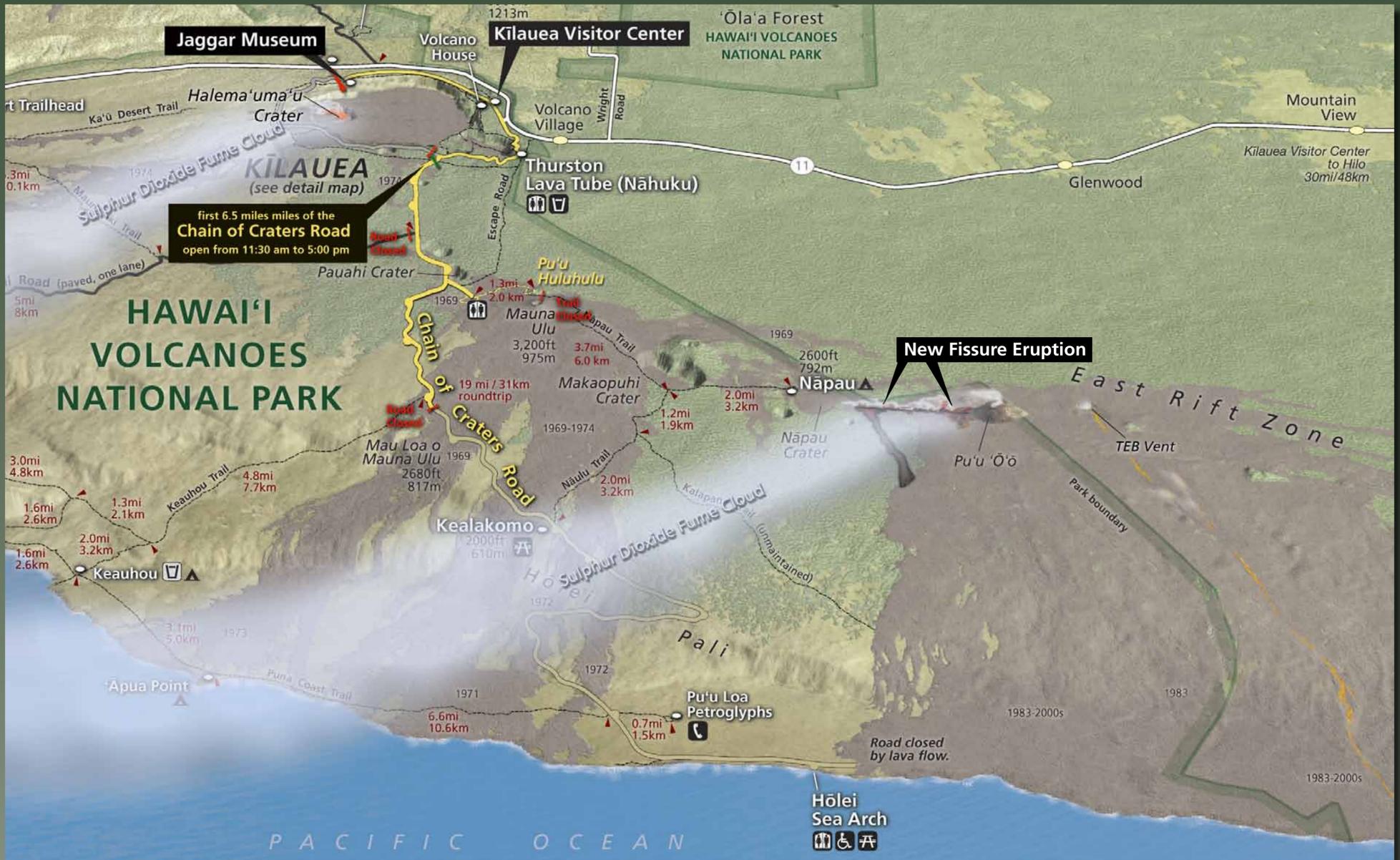




Dynamic Forces Transform the Landscape



A new chapter in the ongoing East Rift eruption began on March 5. The floor of Pu'u 'Ō'ō collapsed into a crater 377 feet (115 m) deep. Activity at the TEB vent and the flows to Kalapana stopped. A new 1.4 mile (2.4 km) long fissure or ground crack opened just west of Pu'u 'Ō'ō and spewed lava over 100 feet (30 m) skyward. Lava covered 270 acres and flowed 1.8 miles (2.9 km) to the southeast.

