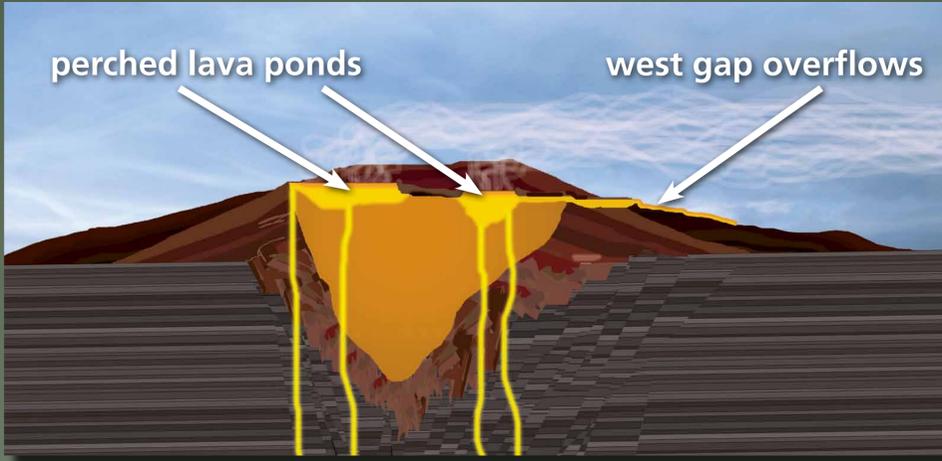


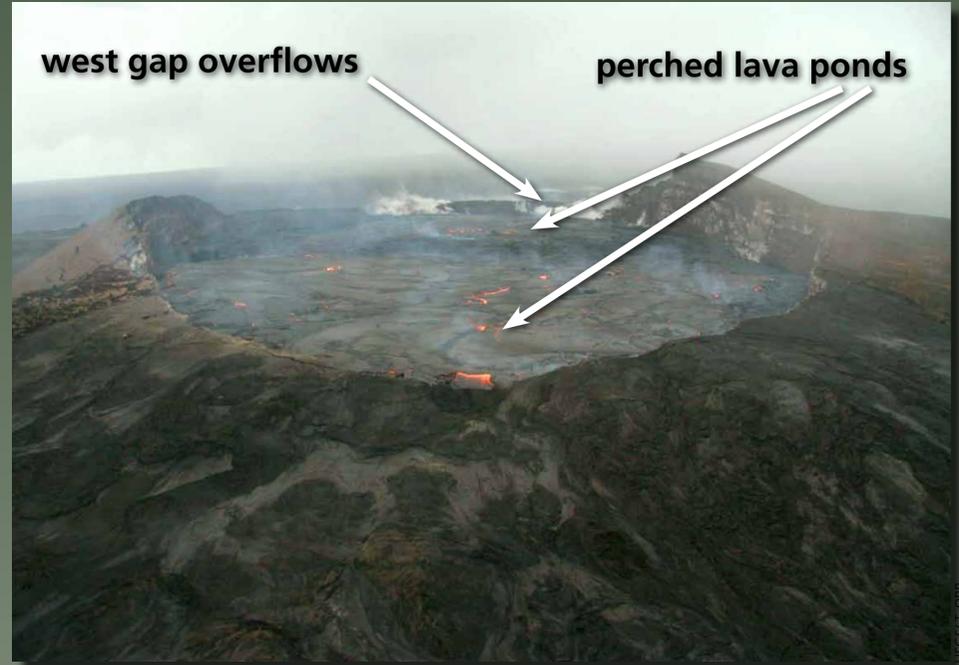


Update: September 21, 2011 A New Fissure Erupts on the East Flank of Pu'u 'Ō'ō

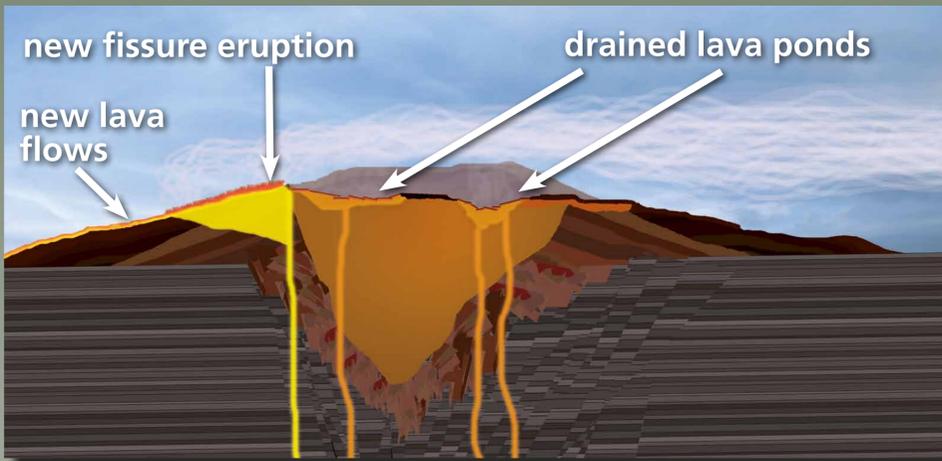
Weeks Leading Up To September 21, 2011



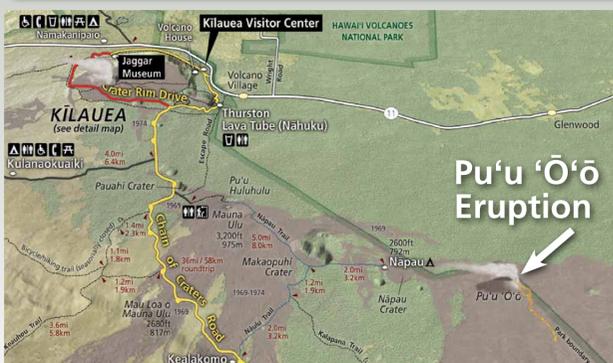
In August, lava ruptured the west flank of Pu'u 'Ō'ō and the crater floor collapsed. Within a week the rupture sealed and lava began to refill the crater with two perched lava ponds. By mid-September, lava overflowed the west gap.



On September 21, 2011



Magma bypassed the Pu'u 'Ō'ō crater and broke through the upper east flank in a new fissure. The lava ponds drained and a channel of rapid-flowing lava progressed 2.3 miles (3.7 km) downslope before it slowed.



The current eruption is in a remote and inaccessible area. Night-time glows might be seen from Jaggars Museum.