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# Guest Room Info

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We are glad to share the last of the wonderful Hawaiian rain forest with you. Please do not hesitate to ask for anything which may make your stay more comfortable. If we are not on the property, and if you have any questions or need some assistance – please do not hesitate to call either of your Innkeepers. We encourage our guests to come up to the reception area and utilize our landline phone to make local calls.

Fire place: There are two switches located on the top back side of the unit. One is for the fan (knob controls the speed of the fan) the other is for the burner. Please turn off the fireplace when leaving the room for the day. Any fireplaces left on will be turned off.

WiFi: The property has wireless internet available. Strongest signal will be near the main lodge. Main lodge router's password is "guest", all other routers do not have passwords.

Safety & Security: Volcano Village is a tranquil and safe place. You may use the key to lock your room if you desire.

Recycle: We welcome our guests to recycle cans & bottles in the rooms by leaving them near the trash. We also encourage our guests to recycle park maps & trail guides.

Housekeeping: Our housekeepers are on site from 9am-2pm daily. If you do not wish to be disturbed or do not want service, please let us know as early as possible. Towels left on the floor will be replaced.

Families with Children: We ask that families with small children please be mindful that many of our guests come here to enjoy the quietness of the rainforest. Children under 12 years of age should not be left unsupervised on the property.

Check-Out: Check out time is at 11 a.m. **Late check-out fees do apply.** Late checkouts between 11 a.m.-Noon carry a fee of \$50. Late checkouts between Noon-1 p.m. carry a fee of \$100. Bags can be stored with the Innkeeper after check-out.

Mahalo!

Innkeeper Phone Numbers: You do not need to dial 808 if using our land line telephone

Kelsea: 808-854-9595

Meghan: 808-990-3808



*Emma Spencer Living*

# Property Information

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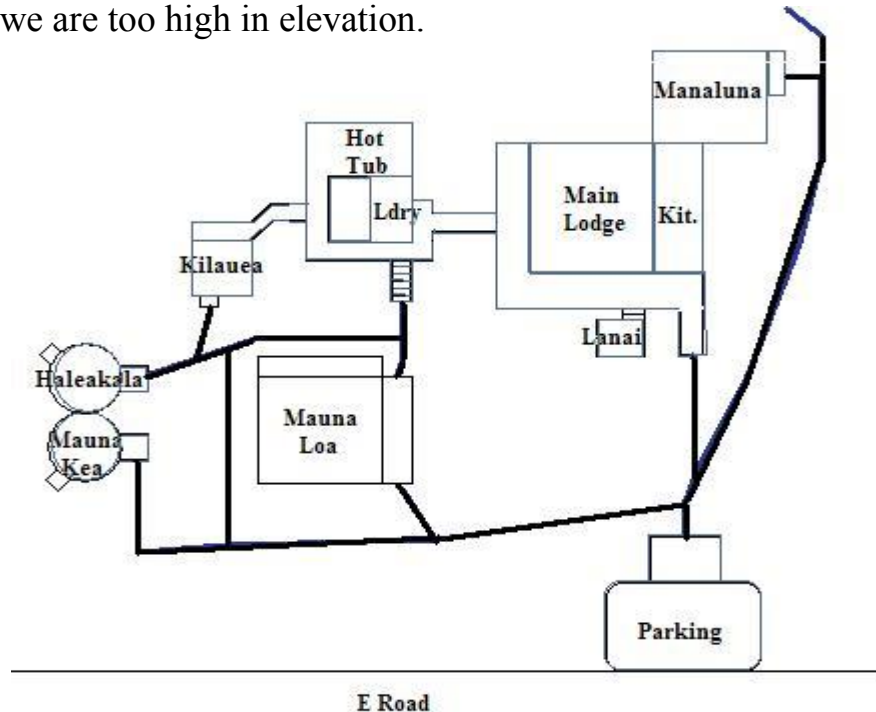
Main lodge reception/library: Enjoy the selection of books, DVD's or CD's, and the use of our computer. Hours are between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please keep quiet as there is a room on the back half of the library area and the sound really carries in this environment.

Parking: Parking spots are marked by blue reflectors. Guests are welcome to park under the carport, if space is available. Please do not block the driveway.

Laundry: There are no laundry facilities on the property. See area information for Laundromat listings.

Hot Tub: Hours are 8:30 am to 10 p.m. Please keep the temperature at 100-103 degrees, and turn off the jets/lights after use. Lights are located to the left (timer dial switch) just as you enter the hot tub area. For safety, please do not take bottles or glasses to the spa. This is another area for peace and quiet.

Animals/Wild Life: "Gino," our gray cat, wanders the grounds and greets all guests. He is allowed in only the main lodge. Please do not feed him or let him in your room, as some of our guests are allergic to cats. Please do not feed the wild birds. No mosquitos – we are too high in elevation.



# Volcano Village Information

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## ***Restaurants:***

**Volcano House Restaurant:** Inside the Park - No reservation required. Open for dinner 5pm-9pm. Uncle George's Lounge open from 11am-9pm for drinks and pupus (appetizers)

**Kilauea Lodge:** Reservations recommended. Call: (808) 967-7366. Open for lunch 10am-2pm, Dinner 5pm-9pm. Menu: [www.kilauealodge.com](http://www.kilauealodge.com).

**Thai Thai:** No reservations taken. Take Out: (808) 967-7969 Open lunch and dinner from 12pm-9pm Thurs-Tues. Open 5pm-9pm on Wednesday (no lunch).

**Café Ohia:** Open for breakfast and lunch daily from 6am – 5pm. Sandwiches, plate lunches, and more.

**Café Ono:** Vegetarian and Vegan foods, Open for lunch daily from 11am-3pm. Located inside Volcano Garden Arts. (808) 985-8979

## ***General Stores & Gas Stations:***

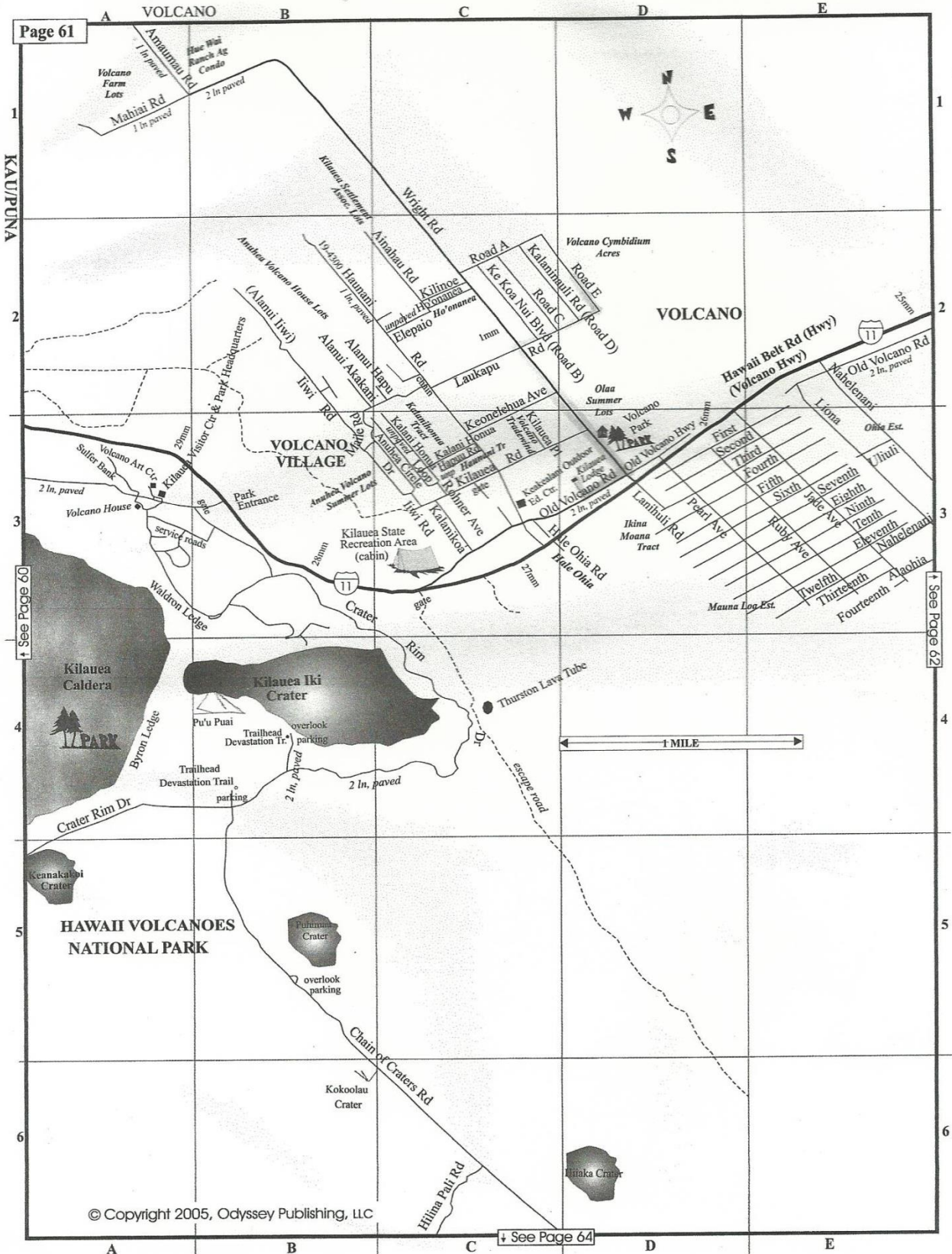
There are two general stores in Volcano Village that offer a limited selection of snacks, drinks, beer and wine. They also sell light rain gear and jackets. Kilauea General Store (next to Lava Rock Café) has a gas station with 4 pumps. Volcano Store (next to Café Ohia) has a single gas pump.

## ***Laundromat:***

There is a Laundromat behind the Thai Thai restaurant in Volcano Village. It is open daily until 6pm. Cash can be exchanged for quarters at the True Value Hardware Store (open until 5:30pm) at the back end of the parking lot.

## ***Farmer's Market:***

The Volcano Village Farmer's Market is held on Sunday mornings. The market opens at 6am and runs until about 10am. Many vendors sell out before 10am, so get there early. Parking is limited.



# Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

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## **Basics:**

The Hawaii Volcanoes National Park is open 24 hours a day.

Admission is \$10 per vehicle and your receipt is good for admission for 7 days.

The Visitor's Center should be your first stop. It's open 7:45am-5pm daily. Ask about current lava flows, park closures, etc.

Food and snacks are available at the Volcano House Hotel & Restaurant and the Kilauea Military Camp. Fuel is not available in the National Park.

***When entering the park, you will receive a Park Map. Make sure to bring the map as a reference, wear sturdy shoes, bring rain gear, and plenty of food and water. There are several different climates in the national park!***

## **Lava Viewing:**

The best and closest place to observe a volcanic eruption within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park at present is from Jaggar Museum overlook, and other vantage points at the summit of Kilauea that provide views of Halema'uma'u Crater.

During daylight, the robust plume of volcanic gas is a constant and dramatic reminder of the molten rock churning in a lava lake beneath the crater floor. After sunset, Halema'uma'u continues to thrill visitors with a vivid glow that illuminates the clouds and the plume as it billows into the night sky.

**Do not attempt to hike to the active lava flows without a guide. It is extremely dangerous near new and recent flows.**

## **Must See Sights**

**Jaggar Museum:** A 15 minute drive from the lodge, Jaggar Museum is open 8:30am-7:30pm. It has exhibits ranging from seismographs, to the Hawaiian mythology on the creation of the Hawaiian Islands, to different types of lava, etc. It's a great place to learn about lava, see lava eruption footage, and learn about Hawaiian mythology. Not to mention, the eruption of Halema'uma'u is best viewed from Jaggar Museum at night. Go star and lava gazing at Jaggar Museum and witness the power of Pele.

\*\*\*Note: Halema'uma'u eruption is a lava lake that is currently not showing above the surface of the crater. You will not see any surface lava. For more information about surface lava and tours see our Lava Tours section.\*\*\*

**Thurston Lava Tube:** An easy loop walk, about 20 minutes, descend down a paved path into the enormous lava tube. The path through the lava tube is well lit. Take notice of the Ohia roots growing down through the ceiling of the lava tube.

**Chain of Craters Road:** A beautiful and scenic 45 minute drive (one-way) that starts in the lush Hawaiian rainforest. Just a few miles down the road, you will start seeing the numerous craters that have formed throughout the years. Most of the lava flows are marked with dates, which is something that puts the history of Kilauea into perspective. Stop at the scenic overlooks to check out the breath-taking views of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park's coastline. Make sure to drive all the way to the end of the Chain of Craters Road, where the view becomes miles of open lava fields. At the end of the road, stop at Holei Sea Arch where the waves pound on the sea cliffs creating stunning views. After parking, be sure to walk the rest of the length of road to where the lava abruptly crossed over the pavement. No food, water, or fuel is available on this route \*\*\*Please obey all posted speed limits. The Nene (Hawaiian goose) can be found along the side of road.\*\*\*

**Mauna Loa Strip Road:** Located off Hwy 11 just past mile marker 30, Mauna Loa Strip Road winds its way up Mauna Loa to over 6,000 feet in elevation. Lower elevations of the strip road have large Koa trees, but most people will notice the dead (Ohia) trees. Ohia trees dying off are a naturally occurring event that scientists believe have to do with specific lava flows and the lack of nutrients. As you continue pass the Koa and Ohia trees, the landscape thins out a little and becomes a desert. However, you should still see beautiful blooming A'ali'i, a shrub with pink/purple flowers. The end of the road has a nice pavilion and on clear days beautiful views of the Volcano region. It's

a great place to picnic. While up there, you can hike a little on the Mauna Loa trail, but for the most part it's an intense uphill trail with very little vegetation.

## **Trails:**

***Kilauea Iki Trail:*** This trail starts in the rain forest on the crater's rim. The trail descends 400 feet through the rain forest, with native birds in the canopy, to the crater floor. Hikers will cross the still-steaming crater floor, past the gaping throat of the vent that built Pu'u Pua'i cinder cone, and return to your starting point via the crater's rim. This 4 mile loop takes about 2-3 hours to complete.

***Devastation Trail:*** Take a quick look at the 1959 Kilauea Iki eruption Pu'u Pua'i cinder cone from a different perspective. On a clear day, this is a great location to view the summits of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea. This trail is around 1 mile or you can continue on towards Byron Ledge Trail. See Bryon's Ledge Trail for more information.

***Byron Ledge Trail:*** Descend from the Devastation Trail back into the rainforest along the edge of Kilauea Caldera. Byron Ledge Trail has great view points of Halema'uma'u crater and subsequently the eruption site. However, most of the trail is closed due to the sulfur emissions from the volcano. Continue on the trail towards Halema'uma'u Crater Trail. By taking the Halema'uma'u Trail, your hike will be extended to 1.8 miles one way. See more information about the Halema'uma'u Crater Trail.

***Halema'uma'u Crater Trail:*** The easiest way to access Halema'uma'u Trail is to start the Kilauea Visitor Center or the Volcano House Hotel. Descend down the Kilauea Crater through the lush rainforest. You will walk through beautiful tree ferns, Ohia trees, and along the edge of the walls of Kilauea Caldera while hearing the beautiful songs of the Hawaiian birds. Eventually, you will be out on the crater floor, eye level with Halema'uma'u. **Please follow the signs marked on the crater floor and DO NOT continue towards Halema'uma'u Crater.** Continue along the trail, up the steep stair-like switchbacks and connect with either Kilauea Iki Trail or Byron's Ledge Trail. If you decide to add the Kilauea Iki hike, you will have traveled around 6 miles and it should take about 3 hours to complete. However, you can take the Kilauea



Iki trail to Crater Rim Trail and loop back around to the Visitor Center. This is around 4 miles total and should take between 2-3 hours to complete.

***Crater Rim Trail:*** Crater Rim Trail goes around the rim of Kilauea Caldera. However, due to the eruption site of Halema'uma'u Crater **over half the trail is closed for safety reasons**. Currently, the trail is open from Jaggar Museum to Keanakako'i Crater, which is about 7.5 miles one-way. However, most of the trail can be done in segments. Jaggar Museum, Kilauea Overlook, Steam Vents, Kilaua Iki Overlook, Thurston Lava Tube, and Devastation all have parking lots. From Jaggar Museum to the Visitor Center, the Crater Rim Trail starts in the desert and goes through a transition zone of Koa trees and smaller Ohia trees near the steam vents and then into rainforest near the visitor center. This stretch is roughly 2.5 miles one-way and should take about 1.5 hours.

Our personal favorite stretch of Crater Rim Trail is to park at Thurston Lava Tube. Do the lava tube, and then take the Escape Road to Crater Rim Trail to Keanakako'i Crater. This is a 6 mile round trip. This part of the trail is hardly hiked on and it's one of the prettiest parts of the trail. Beautiful tree ferns and native birds with a moderate decline. Once you cross Chain of Craters Road, you will enter into a beautiful Koa wood forest with Ohelo berries (Nene's favorite food). In time, you will come out of the forest onto a lava field with amazing lava tree molds, arches, and other unique lava shapes, then ending at Keanakoko'i Crater. **The trail is closed past Keanakako'i Crater.** Keanakako'i Crater can be accessed from another way; you can park at Devastation Trail and walk down part of Chain of Craters Road and get on Crater Rim Trail. This section is 2 miles round trip.

The most popular section of Crater Rim Trail is the stretch from Volcano House to Thurston Lava Tube. This doesn't loop around unless you take some of the other trails listed above. One-way the trip is around 2 miles.

***Mauna Iki Trail:*** Experience a totally different adventure with the Ka'u Desert Trail. To get to the Mauna Iki Trailhead, drive south on Highway 11 towards South Point. Just before you leave the park boundary around mile marker 40, you will see a pull off on the side of the road on your left. Take a walk out into the Ka'u desert to see a piece of Hawaiian history. Hike to the ancient Footprints - an easy 2 mile round trip hike on the trail. This trail has beautiful views of Mauna Loa and some neat geological

structures; however, it is hiking on lava the whole way. It is advised to wear sunscreen and bring plenty of water, as it is a desert with minimal shade. To this day, geologist and archeologist are still trying to figure out the real occurrence of footprints. However, it is said that soldiers were staying near this area when Kilauea erupted with a huge ash cloud. Most of the soldiers died, but some were able to run away, leaving their footprints in the lava.

***Kipukapuauili (Bird Park):*** Check out this kipuka (small area of old forest surrounded by a younger lava flow) and all it has to offer. Located just off Mauna Loa Strip Road, the Bird Park is a great place to take a short walk with friends or family. If you enjoy learning about local plants or birds, it's a must stop. There are interpretative signs describing the plants and their significance in the forest. Because there are a lot of native plants, you will also see a lot of native birds including: Apapane, Amakihi, Omao, and Elepaio. A small incline and loop trail that's around 1 mile. You'll be so distracted with the flora and fauna you won't even notice that you're going uphill.

***Mauna Ulu/Pu'u huluhulu:*** Mauna Ulu trailhead is located off of Chain of Craters Road. Start at the parking lot and follow the reflectors/ahu's (rock pilings). Within the first ½ of the mile, observe the tree molds that were created by the 1969-1974 eruption. A tree mold happens when the lava wraps around the tree, not completely engulfing the tree. Most of the tree burns slowly while the lava cools around it, leaving a mold in the lava. As you continue to hike across the lava field, Mauna Ulu will be on the right hand side. The last eruption from Mauna Ulu was in 1974! Imagine lava fountains taller than the Empire State Building! Follow the trail up the small kipuka through the Ohia trees to the summit of Pu'u huluhulu and behold a beautiful view of the Halema'uma'u eruption and Pu'u O'o. Pu'u huluhulu is 1.7 miles from the Mauna Ulu parking lot, around a 3 mile hike that will take around 1.5-2 hours to complete.

***Petroglyphs Trail:*** Step back in time with this hike. Located off of Chain of Craters Road, the Petroglyph Trail is a 1.5 mile round trip hike over a lava field to a boardwalk area. In this area, there are numerous petroglyphs (carvings in the rocks) from ancient Hawaiian times. While on the boardwalk, take some time to read the interpretative signs to learn more about the making of and cultural significance of the petroglyphs. Wear sunscreen - it's usually very hot, windy, and sunny down there!

***Sulphur Banks/ Steam Vents:*** This trail is family friendly and good for people who want a light walk. Start at the Kilauea Visitor Center and continue along the boardwalk, getting up close to bright yellow sulfur deposits. The trail will cross Crater Rim Drive and end at Steam Vents, a .7 mile distance. Steam Vents is an area of the park where large holes/cracks in the ground have steam coming out of them. This is also has a great view of Kilauea Caldera. If you want to by-pass sulfur banks, you can drive and park at steam vents. I recommend taking Crater Rim Trail back towards the visitor, through the forest and ending at the Volcano House. In total this hike is about 2 miles round trip. To make a longer hike, take the ‘Iliahi (sandalwood) Trail from steam vents. See ‘Iliahi trail for more information

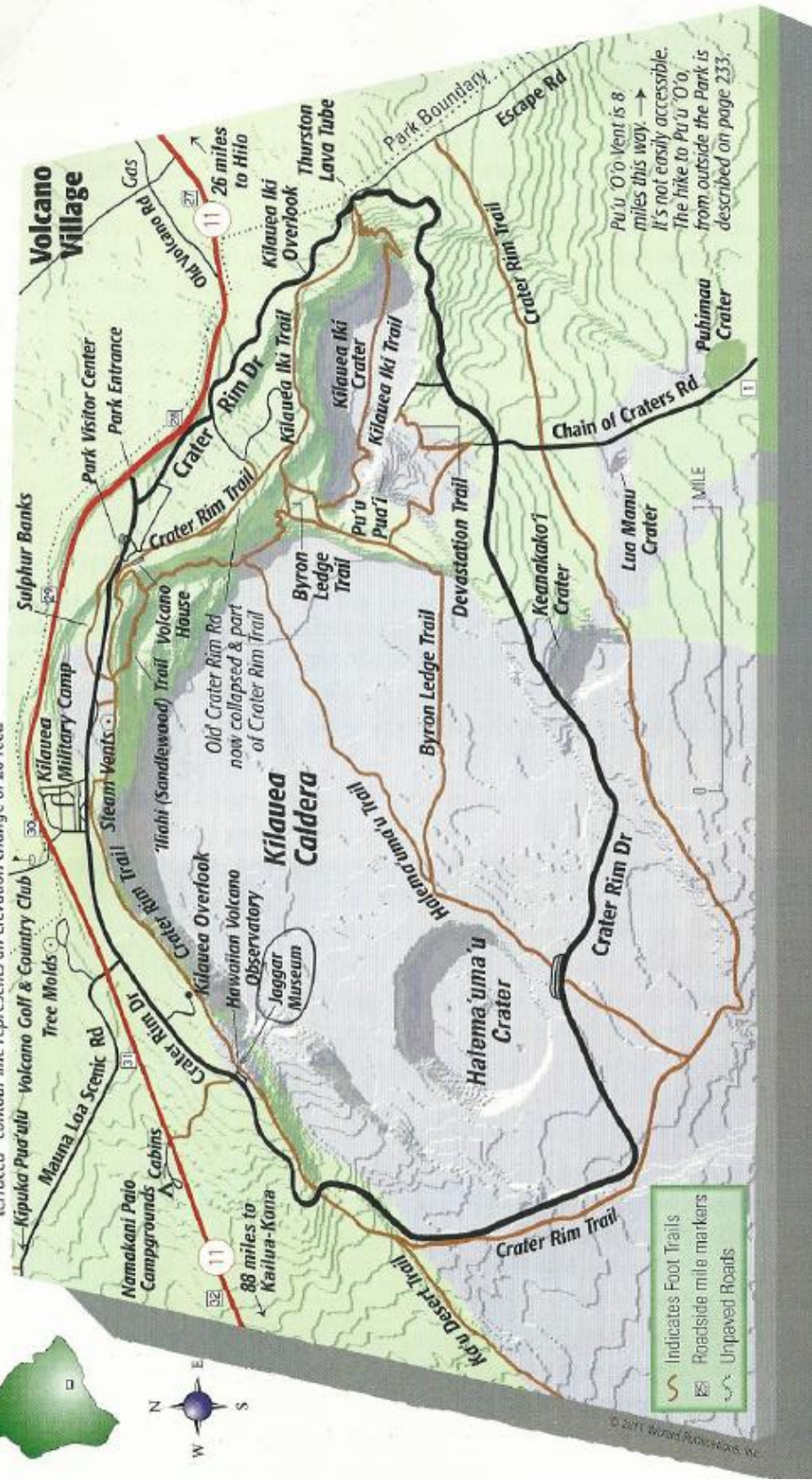
***‘Iliahi (Sandalwood) Trail:*** Starting at the steam vents parking lot, you descend along the trail. This trail has great vistas of Kilauea Caldera while being in the rainforest. This trail will come out on Halema’uma’u trail and you can either go further into Kilauea Caldera or go back towards the Volcano House. If going back to Crater Rim Trail and then back to steam vents it’s around 1 mile. If continuing into Kilauea Caldera and walking across the crater floor, it will eventually meet up with either Kilauea Iki Trail or Crater Rim Trail.

**\*\*While we are offering suggestions for hikes, please obey all signs/closures, check with the visitor center and obtain any permits required for hiking. Also, remember to leave no trace. Any trash, food, etc you bring with you on the hike, please make sure to hike it out to a trash can. Malama aina (respect the land)\*\***



# Kilauea Crater

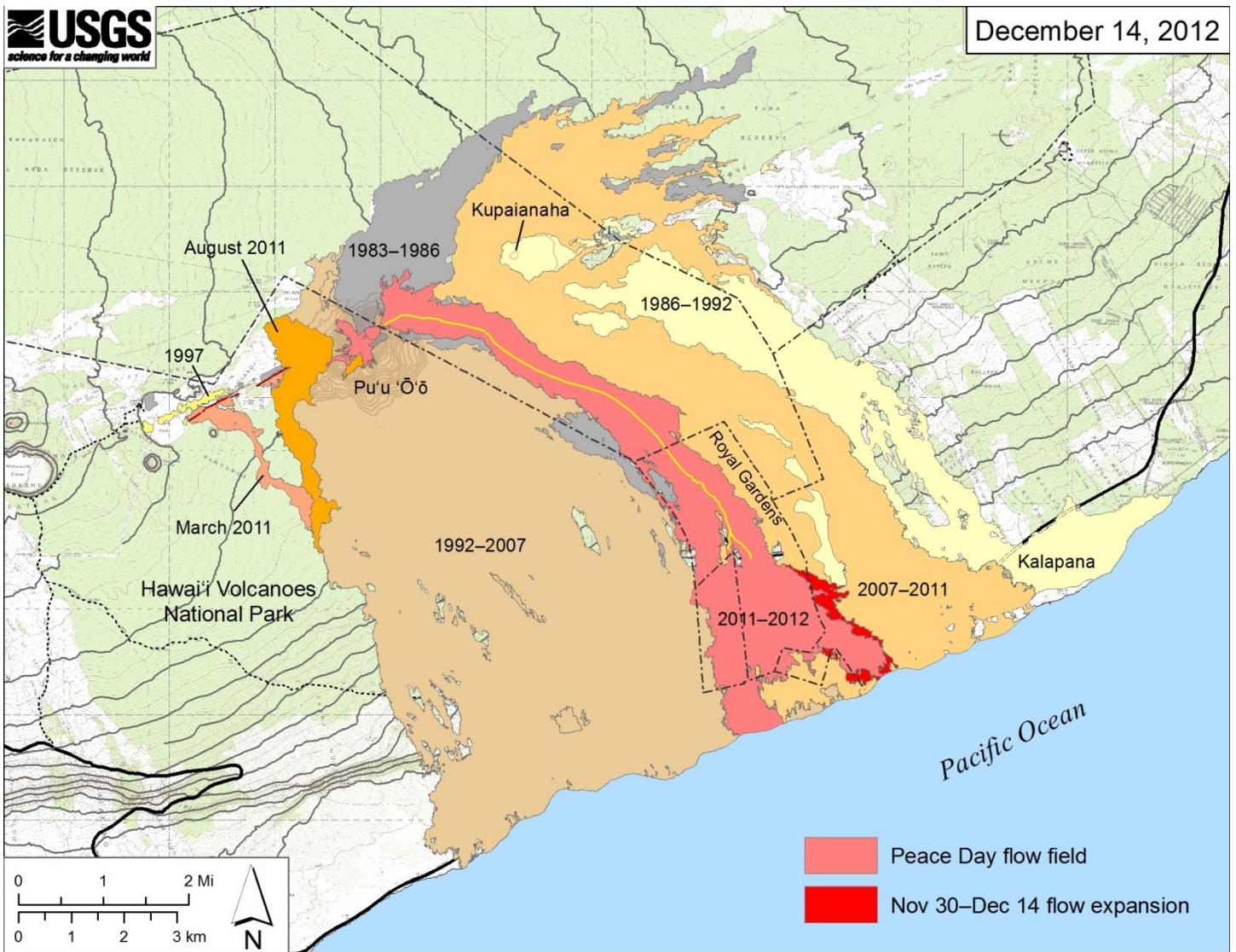
This map is rendered at an angle in order to convey the lay of the land at Kilauea. Visualize it as a solid cast of the land sitting on a table. Each "terraced" contour line represents an elevation change of 20 feet.



- Indicates Foot Trails
- Roadstate mile markers
- Unpaved Roads

Pu'u O'o Vent is 8 miles this way. →  
It's not easily accessible. The hike to Pu'u O'o from outside the Park is described on page 233.

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# Hilo

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Hilo is located approximately 30 miles from our lodge. Hilo is the closest city and will have many dining and shopping options. Beaches here are not ideal for swimming.

## Things to Do:

**Farmer's Market:** The Hilo Farmer's Market is located on the bay front. It operates 7 days a week, but the big market days are Wednesday and Saturday. Goods sold include produce, flowers, crafts, etc.

**Rainbow Falls:** This majestic waterfall is located on the north side of Hilo off of the Wailuku River. Depending on the rainfall levels in Hilo, this waterfall can be fairly large or non-existent.

**Imiloa Astronomy Center:** Where astronomy meets Hawaiian culture. This center offers planetarium shows about the skys over Hawaii. The Imiloa Sky Garden Restaurant is an excellent dining option for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

## Restaurants:

**Hilo Bay Café:**

**Café Pesto:** Located right on the Hilo Bay Front.

