

Hawai`i Volcanoes

National Park Service
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Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park
Hawai`i



Park Unit

Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park was established on August 1, 1916. The park is located in the state of Hawai`i, on the southeastern part of the island of Hawai`i. The Superintendent is Cindy Orlando.

Purpose

The mission of the park is to preserve for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations, the significant resources that reflect Hawai`i's geological, biological, and cultural heritage. These resources demonstrate the powerful and awe-inspiring volcanic forces that create new land and the unique adaptations of plants, animals, and people to that land.

Resources

In recognition of its outstanding values, Hawai`i Volcanoes has been designated an International Biosphere Reserve (1980) and a World Heritage Site (1987).

Geological

Hawai`i Volcanoes extends from sea level to 13,677' (4,169 meters) and encompasses the summits and rift zones of two of the world's most active volcanoes, Kilauea and Mauna Loa. Kilauea has been in nearly continuous eruption since 1983; Mauna Loa last erupted in 1984. Volcanic features found within the park include calderas, pit craters, cinder cones, spatter ramparts, fumaroles, solfataras, pahoehoe and `a`a lava flows, tree molds, lava tubes, black sand beaches, and thermal areas.

Biological

The park's seven ecological zones (seacoast, lowland, mid-elevation woodland, rain forest, upland forest, subalpine, and alpine) harbor distinct plant and animal communities. The park is home to many engaging creatures (happyface spiders, carnivorous caterpillars, picture wing flies, honeycreepers, etc.) and a refuge for many endangered species (hawksbill turtle and Hawaiian goose, dark-rumped petrel, hawk, and hoary bat).

Cultural

The park perpetuates the island's native Hawaiian culture and protects numerous and significant archeological sites—tangible reminders of an indigenous people forever linked to this land.

Statistics

Size

333,000 acres (134,800 hectare)
60 mi (96 km) of paved roads and 119 mi (191 km) of marked trails

Staffing

130 employees

Annual Visitation

2,564,761 recreational and non-recreational visitors in 2004

Budget

\$5,558,000 annual operating program

Other Agencies & Organizations

U.S. Geological Survey, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory
U.S. Geological Survey BRD, Kilauea Field Station
U.S. Forest Service Biological Quarantine Facility
Friends of Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park
Hawai`i Natural History Association
Ken Direction Corporation d.b.a. Volcano House
Kilauea Military Camp
Stanford University – Hawai`i Ecosystems Project
Volcano Art Center

Congressional District

Park is in 2nd Congressional District of Hawai`i—Sen. Daniel Akaka (D), Rep. Ed Case (D)
1st District representatives—Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D), Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D)

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