



# Haleakalā National Park

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## Why Go?

To fully experience Maui – or at least peer into its soul – make your way to the summit of Haleakalā. Like a yawning mouth, the huge crater opens beneath you, in all its raw volcanic glory, caressed by mist and, in the experience of a lifetime, bathed in the early light of sunrise. Lookouts on the crater's rim provide breathtaking views of the moonscape below, and the many cinder cones marching across it.

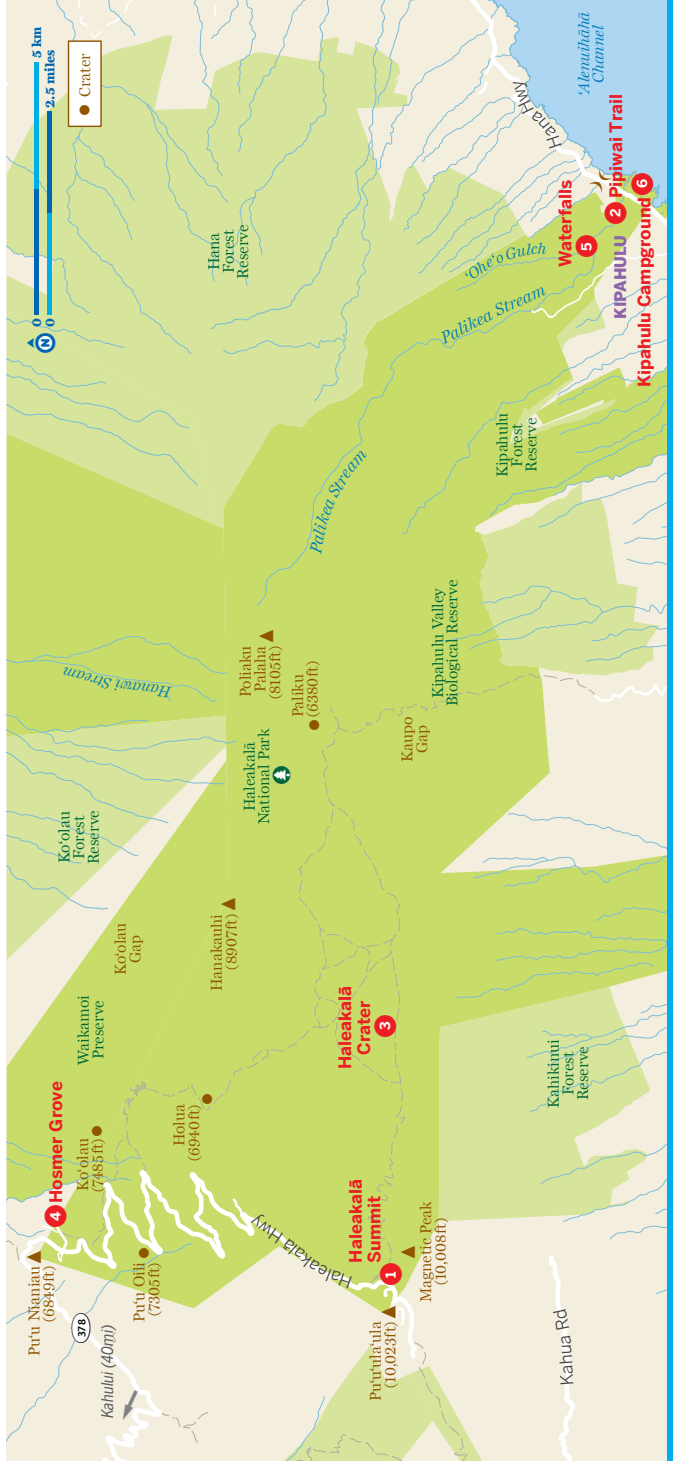
The rest of this amazing park, which is divided into two distinct sections, is all about interacting with this mountain of solid lava, and the rare lifeforms that live upon it, some of them found only here. You can hike down into the crater, follow lush trails on the slopes, or put your mountain bike through its paces. For the ultimate adventure, get a permit, bring a tent and camp beneath the stars. However you do it, the experience will stick with you.

## When to Go

Temperatures at the summit can be extreme, and they may fluctuate rapidly. Year-round temperatures range from below freezing to 50°F to 60°F. Expect temperatures to drop 3°F for every 1000ft rise in elevation. Crowds clear quickly after sunrise so, if you want to avoid congestion, plan to visit an hour or two after the sun comes up.

The Kipahulu area is warmer and wetter. Expect daytime temperatures averaging 70°F to 80°F year-round. At night, the temperature average is 65°F to 75°F.

Park visitation numbers remains fairly consistent year-round, but winter and summer are considered the busiest seasons.



## Haleakalā National Park Highlights

- Haleakalā Summit** (p202) Watching the day break above the clouds, or peering at the cosmos after sunset.
- Pipiwi Trail** (p199)
- Haleakalā Crater** (p196) Hiking past cinder cones and other natural wonders on the Keone'e'ehe'e (Sliding Sands) Trail.
- Hosmer Grove** (p203) Scanning for native birds while ogling the towering – but non-native – trees.
- Waterfalls** (p199) Taking a photo of the cascading One'o Gulch pools from the Kuloa Point Trail.
- Cabins & Campgrounds** (p207) Spending the night in the depths of the crater or steps from the pounding sea.