

Haleakala Crater, Y-2002
Kula (Maui), HI
18Km, rated 4C

Walk Start Location: Haleakala Visitor Center parking lot.

GPS Coords: 20.7151, -156.24979

Driving Directions: From Kahului Airport: Drive southwest on Hawaii SR36 to SR37 (Haleakala Hwy). LEFT to Waipoli Road. LEFT to Haleakala Summit approximately 50 miles (1.5 hours driving time +/-). **From Lahaina Area:** Drive west on Honoapi'ilani Hwy (SR30) to SR380. RIGHT to SR36. RIGHT to SR37 (Haleakala Hwy). RIGHT and follow directions above.

Park: Haleakala Visitor Center parking lot.

Restrooms: Visitors Center.

Walk Completion and Credit: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

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Walk Owner is Dorman Batson at 253-517-9634. **For emergencies contact 911.**

For more information on the hike this site has helpful tips and good photos:

<https://haleakalacrater.com/maui/switchbacks-hike-halemauu/>

A popular 11-mile (17.8 km) full-day hike begins at Keonehe'ehe'e Trailhead, crosses the valley floor, and ends at Halemau'u (7,990 ft/2,436 m elevation). The park cannot offer hiker shuttles, so consider using the "hiker pick-up" near here.

Points of interest:

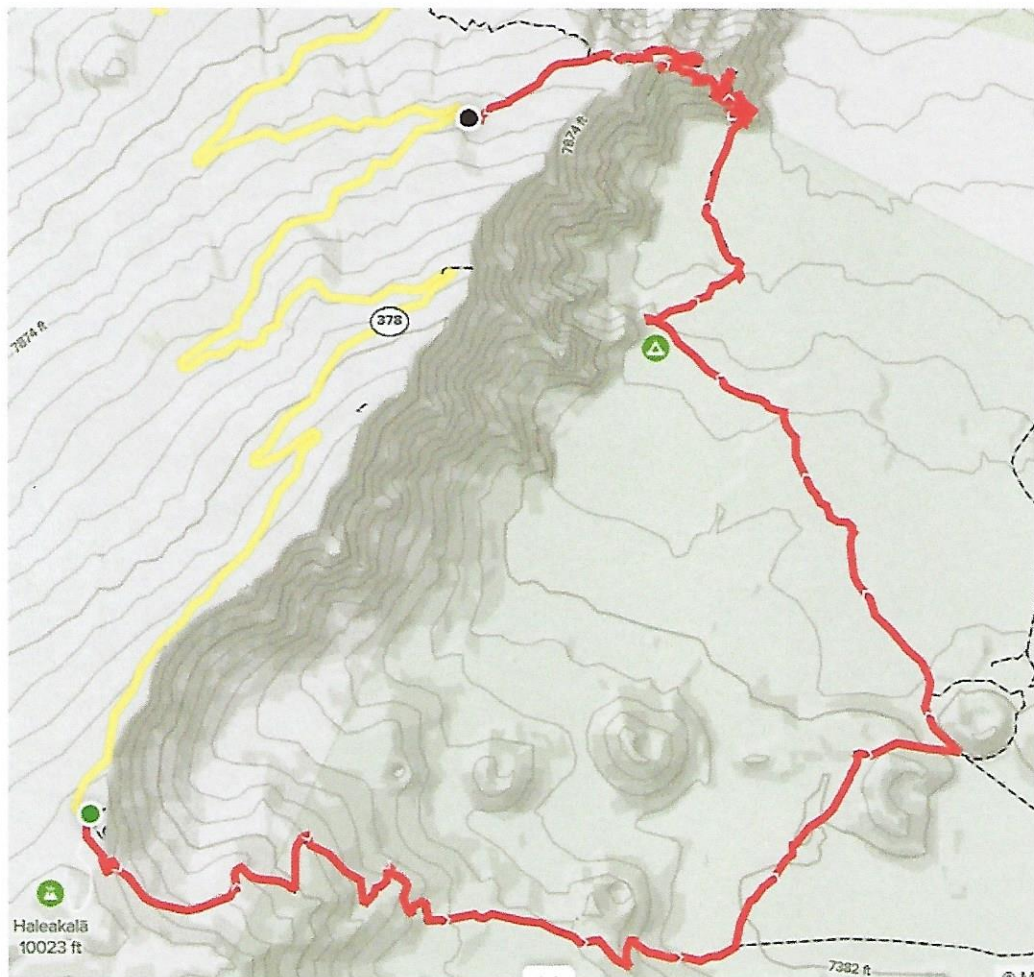
The "crater floor" is 3.9 miles down one way. The elevation change is almost 2,500 ft/762 m.

"Pele's Paint Pot" (about 5.7 miles in) is roughly the halfway point of this hike, near the north side of Halāli'i cinder cone.

Kawilinau (also about 5.7 miles in) was formerly called the "bottomless pit." The volcanic pit is 65 feet deep.

View both of these areas after reaching the crater floor and heading north towards Halemau'u.

Note: Plan ahead! Park visitation slows in inclement weather, decreasing the number of visitors who might offer you a ride up to Keonehe'ehe'e Trail parking lot. We recommend parking your vehicle at Halemau'u and hitchhiking up to Keonehe'ehe'e at the **beginning of your hike**. Upon concluding your hike, you will have immediate access to your vehicle at Halemau'u.



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Event Recommendations: Halemau'u Trailhead is 6 miles and 2,000 feet below Haleakala Summit Visitors Center. While one might possibly thumb a ride back to the summit, a second car is advised for transportation back to the summit parking. This walk requires two vehicles unless one returns back out as you entered. The hike back up the road is three miles. One can sometimes hitch a ride or better yet, park at Halemau'u and hitch up at the start. Carry water and food on this fantastic hike.

Into and across the crater walking time: Summit at 10,023 ft, suggest 7-10 hours hiking time. Take ample water, sun screen, snacks, food, sturdy boots, and walking sticks.

1. **DESCEND "Sliding Sands Trail"** (2.0 mi) to trail on **LEFT**. shrubs and ferns, that offers outstanding views of the volcanic landscape in clear weather. It is often shrouded in fog.
2. **LEFT** on side trail (0.6mi) to view **Ka Lu'u o ka O'o cinder cone** with excellent vistas of the volcanic landscape (in clear weather).
3. **RETURN** to **Sliding Sands Trail** (3.2 mi/ 4.5km).
4. **LEFT** on **Sliding Sands Trail** to next trail on the **LEFT** toward **Halemanu'u Trail** (at 7,270ft, 6.7 mi/ 11.0km. This area is composed of "sub-alpine shrubs and ferns to grassland, with outstanding views of the summit and the sea during clear weather, especially early morning.)
5. **LEFT** on **Halemau'u Trail** passing numerous cinder cones and cross trails to **Silver Sword Loop Trail** at 7,160 ft, 8.9mi/ 14.1km.)
6. **RIGHT** at "Y" on trail to **Holua Cabin** (at 6,960ft, 10.1 mi/14.0km. An area of sparse vegetation with close-up viewing of 'ahinahina, Haleakalla Silver Sword plants. Nene (Hawaiian geese) are commonly seen at Holua: Do not feed!)
7. **CONTINUE past Holua Cabin** down trail and **CLIMB** 3.7miles up switchbacks to ****Halemau'u Trailhead** (at 8,000ft, 11.2 mi/ 18 km.) This leg is a 1,400ft elevation climb through Alpine cinder desert, around volcanic cinder cones, across lava flows and up switchbacks among sub-alpine

