Aloha

Mauna Kea is a special place. Anyone planning to visit should take special precautions and act responsibly and respectfully when approaching its summit regions.

Significance of Mauna Kea

Mauna Kea is sacred to Native Hawaiians. It is host to the most sophisticated collection of astronomy facilities in the world, and it is home to rare flora and fauna—including species that are found nowhere else in the world.

When Visiting Mauna Kea

As a general rule, visitors are asked to leave the mountain as they found it: do not remove anything (that is not obviously trash) and do not leave anything behind. Please remain on marked trails and roadways.

Safety First and Foremost

Due to its remote location, emergency assistance may be hours away. The Mauna Kea Rangers program was established to provide daily oversight of activities at the summit. Heed all warnings issued by the Rangers. They are there to help.

Before Visiting Mauna Kea

Weather and Atmospheric Conditions

High Altitude

Drive Safely

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Visit Mauna Kea Safely and Responsibly

Anyone planning to visit the summit of Mauna Kea should read the contents of this brochure carefully before proceeding. Failure to heed precautions could lead to serious—even life-threatening—situations.

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