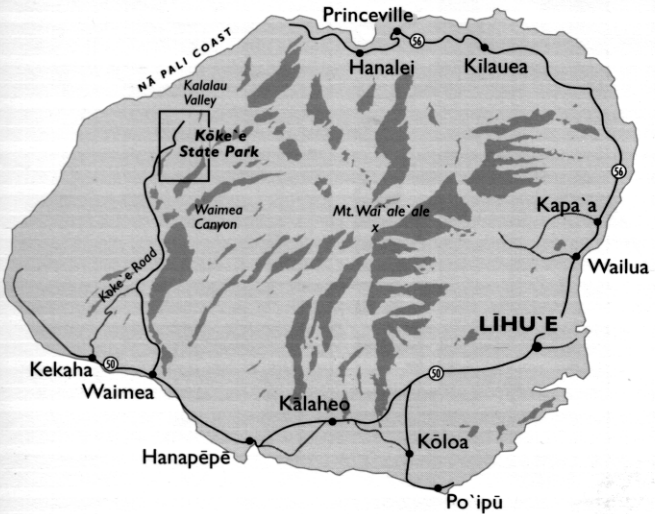


STATE OF HAWAII

Trails of Kōke'e

KŌKE'E STATE PARK



KAUA'I, HAWAII

The main attractions of Kōke'e State Park trails are the native vegetation, native forest birds, and the scenic cliffside views. Situated on a plateau between 3200 and 4200 feet, much of Kōke'e is a montane (infrequent frost) mesic (50-100" annual rainfall with moist soil conditions) forest dominated by *koa* (*Acacia koa*) and 'ō'hia (*Metrosideros polymorpha*) trees. Day temperatures vary from a 45°F average in January to 68°F in July. Annual rainfall is 70 inches with rainy periods from October to May.

Trail length is calculated as one-way only. Allow extra time and resources for a safe return.

1 CANYON TRAIL

Length: 1.8 miles / 2.9 kilometers.

A popular scenic trail with great views of Waimea and Po'omau Canyons. The trail follows the rim of Waimea Canyon and crosses Kōke'e Stream.

2 CLIFF TRAIL

Length: 0.1 mile / 0.16 kilometer.

A spur trail leading to a viewpoint of Waimea Canyon. Feral goats are often seen on the canyon walls.

3 BLACK PIPE TRAIL

Length: 0.5 mile / 0.8 kilometer.

This trail is an alternate access to the Canyon Trail. Native hibiscus and *iliau* can be seen along the trail.

4 HALEMANU-KŌKE'E TRAIL

Length: 1.2 miles / 1.9 kilometers.

This trail wanders through somewhat disturbed *koa*/'ō'hia forest. Recovery from Hurricane 'Iwa (1982) and transiition to *koa* forest from drier conditions is evident.

5 FAYE TRAIL

Length: 0.1 mile / 0.16 kilometer.

A short trail that accesses other trails in the Halemanu area.

6 KUMUWELA TRAIL

Length: 1.0 mile / 1.6 kilometers.

Mosaic of 'ō'hia and *koa*/'ō'hia montane mesic forests with alien weed problems and hurricane damage. A good birding trail.

7 WAININIUA TRAIL

Length: 0.6 mile / 1.0 kilometer.

A good trail to see a relatively intact *koa*/'ō'hia montane mesic forest.

8 DITCH TRAIL

Length: 1.7 miles / 2.7 kilometers.

A trail developed to construct and maintain the Kōke'e irrigation ditch. Vistas of surrounding forest and Po'omau Stream.

9 BERRY FLAT TRAIL

Length: 0.6 mile / 1.0 kilometer.

This trail traverses a mix of planted alien and native forest types, including redwood and sugi groves and disturbed *koa*/'ō'hia forest.

10 PU'U KA 'ŌHELO TRAIL

Length: 0.5 mile / 0.8 kilometer.

Along this trail are good examples of the impact that invasive alien weeds can have on native forest vegetation.

11 WATER TANK TRAIL

Length: 1.0 mile / 1.6 kilometers.

This trail provides a good example of native *koa*/'ō'hia forest.

12 NATURE TRAIL

Length: 0.1 mile / 0.16 kilometer.

Good starter trail to learn about native forest vegetation. Plant guide available.

13 NU'ALOLO TRAIL *

Length: 3.75 miles / 6.0 kilometers.

Trail through *koa*/'ō'hia montane mesic forests and an 'a'ali'i lowland dry shrubland with a great view of Nu'alolo Valley. Return climb of 1,570 feet / 2528 meters.

14 AWA'AWAPUHI TRAIL *

Length: 3.25 miles / 5.2 kilometers.

Trail with mesic and dryland native plants. Spectacular view into steep-sided Nu'alolo and Awa'awapuhi Valleys. Return climb of 1620 feet / 2608 meters. Plant guide available.

15 KALUAPUHI TRAIL

Length: 1.6 miles / 2.6 kilometers.

Disturbed 'ō'hia montane mesic forest with some intact forest areas. Good birding trail.

16 PIHEA TRAIL *

Length: 3.7 miles / 5.9 kilometers.

Scenic nature trail along the rim of Kalalau Valley, traversing 'ō'hia montane wet forest. Plant guide available. Great birding trail.

17 ALAKA'I SWAMP TRAIL *

Length: 3.5 miles / 5.6 kilometers.

Trail through native wet forest to the rim of Wainiha Pali with sweeping view of the north shore. Great birding trail. Trail is often wet, slippery and muddy.

18 ILIAU NATURE LOOP *

Length: 0.25 mile / 0.4 kilometer - loop distance.

Easy roadside nature trail through dry shrubland with plants identified. Sweeping views of Waimea and Wai'alaie Canyons.

19 KUKUI TRAIL *

Length: 2.5 miles / 4.0 kilometers.

Scenic but steep trail into Waimea Canyon. Elevation drop of 2000 feet / 3220 meters.

RECOMMENDED HIKING LOOPS:

Berry Flat-WaterTank-Pu'u ka 'Ōhelo

Length: 2.2 miles / 3.5 kilometers.

Family hike with a variety of vegetation types.

Kumuwela-Canyon-Cliff-Halemanu-Kōke'e

Length: 6.0 miles / 9.5 kilometers.

Moderate nature hike with good scenic views.

Nu'alolo-Nu'alolo Cliff-Awa'awapuhi

Length: 10.3 miles / 16.6 kilometers.

Strenuous hike with a mix of native plant species and awesome views of steep-sided valleys.

For further information and permits, contact the Department of Land and Natural Resources on Kaua'i.

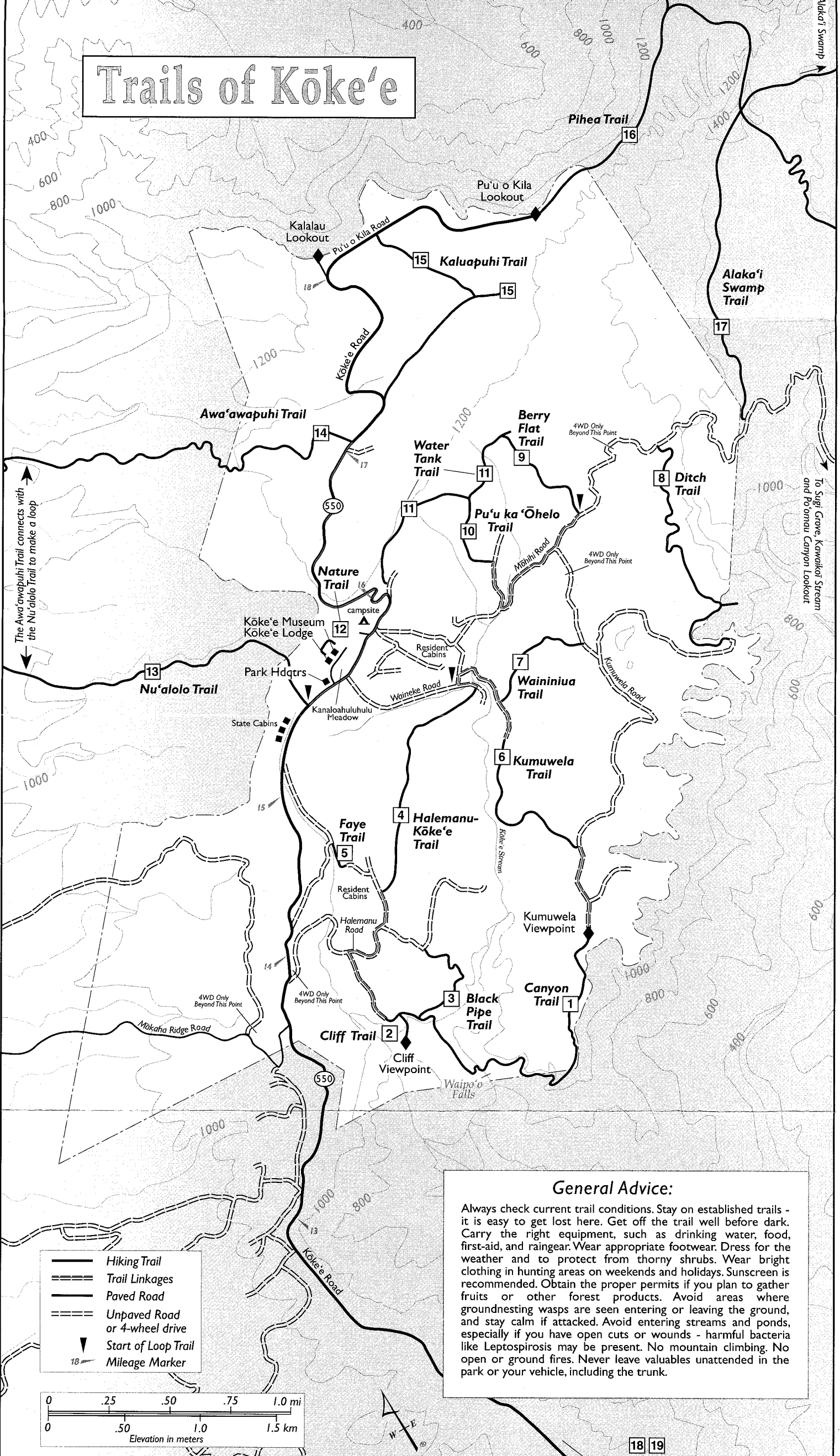
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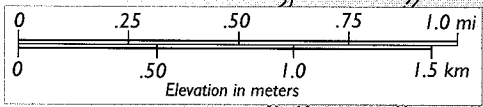
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- Hiking Trail
- Trail Linkages
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road or 4-wheel drive
- Start of Loop Trail
- Mileage Marker



General Advice:

Always check current trail conditions. Stay on established trails - it is easy to get lost here. Get off the trail well before dark. Carry the right equipment, such as drinking water, food, first-aid, and raingear. Wear appropriate footwear. Dress for the weather and to protect from thorny shrubs. Wear bright clothing in hunting areas on weekends and holidays. Sunscreen is recommended. Obtain the proper permits if you plan to gather fruits or other forest products. Avoid areas where groundnesting wasps are seen entering or leaving the ground, and stay calm if attacked. Avoid entering streams and ponds, especially if you have open cuts or wounds - harmful bacteria like Leptospirosis may be present. No open or ground fires. Never leave valuables unattended in the park or your vehicle, including the trunk.