

# **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**

## **“Fire and Ice”**

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The current eruption of Kilauea volcano began on January 3, 1983. Since then, lava flows have covered tens of thousands of acres, destroyed over 180 homes, and added more than 500 acres of new land to the shoreline of the island of Hawai'i.

This image, which has not been altered, was taken from the south rim of Pu'u 'Ö'ö (lit., hill of the 'ö'ö bird) at an elevation of about 2,000 feet on the East Rift Zone of Kilauea volcano. “Fire and Ice” depicts the power of two Hawaiian deities: Pele, whose domain is our volcanoes, and Poliahu, deity of the snow.

On the morning of February 19, 2005, after more than 15 miles of RT hiking, and 10 hours waiting patiently for a break in the clouds, this scene revealed itself. Mauna Kea (lit., “white mountain” referring to the snow capped summit), is the tallest mountain in the Pacific Basin. It rises 13,796 feet above sea level and is 38 miles from Pu'u 'Ö'ö.

I view the Park as a living art museum, with nature as the artist. As a photographer, I have been privileged to witness these processes, and to capture these images with my camera.

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Stay out of closed areas. They are closed for a reason.  
Nothing you might see in a closed area is worth your life.

Bryan's Motto is “Live to shoot another day”.

Bryan Lowry has been photographing the island of Hawai'i since 1991. His favorite subjects are the active lava flows in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

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