

**INTERPRETATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER POSITION**  
**HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK**

Do you have a love for the outdoors and like to work with people? If so, there is a great volunteer opportunity for you. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is actively looking for those who have the time to volunteer at the park's Interpretation Division. This non-paid position will reward you with new skills, new friends and with new knowledge about Volcanology, Geology, Biology and the Hawaiian culture. This position is perfect for retirees, students on school break or those with time and a desire to share their knowledge with the public.

**Job Details:** Working with the Division of Interpretation includes a wide range of duties over the course of each week. Volunteers work with paid staff, often doing very similar tasks. Each person is expected to follow a published schedule while remaining flexible if staff illness, fires, eruptions and other unplanned events necessitate schedule change.

Majority of work will be in the Kilauea Visitor Center and at Jaggar Museum interacting with hundreds of visitors daily, answering questions and helping orient them to the Park and its resources.

You will be leading talks, walks and/or hikes after initial training. Volunteers are encouraged to lead guided hikes for visitors along some of the Park's main trails, providing them with information about the Park's resources, management issues, cultural history and Geology. Hikes range from short and easy orientation talks and walks to up to 4 mile hikes in lava terrain.

**Job Training:** Training sessions begin on the first full weeks of March, June, September and December; however applicants / applications may be accepted anytime through the year. Further, new volunteers will be given on-the-job training by park staff and by experienced volunteers.

**Caution:** The Park is subject at times to high volcanic fumes that have the potential to present a health hazard for persons with respiratory problems, heart conditions or pregnant woman.

**Essential Qualities/Qualification**

- Ability to work well with others. The job involves working with a team whose main task is helping a wide variety of visitors enjoy and learn about our Park.
- Have a helpful and constructive attitude.
- Be self-motivated and conservation-minded.
- A love of the outdoors and respect for nature.
- A desire to learn, ability to work independently and to be flexible.
- Basic First Aid and CPR/AED certification is desirable. Courses are available through park resources.

### **Desirable Qualities/Qualifications**

- Knowledge in a relevant subject area such as Geology, Biology, Botany Hawaiian history and/or culture.
- Experience in teaching or working with diverse audiences, or in a school, scout or camp setting.
- Previous work in a park or natural area.
- Outdoor experience, such as hiking, camping, gardening, etc.
- Computer, telephone and other office skills.
- Experience with photography and/or audiovisual equipment.
- Ability to speak a language other than English.

### **How to apply**

Apply online at: [www.volunteer.gov/Gov](http://www.volunteer.gov/Gov)

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