



University of Hawai'i at Hilo

CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP



[Maunakea Weather Center Current Conditions](#)

- 🌡️ Temperature: **3 °C / 37.3 °F**
- 🌬️ Wind: **SSW at 18 mph / 15.6 knots**
- 🛣️ Summit road (4x4 only): **Open**
- 👤 **First Stop: [Visitor Information Station](#).**
- 🚗 **No muddy vehicles to the summit.**
- 🚗 **Vehicles must be free of invasive species.**
- 🕒 Summit hours: **30min before sunrise; 30min after sunset**

Visitor Information

Maunakea Visitor Information Station

The Onizuka Center for International Astronomy Visitor Information Station (VIS) is located on the Maunakea Access Road at 19°45'33"N Latitude, 155°27'22"W Longitude, and 9,200ft (2,804m) Elevation. Take the Daniel K Inouye Highway (Saddle Road) and turn onto **Maunakea Access Road** (Milepost 28). For accurate GPS directions, search for *Onizuka Center for International Astronomy*.

Daily hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

VIS Phone: (808) 934-4550

The VIS will be opening later at 10am on 6/10. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.



The Visitor Information Center is at 9,200 ft elevation on the Maunakea Access Road

See [Visiting Maunakea Safely and Responsibly](#) for important safety information. Due to the hazards of altitude sickness, pregnant women, persons in poor health, and children under 13 should **not** venture above the Visitor Information Station. Drivers are required to use 4-wheel drive vehicles above the VIS because the road to the summit is unpaved, rough, and quite steep. Those traveling to the summit should always use 4WD Low Range to reduce brake failure and overheating. It is recommended to have at least 1/2 a tank of gas before proceeding to the summit. Make sure your vehicle and any items taken to Maunakea are clean to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Things to do at VIS

- Star-gazing
- Short hiking routes around VIS

VIS First Light Store (and the [online E-Store](#)) has souvenirs related to Maunakea. The newly renovated parking areas provide a safe place to acclimate before going up to the summit.

Summit Access Road conditions: Maunakea weather varies widely and sometimes very quickly. The latest road and weather information are available at the upper right corner of this page.



A shirt that is available at the First Light Store

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Your generous, [tax deductible donations](#) allow us to make all of these free programs possible, including all of the telescopes used in our free nightly stargazing programs!

Mahalo!!



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Maunakea Shared Services
640 North A'ohoku Place
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