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Haleakalā cancels horseback riding tours at crater

MAUI, Hawaii (April 27, 2020) – Haleakalā National Park will no longer host horseback riding tours at the volcanic crater. The International Biosphere Reserve did not renew permits for these tours in 2020. The horseback riding tours will now be hosted within the Haleakalā Ranch.

Because its elevation reaches 10,023 feet, the crater is the most sensitive environment at the park. To better care for its endangered species and help conserve their ecosystems, the park now limits the activities held at the crater to hiking and camping.

The park is home to more than 90% of the state's 1,400 plant species unique to Hawaii. The state is home to 44% of the country's total endangered plant species. More than 200 of these species have 50 or fewer individual plants remaining.

The park will continue to offer horseback riding tours at the Haleakalā Ranch, located in upcountry Maui. The tours will take place on the mountain side of the ranch.

More information on the park is available on the park's official website at <https://www.nps.gov/hale/index.htm>.

Haleakalā National Park was founded in 1961 and is located in Maui, Hawaii. In 1980 it was declared an International Biosphere Reserve and has one of world's largest volcanic craters with a rim that reaches 10,023 feet high.

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