

# Hoapili Trail

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**Trail Length:** 5.5 miles  
**Time:** Approx 6 hours  
**Terrain:** Rugged and barren; elevated climbs and descents  
**Activity:** Pedestrian  
**Difficulty:** Difficult  
**Elevation:** 200 feet

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**Directions:** Take Kihei Road (31) going south past Makena State Park and through Ahihi-Kinal Natural area reserve to La Perouse Bay where the paved road ends.

**Route:** Trail follows along Maui's southern coastline through barren, jagged lava flows. Climate is exceedingly dry and the trail nearly devoid of vegetation. Initially passing through kiawe trees along the beach, the trail turns inland and climbs onto a rough lava field. The trail then rejoins the coast at the beginning of Kanaio Beach. This area is the site of many old Hawaiian stone walls and house foundations. One mile later the trail again turns inland, traversing another recent lava flow about 2.5 miles wide. The trail ends after crossing the point to a last small portion of the older lava flow along the coast. Pole fishing along the coast is excellent. Hiking boots are a must.

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