



VISITING OBSERVERS GUIDE

Gemini North - Base Facility Operations



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Welcome to the BIG ISLAND

Congratulations on being awarded time to observe on the Gemini Telescope. It is important that you, as Principal Investigator, relay all pertinent information required for your observing run and complete all forms requested by Gemini in order to provide the support to enable your observations to be undertaken successfully. All visiting observers will be given a **mandatory** operations and safety briefing prior to the start of their observing run.

Included in this documentation is information to assist in preparation of your observing run. Please remember to log on to the following site, review, acknowledge and forward required forms:

<http://www.gemini.edu/sciops/science-visitors-gemini?q=node/10992>

Good luck on a successful observing run!

Aloha and welcome to Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaiii!

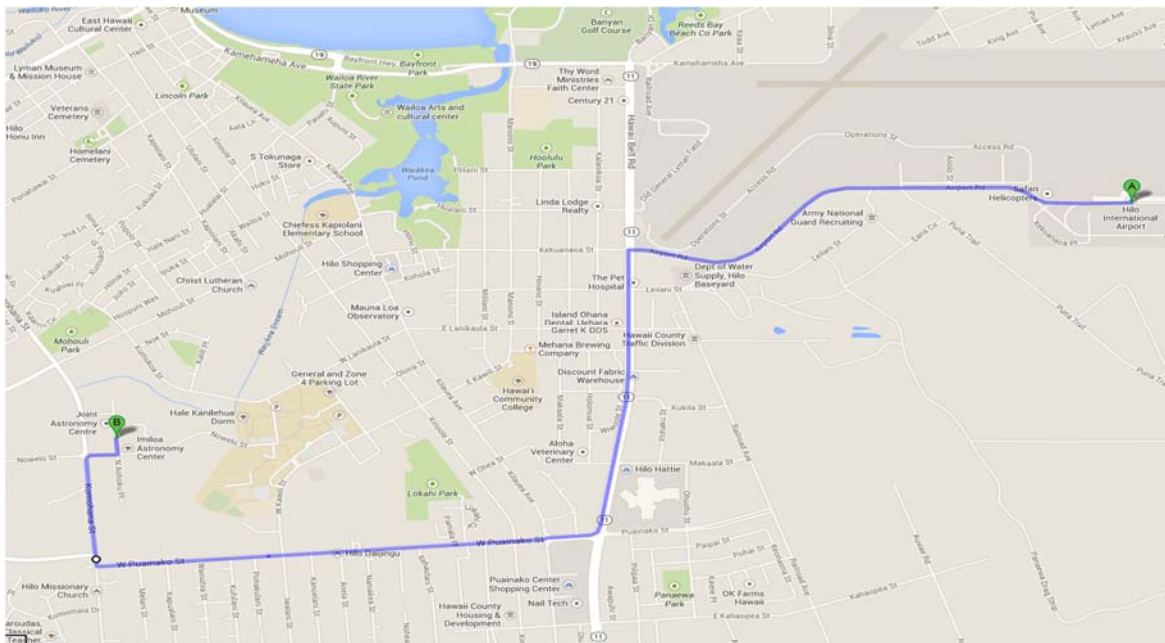




DIRECTIONS from Hilo International Airport

To Gemini Observatory Northern Operations Center

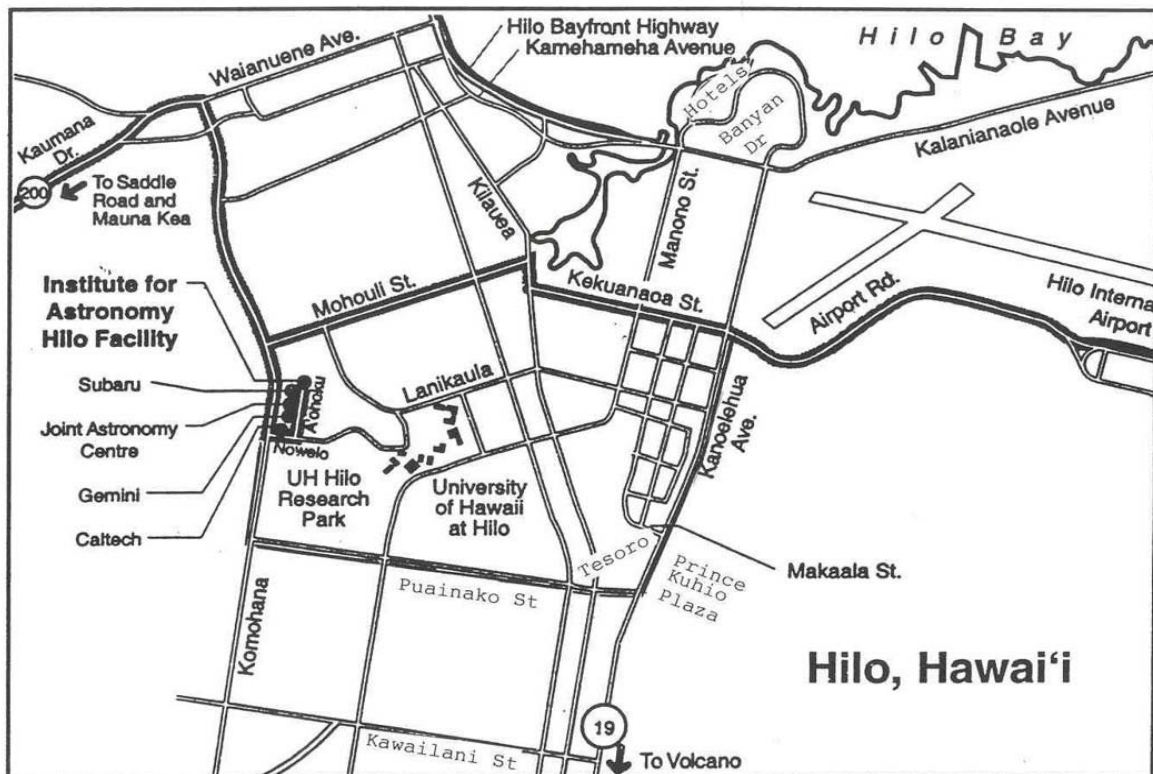
- Stay on the exit road from the airport until you view a traffic light. At the traffic light, turn LEFT onto Highway 11 also known as Kanoelehua Avenue.
- Stay on Highway 11, in the right hand lane, proceed through three (3) stop lights, reaching a fork at Puainako Street (Prince Kuhio Plaza is on your left and Tesoro gas station on your right)
- At the light, bear to your RIGHT unto Puainako. Continue on Puainako for approximately 3 miles, until you reach Komohana Street at the top of the hill, where Puainako ends at a “T” intersection. Turn right.
- Stay in right hand lane on Komohana Street until the University Park sing on your right. Turn RIGHT on Nowelo Street.
- Turn LEFT on A’ohoku Place. Gemini Observatory base facility is the first building on your left.



To Hotels on Banyan Drive: Exit airport, at traffic light turn RIGHT unto Hwy 11 (Kanoelehua Avenue), proceed through next traffic light; Kanoelehua ends, Banyan Drive begins. All hotels in Hilo are located on Banyan Drive.



Map of HILO



For information on Hawaii's Island of Adventure, to:

<http://www.gohawaii.com/big-island>

For a Dining Experience, go to:

<http://downtownhilo.com/category/business-directory/food/>

<http://www.gohawaii.com/big-island/plan-a-trip/dining>



HOTEL Information

Hotels in Hilo

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

www.castleresorts.com

71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-9361

Corporate rate starting from \$125 plus taxes.

Contact Gemini Observatory for reservations.

Standard Room King bed, No smoking.

Naniloa Volcanoes Resort

<http://www.naniloavolcanoesresorthilo.com/>

93 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-969-3333

Request Gemini Corporate Rate

Starting from \$109 plus taxes

Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel

<http://www.unclebilly.com/>

87 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-961-5818

Hilo Seaside Hotel

<http://www.hiloseasidehotel.com/>

126 Banyan Way, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-0821

Gemini Observatory Preferred Card

Discount rates start from \$69 + tax for Hilo

Dolphin Bay Hotel

<http://www.dolphinbayhotel.com/>

333 Iliahi Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Hilo: 808-935-1466

Toll Free: 877-935-1466

Hotels in Kona

Kona Seaside Hotel

<http://www.konaseasidehotel.com/>

75-5646 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Phone: 808-560-5558

Gemini Observatory Preferred Card

Discount rates start from \$74 + tax for Kona

Royal Kona Resort

<http://www.royalkona.com/Accommodation.cfm>

75-5282 Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Phone: 808-329-1311

Toll Free: 800-222-5642

King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel

<http://www.konabeachhotel.com/>

75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Phone: 808-329-2911

Email: reservations@konabeachhotel.com

Hotels in Honolulu

Honolulu Airport Hotel or Best Western Plaza Hotel

Phone: 800—800-3477 Corporate starting from \$99 plus taxes. Contact Gemini Observatory for reservations.

NOTE: All hotel rates are subject to an 11.42% combined state and room tax which are subject to change without notice.



BED & BREAKFAST Locations

The Bay House

<http://www.bayhousehawaii.com>

42 Pukihae Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-961-6311 Toll Free: 888-235-8195

Hilo Honu Inn

<http://www.hilohonu.com/>

465 Haili Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-4325

Holmes Sweet Home

<http://www.holmesbandb.com/>

107 Koula Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-961-9089

Email: homswhom@hawaiiantel.net

Maureen's B&B

<http://www.maureenbnb.com/>

1896 Kalaniana'ole Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-9018 Toll Free: 800-935-9018

Pakalana Inn

<http://www.pakalanainn.com/>

132 Punahou Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-0709

Email: innkeeper@pakalanainn.com

Shipman House Inn

<http://www.hilo-hawaii.com/>

131 Ka'iulani Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-934-8002

Email: innkeeper@hilo-hawaii.com

Waterfalls Inn B&B

www.waterfallsinn.com

240 Ka'iulani Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-969-3407

Wild Ginger Inn

<http://wildgingerinnhilo.com/>

100 Pu'ueo Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-5556 Toll Free: 800-882-1887

HOSTELS

Hilo Bay Hostel

<http://www.hawaiihostel.net/>

101 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-933-2771

Email: sales@hawaiihostel.net

Arnott's Lodge & Hiking Adventures

<http://arnottslodge.com/>

98 Apapane Road, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-969-7097

Hawaii Island Bed & Breakfast Association - <http://stayhawaii.com/>



CAR RENTAL Agencies

Gemini does not provide a vehicle for observers. If Gemini makes the reservation for you, please be aware that this is your individual reservation, and you will need to make provisions for insurance because you will not be covered by any Gemini policy.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL: 1-800-227-7368; Hilo 1-808-935-0891

<https://www.nationalcar.com>

To benefit from the corporate discount, please contact our Visitor Coordinator to make these reservations with National.

HARPER CAR & TRUCK: 1-800-852-9993; Hilo 1-808-969-1478

<http://harpershawaii.com/>

Other Car Rental Agencies:

ALAMO: 1-800-327-9633; Hilo 961-3343

AVIS: 1-800-831-8000; Hilo 935-1290

BUDGET: 1-800-527-7000; Hilo 935-7293

DOLLAR: 1-800-800-4000; Hilo 961-6059

HERTZ: 1-800-654-3011; Hilo 935-2896

Please check the vehicle carefully for any damage prior to accepting a rental.

Safety and Health are paramount at our AURA/Gemini facilities. While we work diligently to maintain a safe and healthy environment for workers, the site may still pose safety hazards. As a result, it is imperative that you proceed with caution at all times.