

GOOGLE STREET VIEW SCENES (best opened in Chrome):

Leaving the Kailua Kona airport looking towards Hualalai volcano

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_KonaAirport

You decide to go to the nearest beach to the airport:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_MahaiuluBeach

On the way to your resort see very young lava next to an much older lava flow with more vegetation called a kipuka:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_WaikolaRoad

After spending the night at a resort, you take a drive on the Kohala Mountain Road

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_KohalaMountainRoad

You get to one of the windiest places in Hawaii with a solar farm at the far north end of the Island and look back at the Kohala volcano to the south:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_KohalaNorthEnd

You drive on the east side and go for a hike to see the Pololu Valley (a deeply incised river valley) and beach:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_Pololu

You heard about water falls at the head of such deep valleys and visit Akaka Falls State Park:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_Akaka

You drive around to the Saddle Road and stop t the Kaumana Trail on the 1855 lava flow, and so it's a chance to see how the rainforest has recovered since the made a new landform:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_SaddleKaumanaTrail

You continue up the Saddle Road and come to a great view of Mauna Kea volcano

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_SaddleRoadView

You drive up Mauna Kea and the paved road ends at the dorms of those who work in the astronomy observatory on top of the volcano. You notice how the vegetation cover keeps dropping as you drive up the mountain:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_ObservatoryDorms

You decide to test your lungs and hike up the Mauna Kea trail to see ice age glacial deposits called till:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_Till

Ater such barren landscapes, you decide to go see a rainforest in the Kalopa State Recreation Area and go for hike:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_KalopaRF

You spend the night in Hilo and then drive to see the Kilauea Caldera and try to hike into it:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_Kilauea

After driving and hiking around the national park, you decide to visit the Punalu'u black sand beach:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_Punaluu

Then, you decide to drive up the Mauna Loa paved road until it ends, and then you head out on a trail until you notice the trees are all disappeared:

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_MaunaLoaRoadHike

Its time to head back to the Kailua-Kona Airport and while you are driving on the flank of Mauna Loa Kea, you notice that this is the western side of the volcano and are expecting a rainshadow, but there's forest. You also notice Macadamia Nuts

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_Macademia

and world famous Kona Coffee grow here

http://links.asu.edu/112Hawaii_KonaCoffee