



## ***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!*

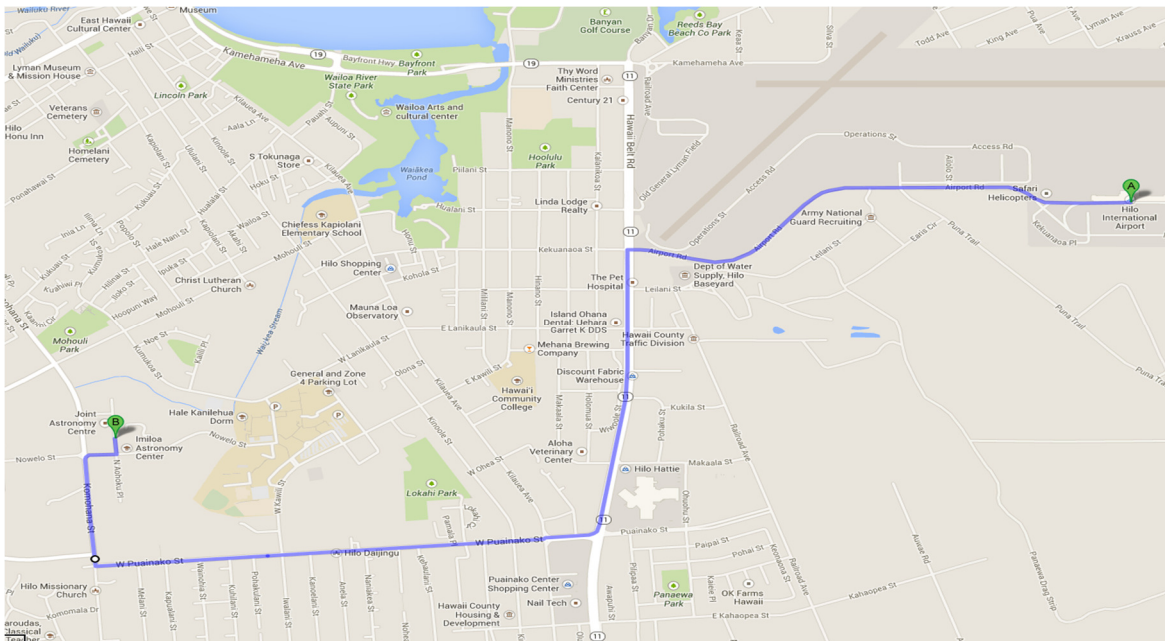




# DIRECTIONS from Hilo International Airport

## To Gemini Observatory Northern Operations Center

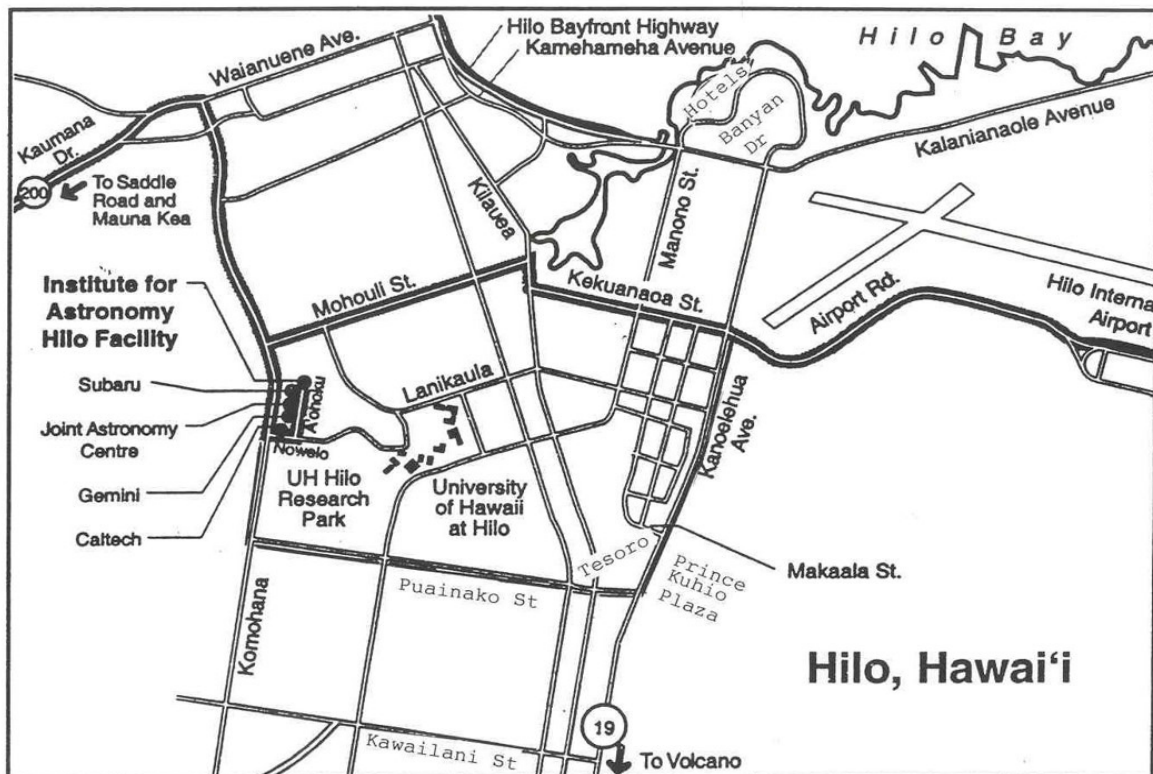
- Stay on the exit road from the airport until you view a traffic light. At the traffic light, turn LEFT onto Highway 11 also known as Kanoelehua Avenue.
- Stay on Highway 11, in the right hand lane, proceed through three (3) stop lights, reaching a fork at Puainako Street (Prince Kuhio Plaza is on your 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,

<https://www.downtownhilo.org/home/shop-eat-experience>

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



# HOTEL Information

## Hotels in Hilo

### **Hilo Hawaiian Hotel**

[www.castleresorts.com](http://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.

### **Grand Nanihoa Hotel**

[www.grandnanihoahilo.com](http://www.grandnanihoahilo.com)

93 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-969-3333

Reservations: 1-866-238-4218

Request Gemini Corporate Rate

Starting from \$109 plus taxes

### **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: 808-329-2455

Toll Free: 800-560-5558

Gemini Observatory Preferred Card

Discount rates start from \$74 + tax for Kona

### **Royal Kona Resort**

<https://www.royalkona.com/>

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

Phone: 808-329-3111

### **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](mailto: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 14.5% combined state and room tax which are subject to change without notice.*



# BED & BREAKFAST Locations

## **The Bay House**

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-bay-house-hilo>

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**

107 Koula Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-961-9089

Email: [homswhom@hawaiiantel.net](mailto: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/>

123 Punahou Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-935-0709

Email: [innkeeper@pakalanainn.com](mailto: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](mailto:innkeeper@hilo-hawaii.com)

## **Waterfalls Inn B&B**

[www.waterfallsinn.com](http://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: [denise@hawaiihostel.net](mailto:denise@hawaiihostel.net)

### **Arnott's Lodge & Hiking Adventures**

<http://arnottslodge.com/>

98 Apapane Road, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 808-339-0921

Email: [reservations@arnottslodge.com](mailto:reservations@arnottslodge.com)

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: 1-888-826-6890 Hilo 1-808-935-0891**

<https://www.nationalcar.com/en/home.html>

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 1-808-797-3636**

<https://www.harpershawaii.com/>

**Other Car Rental Agencies:**

**ALAMO: 1-888-826-6893; Hilo 1-800-992-9823**

**AVIS: 1-800-831-8000; Hilo 1-808-935-1298**

**BUDGET: 1-800-527-7000; Hilo 1-808-935-6878**

**DOLLAR: 1-866-434-2226; Hilo 1-866-434-2226**

**HERTZ: 1-800-654-3011; Hilo 1-808-934-0302**

**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.***