National Park of American Samoa Day Hikes

TUTUILA ISLAND

Easy

Pola Island Trail

This short, fairly flat trail leads to a rough and rocky beach with views of the coastline and Pola Island.

■ **Distance:** 0.1 mi / 0.2 km roundtrip

Due to unfriendly dogs, please drive past the last house at the end of the paved road in Vatia Village. This rough section of road will lead you to three exhibits

and the trailhead.





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All trails listed in this brochure are maintained by the National Park of American Samoa, except as noted.

Please Note: The colored circles with numbers refer to the trail location on the backside map.

Moderate

Lower Sauma Ridge Trail

This interpretive trail takes you to an archaeological site of an ancient star mound. Along the trail are exhibits and spectacular views of the northeast coastline of the island and the Vai'ava Strait National Natural Landmark Visible looking north is the tall and skinny Pola Island, a nesting area for seabirds.



■ **Distance:** 0.4 mi / 0.6 km roundtrip

Fagatele Bay Trails

This trail is located outside of the national park, on private land, and provides access to the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary.



and most remote of all the National Marine Sanctuaries is the only true tropical reef in the sanctuary program. Turtles,

This smallest

whales, sharks, and giant clams all find refuge in this protected area. Please be careful not to touch the coral, it is easily damaged, not to mention many corals have an extremely painful sting.

■ **Distance:** 0.5 mi / 0.8 km roundtrip

Travel west on Route 001 to Futiga Village and turn left just before the US Mart. Follow the road past the landfill until you reach a locked gate. Ask for permission from the family at the end of the road to hike past the gate. Follow the trail to a small beach. See the map on the back for additional trails. For more information call 684-633-5155.

Blunts and Breakers Point Trails

These trails are located outside of the national park. Located at the top of these points are gun batteries that protected Pago Pago Harbor after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. They symbolize American Samoa's importance as a route from the United States to Australia and New Zealand.



Blunts Point Trail

■ **Distance:** 0.6 mi / 1 km roundtrip

Located between Faga'alu and Utulei on the coast road. Look for the sign next to the IBM Laundromat marking the path to this site. Park at the public parking lot on the harbor side, 100 yards from the trailhead. When the trail reaches the water tank, continue past it on the left.

Breakers Point Trail

■ **Distance:** 0.3 mi / 0.5 km roundtrip

From Pago Pago, drive toward Aua on Route 001. Continue 1.1 miles / 1.8 km past the intersection with Route 006 in Aua to a sign on the left marking the trailhead next to a house. Park at the private house without blocking driveway access. Ask for permission from the house owner to hike the trail. This site is closed to the public on Sunday.

Challenging

6 Mount 'Alava Trail

Enjoy hiking through a tropical Samoan rainforest with fruit bats and many types of birds. Along the trail you'll see the park's efforts to remove invasive trees and plant native species. About halfway up the trail is a banana and coconut plantation. Great views of the northwest side of the island along the way lead you to panoramics of the central areas of Tutuila Island. See cover photo for view from the summit.

■ **Distance:** 7 mi / 11.3 km roundtrip

The trailhead is located at Fagasa Pass, 1.2 miles from Route 001 in Pago Pago. Follow the only side road in Pago Pago Village.

Mount 'Alava Adventure Trail

This challenging loop trail takes you along ridgelines with views of the north and central parts of the national park and island. Hike up and down "ladders" or steps with ropes for balance. There are a total of 56 ladders and 783 steps! The trail leads to the Mount 'Alava Summit, returning down another steep section of trail to Vatia Village, and loops back along the road to the trailhead.

■ **Distance:** 5.6 mi / 9 km roundtrip

The trail begins across the road from the national park faleo'o and trailhead for the Lower Sauma Ridge Trail.



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There are other trails, minimally maintained and challenging, including Luatele Crater, Laufuti Falls, and Piumafua Mountain trails. Contact the national park for more information.

Moderate

Si'u Point Trail

This trail follows an old road in the coastal forest past the culturally important Saua site to the southeast tip of Ta'u.

■ **Distance:** 5.7 mi / 9.2 km roundtrip

The trailhead is actually a continuation of the main road in Fiti'uta. As you pass the last houses, the road becomes dirt.



Challenging

9 Tumu Mountain Trail

This trail is located outside of the national park. Enjoy tropical rainforest and views from Ofu's highest point at 1,621 ft / 494 m.

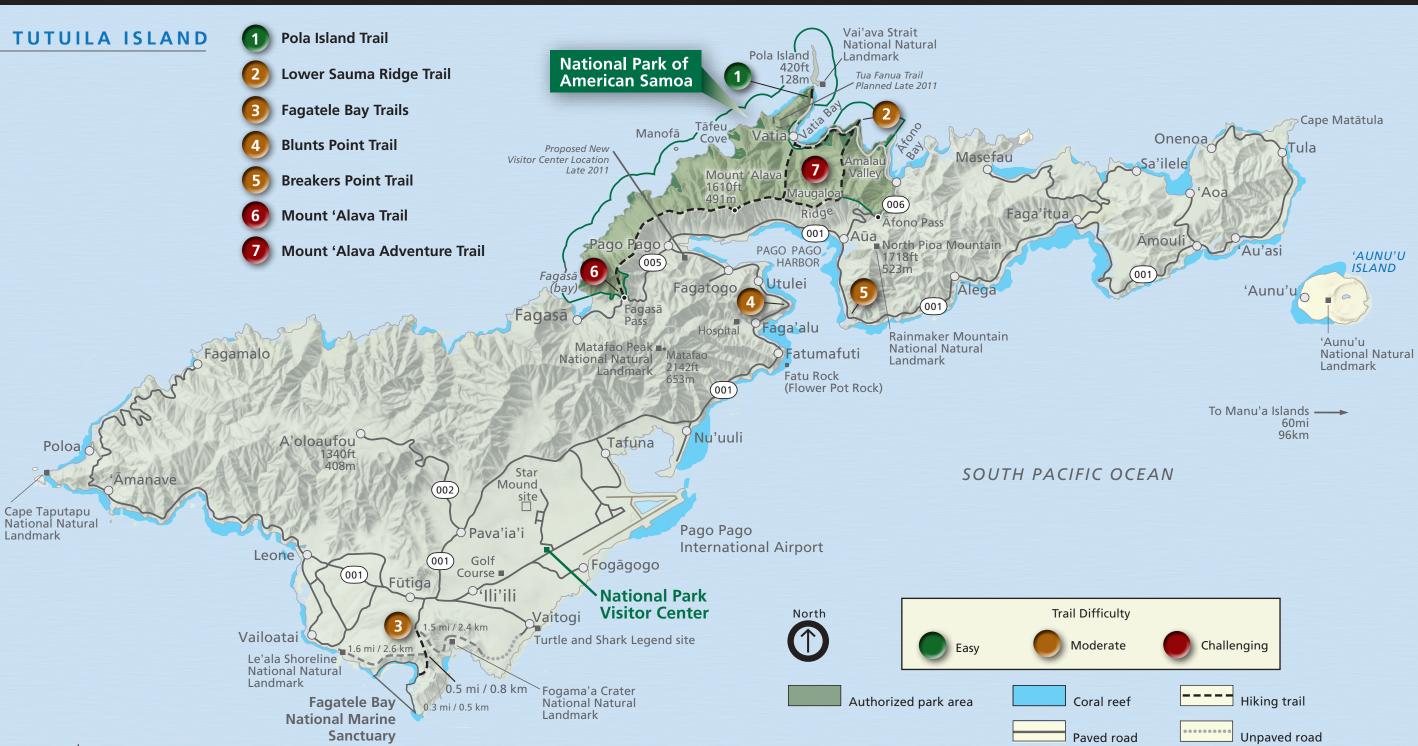
■ **Distance:** 5.5 mi / 8.9 km roundtrip

This trail starts near the Ofu Harbor and follows an old road to the summit.



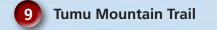
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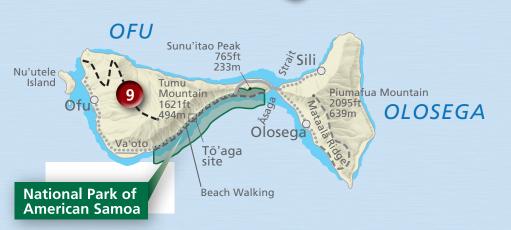
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