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Thank you for helping us preserve Onomea Valley, this rare Hawaiian place of natural beauty.
HAWAII TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN
A Garden in a Valley on the Ocean

Founded by Dan and Pauline Lutkenhouse in 1978 the Garden was opened to the public in 1994. The Founders purchased seventeen acres on the ocean and spent six years clearing the impenetrable tropical jungle to create the winding trails and outstanding beauty you will experience as you walk through the Garden. They later purchased an additional twenty acres and donated the entire thirty-seven acres to Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, establishing a non-profit nature preserve. Much of it is held in reserve for future conservation, protecting the beautiful Onomea Bay forever.

The Boardwalk entrance to the Garden, an engineering feat designed by Dan Lutkenhouse, leads you into the Garden and down to the ocean, requiring it to be quite steep, 500-feet long, and 120 feet above sea level. The Boardwalk was built over extremely uneven terrain and large boulders, like a large bridge spanning this small valley and protecting its natural beauty.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Please walk slowly on the Boardwalk and hold on to the handrails.

Please stay on the trails at all times. The trails are mostly level and easy to walk on and visitors normally spend about two hours walking the just-over 1 mile of Garden trails. The Public access trail is not part of HTBG and we ask that you use it only to cross over to the ocean side of the Garden.

Please watch your children carefully and be especially vigilant along the ocean when high surf is present.

Do not eat any plants, fruits, or plant parts and do not drink the water. Drinking water is available at the Visitor Center.

PARROTS BITE! Stay behind the Bird House rails and keep your fingers and hands away from the birds.

The Garden is beautiful in the rain and we provide umbrellas. Please return them to the Visitor Center upon your departure.

A non-profit institution, the Garden is administered by its Officers and Board of Directors, and is operated by an expert Staff of skilled people who are happy to assist you and answer your questions. Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden is funded solely by its visitors and members. Tax-deductible memberships are available at the Visitor Center and on our website, hawaiigarden.com.

We thank you for visiting our Garden in a Valley on the Ocean and we look forward to your return.

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