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HALEAKALĀ NATIONAL PARK

The Hawaiian Alphabet

The Hawaiian alphabet consists of 13 letters:
Five vowels and eight consonants.

Vowels

A = "ah", E = "eh", I = "ee", O = "oh", U = "oo"

Consonants

H K L M N P W (V)

Diacriticals

- is a kahakō or a line over the vowel.
Hold the vowel sound under the line longer.
The sound does not change.

' is an 'okina, or glottal stop. This sound is
much like a pause or "hiccup",
as in "uh-oh" in English.

Pronunciation and Meaning

Haleakalā is pronounced:
ha lay ah kah lah
and means: house of the sun

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