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Hello from Aloha Hell.

It's Sunday Morning on Oahu Hawaii and some of us decided to climb to the top of Diamond Head Crater before going to work. The park opens at 6AM, but they had trouble opening the gate and we didn't get in until 6:30. We walked the trail and got back out by 8AM.

Depending on which source you believe, Le 'Ahi (the local name for Diamond Head) was created either 100,000 years ago by a series of short explosions, or 300,000 years ago by one volcanic eruption (what's 200,000 years among friends?). The name Diamond Head was coined in the late 18th century when some dumb westerners mistook calcite crystals in the slopes for diamonds.

There are tunnels cut into the sides of the crater to get inside. The bottom of the crater is 200' above sea level, and by the time you follow the 0.7 mile trail to the top of the highest peak, you are at 761'. Once there the view is spectacular. Fortunately for me it only cost me one small heart attack.

Cheers,
G.



