

Directions from Kona International Airport to Old Tobacco Road:

TURN RIGHT (south) onto Hwy 19 following the signs to Kailua-Kona and Volcano. In Kailua, Hwy 19 becomes Hwy 11. Continue on Hwy 11. Notice that the mile marker numbers on the left side of the road are descending. As you approach the 104 mile marker, you pass a "Reduce Speed 35 MPH" sign. The road curves to the left and you will see an "Elevation 1000ft/305m" sign to your right. SLOW DOWN! You may notice the "Aloha Guest House" sign to your right hanging from a tree, but it is a little hard to see. TURN LEFT just a few meters before the 104 mile marker (located on the left side of the highway) on "OLD TOBACCO ROAD". If you have passed the 104 mile marker you have gone too far! Presently, the Tobacco Road sign is missing, so you will be turning left on an unmarked road that is just before a white house with a small stone wall facing the highway.

Directions from Volcano/Hilo to Old Tobacco Road:

Follow Hwy 11 towards Kailua-Kona. We are about 2 hrs. from Hilo and 1 ½ hrs. from Volcanoes National Park. Look for mile markers on the right side of the highway. Our road is located at the 104 mile marker. After passing the 103 mile marker pay attention to your odometer. Just prior to our turn is a "Y" intersection where highway 160 goes to the left and highway 11 continues forward; stay on 11! You will then immediately encounter a large "S" curve in the highway which turns to the left and then to the right. In the middle of the "S" curve you should be going only about 15 mph. with your right turn indicator flashing as the turn to our road comes upon you very quickly. Look for the 104 mile marker on your right just as you start going straight. You will be turning right approximately 20 meters past the 104 mile marker. Presently, Old Tobacco Road has no street sign. Our road looks more like a driveway than a city street, but rest assured if you have followed these instructions you are in the right place Follow the directions below to the "Aloha Guest House Bed and Breakfast" in South Kona Hawaii.

Once you're on Old Tobacco Road:

The Aloha Guest House Bed and Breakfast is EXACTLY .96 MILE up from the highway. Once on Old Tobacco Road you will see that it is only one lane, so if you encounter someone driving from the opposite direction, the rule is whoever has the easier way to pull to the side lets the other car go through. Generally, the car traveling downhill has the right of way. Old Tobacco Road is sometimes paved, sometimes bumpy, and sometimes steep. It is not dangerous in any way so please don't be concerned, just drive slowly and everything will be fine. If you are arriving during the day you get a chance to see turkeys, pheasants, chickens, and also coffee, avocado, guava, and macadamia nut trees. You may even get lucky and see a wild pig.

The general rule as you make the drive to the Aloha Guest House is to turn or veer RIGHT whenever you see an obvious option (turning/veering right to go into someone's driveway, or going off Tobacco Road

following car tracks in the grass are not obvious options!). If you drive slowly and are not in hurry, Old Tobacco Road is easily navigable, so don't be intimidated.

From the road entrance ignore the sign limiting access to authorized persons. After a couple of minutes driving you will see on your left a double concrete track going up the hill with a "Private Road 4X4 Only" sign. Do NOT turn left into this private road; just continue driving on Tobacco Road. As you continue you should see an abandoned motorcycle on the hill to your left. (It's been there for years as art work).

About 1/3 of the way, you will come to an old coffee mill with a "Danger, No Trespassing sign". (The sign refers to the coffee mill and not continuing up the road). The road takes a sharp left here (hairpin turn) and you will encounter the first of two dips in the road. Just drive slowly and everything will be okay. Keep going...

After you pass the two-story brown house on your left, the road goes to the right (keep following the paved portion of the road) and here you will go through the second dip in the road. In just a few seconds you will encounter the only true fork or "Y" in the road (if you are arriving at night you might notice three red reflectors attached to an electric/telephone pole in front of you). You should go to the right and continue following the road. If you go to the left by mistake it will take you to the KCOF radio station which does not usually offer accommodations :).

You now will be travelling on a relatively flat section of the road lined with several shallow potholes. There will be a gated entrance on your left for Jack's Way, and then a mailbox for Steve's Keokea Farm. Just keep going. About 35 meters past Steve's mailbox the road will turn left and start to climb uphill. Don't get worried you are almost to the Guest House. It looks a little scary here, but it really isn't. Just keep going.

After approximately 400 meters of driving through our neighbor's coffee farm (yes, those are Kona coffee trees on your left) you will reach a rock wall fence in front of a house (this house presently has a Sotheby's for sale sign next to the wall). In front and just to your left is a stone arch, and to your right is our nicely paved and smooth driveway. Go right here and in a few seconds you will pass the Rowe Coffee Farm sign on your left. Continue to go straight and at this time you should be able to see our "Aloha Guest House" sign directly in front of you. Just before you reach our sign, the driveway turns left and goes sharply uphill.

Looking uphill, you should see the guesthouse. Drive up the hill and keep going straight until you reach our parking lot which will be on your left at the end of our driveway. Do NOT turn right on the driveway that goes in front of our house. Our cat, Kai, will probably come over to say welcome and be petted. If you see our little miniature dachshund, Gina, be careful as she is small and has just recently lost her hearing and doesn't know how to get out of the way of cars. If you informed us of your approximate arrival time, we should be home and I will be out in a moment. If for some reason we aren't home, please look for a note on our downstairs door giving you instructions. If necessary, we can be reached by calling 808-328-8955. Your room will be ready and your name on the door so please come inside and get comfortable.