

## Kohala Mountain

On the green slopes of  
Kohala Mountain

, at the northern tip of the Big Island, traditional plantation towns such as  
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survive virtually unchanged - run-down in an appealing sort of way, the  
all-purpose stores still floored with creaking planks. Call in at the  
spacious Bamboo Restaurant and Bar  
(tel 808/889-5555) to enjoy one of the friendliest and most Hawaiian restaurants in the state.

Polulu Valley

, where North Kohala's main artery, Hwy-270, comes to a dead end, is  
the last of the chain of inaccessible valleys, and for the moment is  
every bit as pristine as Waipio. The fear of tsunami , which led the Hawaiians to abandon these once  
densely populated valleys, is probably their best defense against the  
rapacity of the developers.