

Challenge: Danger Searching by Burturt in the Misc Category

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My friend told me that they hiked on a trail that had 4 warning signs at the trailhead: Hazardous cliff, falling rocks, flash flood, AND strong currents! Could you tell me where they went? They did hint that these signs were posted on a public hawaiian hiking trail.

Note: the intended location has all 4 signs in the same spot. It is 4 permanent distinct signs – not 4 warnings on one sign or on a whiteboard.

Note: Feel free to try multiple plus codes. The answer skews roughly one "plus code tile" south/west of where many people think it is.

Flag is the full 10 digit **plus code containing the signs they are mentioning**, (e.g. lac tf{85633HC3+9X} would be the flag for Bruin Bear Statue at UCLA). The plus code is in the URL when you select a location, or click the  at the bottom of the screen next to the short plus code to get the full length one. If your plus code contains 3 digits after the plus sign, zoom out and try selecting again.

My first line of action was to do a generic Google Search for

hazardous cliff falling rocks flash flood and strong currents

and look through the image search. There are a lot of pictures with the first three signs but with the all caps **AND strong currents** inside of the challenge description, I knew that it was going to be crucial to get that last sign. There was one photo that showed up with all four.



which links to this website: <https://uprootedtraveler.com/pololu-trail/>

I wasn't able to find any other valuable information from the website except that it was the Pololu Trail. Since the picture also had a NO CAMPING sign on it, I tried to look for areas of Pololu that don't allow camping but there were too many and the space was too large to search through. After a lot of dead ends with looking through the Pololu Trail, I decided to do another Google Search of

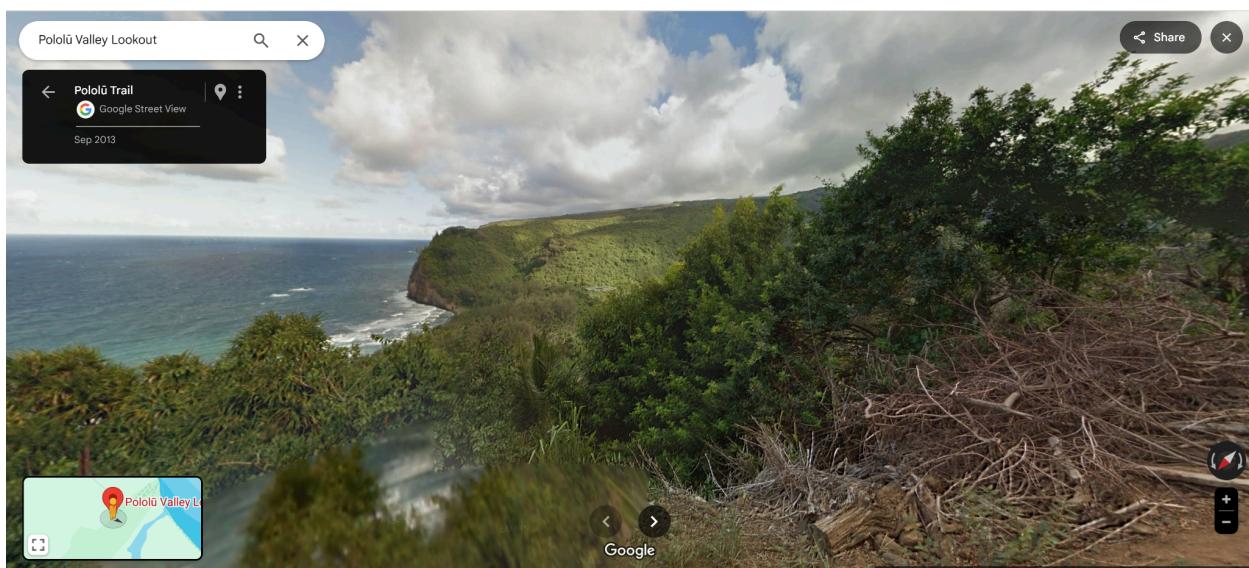
pololu trail strong currents sign

where I then found this photo



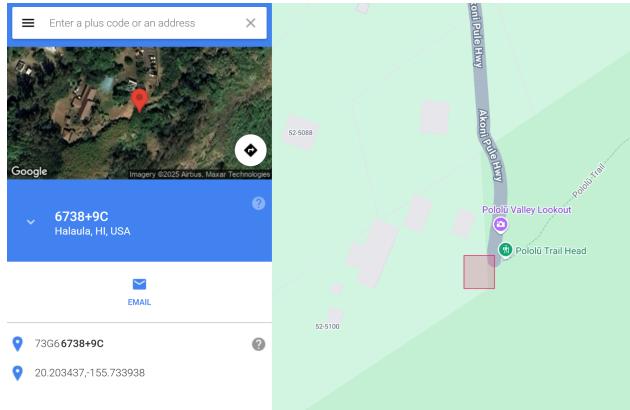
which linked to this website: <https://noahlangphotography.com/blog/pololu-trail-big-island-hawaii>

It said it was on the Pololu Trail near the Pololu Valley Lookout. I then proceeded to go to it on Google Maps in street view and travel down the entire trail. But, I didn't see the signs from the photo. I was able to match other photos from the website, such as the parking lot and other views of the trail so I knew that I had the right place. I thought that perhaps it was on a section of the trail not documented on Google Maps or that Maps was not the most updated. Using that photo, I decided to line the angle of the mountain to my street view on Google Maps.



Having found the general area, I was able to locate the area on <https://plus.codes/73G66738+9C>.

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