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Connect with Kahuku



Kahuku offers expansive views—from 'ohi'a-koa woodlands to Ka Lae, the southern tip of Hawai'i

On Tuesday, January 29th from 9 am to noon, park rangers will host a program called “Kahuku Connections: Linking Science to the Past.”

The program will offer participants an opportunity to explore Hawai'i Volcanoes' newest land addition and participate in an innovative program currently being introduced to local high school students.

“It's an amazing opportunity to explore the wilds of Kahuku while at the same time getting hands-on instruction in GPS, the latest technology used in hiking today,” said Park Ranger BG Horvat, the program's coordinator.

Participants should be able to hike at least two miles over rough uneven terrain. They should wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sunscreen, and a hat and bring water, snacks, and a rainjacket. Planned activities that include GPS are suitable for those 12 years of age and older.

The program is limited to 32 people and pre-registration is required. To register, call 985-6019 and leave a message that includes a contact phone number and the names of each participant in your group; no more than four in a group.

Car-pooling and 4-wheel drive vehicles are highly recommended. It is important that participants thoroughly check and clean their vehicles beforehand to make sure they are not transporting Coqui frogs and non-native plant seeds into Kahuku.

The entrance to the Kahuku Unit is located in Ka'u between mile markers 70 and 71 on Highway 11. The gate will be open Tuesday morning between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. to allow entrance to those registered for the program. No late-comers or walk-ins will be allowed.

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