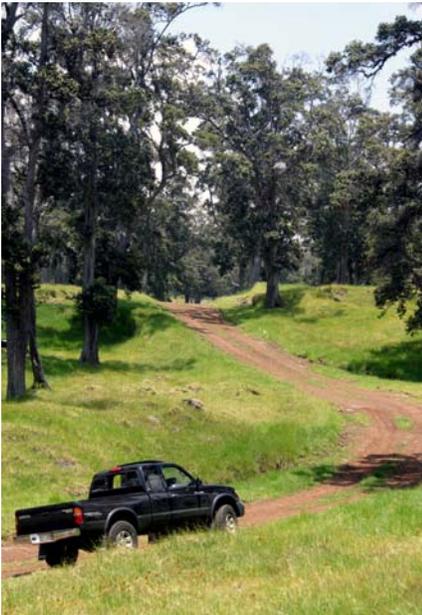




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Connect with Kahuku



Four-wheel drive vehicles are highly recommended to join in the June program of *Connect with Kahuku*

On Tuesday, June 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, park rangers will lead a program called *Kahuku Connections: Finding Your Way with GPS*.

"Participants will explore the pristine wonders of Kahuku while learning to use Global Positioning System, a cutting-edge navigational tool," said Park Ranger BG Horvat, program coordinator. "It's an amazing opportunity to get hands-on with the latest technology used in hiking today."

The special program, limited to 32 people, requires pre-registration. 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.

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 are suitable for those 12 years of age and older.

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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