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Connect with Kahuku

On Tuesday, July 15th from 9 am to noon, park rangers will host Kahuku *Connections: Wayfinding with GPS*.

The program offers an opportunity to explore Hawai'i Volcanoes' newest land addition while learning to use Global Positioning System (GPS)—the cutting-edge navigational tool used to find your way across unmarked country.

"It's an amazing opportunity to explore the pristine wonders of Kahuku while at the same time getting hands-on experience with the latest technology used in hiking today," said Park Ranger BG Horvat, program coordinator.

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.

Participants should be able to hike at least two miles over rugged 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.

Four-wheel drive vehicles and car-pooling 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.



Park Ranger BG Horvat uses GPS to find his way around Kahuku's forests and lava flows.

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