



Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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Connect with Kahuku

On Tuesday, July 17th 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 Kahuku, Hawai'i Volcanoes' newest land addition, and participate in an innovative program currently being introduced to local high school students.

The program's coordinator, Park Ranger Joni Mae Makuakane-Jarrell said, "This is a great opportunity to hike in the uplands of Ka`u, learn about the area's natural and human history, and hear stories of this historic ranchland."

The program is limited to 36 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 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.



'Ukuli'i kapua o Kahuku, onaona i ka mau'u. Tiny is the flower of Kahuku, yet it scents the surrounding grasses.

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Kahuku is a sprawling natural wonder of lava flows and endemic forests that shelter rare and endangered plants and birds.

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.