

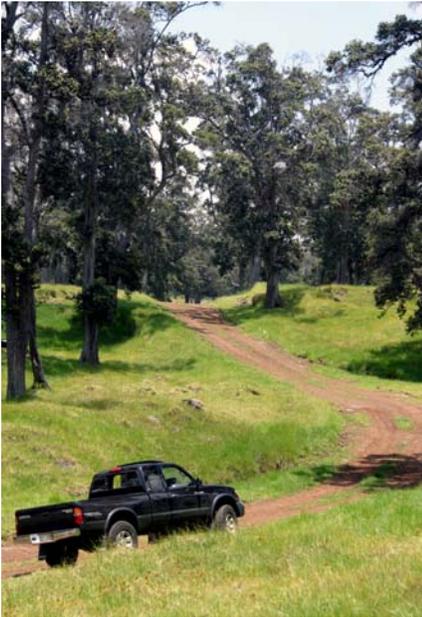


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## Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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### Connect with Kahuku



Four-wheel drive vehicles are required to join in the March program of *Connect with Kahuku*

On Tuesday, March 11 from 9:00 am to noon, park rangers will lead a program called *Kahuku Connections: Linking Science to the Past*.

The program will offer participants an opportunity to explore Hawai'i Volcanoes' newest land on the southwest slope of Mauna Loa.

"We'll explore the back roads of Kahuku using Global Positioning System (GPS) to locate special places and scenic vistas," said Park Ranger BG Horvat, program coordinator.

For this program, 4-wheel drive vehicles are required to navigate over the mountain roads. Car-pooling with friends and family is highly recommended.

All participants must thoroughly check and clean their 4-wheel drive vehicles beforehand to make sure they are not transporting Coqui frogs and non-native plant seeds into Kahuku.

The program is limited to 20 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 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.

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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