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September 27 and September 28, 2008 Entrance Fees Waived and Opportunities to Make a Difference

On Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28, 2008, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will celebrate National Public Lands Day by offering free admission to park visitors including those on commercial tours.

Said Superintendent Cindy Orlando, "We encourage our friends and neighbors to take advantage of these fee free days to get reacquainted with your park."

For a leisurely visit, tour the Kilauea Visitor Center and watch the movies. Stop at the nearby Volcano House and Volcano Art Center Gallery. Cruise Crater Rim Drive and Chain of Craters Road, or drive up the Mauna Loa Road to Kipukapuauulu, have a picnic, and walk the mile loop trail beneath a koa canopy.

Feeling adventurous? Pick up the new Bird Checklist and Kilauea Iki Trail Guide and hike the 4-mile loop that winds through rain forest and across a steaming crater.

National Public Lands Day presents an opportunity to make a difference. On Saturday, September 27, roll up your sleeves and help park staff restore native forests.

At 9:30 am and 11:30 am, meet Park Ranger Jason "JZ" Zimmer at the Kilauea Visitor Center and help remove non-native kahili ginger. Native to the Himalayan region of Asia, kahili ginger is a



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prolific producer of seed-bearing fruits. Once established, it spreads by growth of its rhizome mass. In time, this species can completely dominate the ground cover of invaded forests, replacing natural understory plants and preventing the regeneration of native trees.

From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, join resource managers and plant mamaki, pilo, and 'a'ali'i in an area recently cleared of invasive strawberry guava, blackberry, and kahili ginger. The project is limited to 20 people. To register, call Sierra McDaniel or Corie Yanger at 985-6097

From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, join resource managers in collecting seeds of mamane and 'a'ali'i. The seeds will be propagated and then outplanted at a later time. The project is limited to 20 people. To register, call Sierra McDaniel or Corie Yanger at 985-6097

At 9:30 am and 2:00 pm, join rangers at Kahuku in Ka'u and explore a pristine ravine of rare plants and old growth forest. The 2 to 3 hour hike is a challenging 1½ miles with scrambles over fallen trees and lava rocks and sometimes slippery footing. The reward is a verdant refuge—a window into the distant past and quite possibly a vision of Kahuku's future. The hike is limited to 20 people and includes some forest restoration work. To register, call 985-6011.

For all projects, come prepared. Bring water, food, and raingear and wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sunscreen and a hat.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 and has grown into the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance federal, state and local public lands. To learn more about National Public Lands Day, go to www.publiclandsday.org. For more information on Hawaii Volcanoes go to www.nps.gov/havo.

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