



Kīpuka‘akihi

Hele mai! Come explore an isolated refuge of rare plants in a remnant old-growth Kahuku forest.

When: February 26, March 18, and April 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What: Hike a challenging 1.5 miles (5 hours) to see some of the rare plants and wildlife that inhabit this treasured kīpuka.

Where: Meet park rangers at the park’s Kahuku Unit in Ka‘ū. The gate, located off Highway 11 between mile marker 70 and 71, is open from 9-3 p.m. Due to the fragile nature of this kīpuka, the program is limited to 15 people, and pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 985-6011.

Note: Those registered for this free program will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Kahuku. Participants should be ready to scramble over fallen trees, rough lava rocks, and slippery, wet terrain. Wear sturdy hiking shoes. Weather can be sunny, cool, or rainy. Wear long pants, sunscreen, and a hat. Bring rain gear, garden gloves, a day pack, mosquito repellent, lunch, and water. There will be opportunities to help protect this rain forest by pulling up the invasive kahili ginger and other invasive, non-native plants throughout the kīpuka.