

*Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
presents*



SUNDAY WALK IN THE PARK

Held monthly on second Sundays

Sunday, February 12, 2012

from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Program

This monthly program on second Sundays is aimed at bringing together the members of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to explore the park's beautiful trails. Led by Nick Shema, this month's 3-mile round-trip walk explores the Mauna Ulu area.

Starting and ending at the Mauna Ulu parking lot, we begin on the Napau Trail, then veer off to ascend Mauna Ulu (literally, growing mountain). A recently formed shield volcano, Mauna Ulu erupted from 1969 through 1974 leaving an altered landscape of incredibly fascinating geologic features.

Along the way, we'll see hardened lava rivers, forested kipuka, lava trees, cinder cones, lava shields, pioneer plants, and panoramic vistas. On a clear day, you can view Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, Pu'u 'O'o, and the Pacific Ocean. Due to the cultural sensitivity of Mauna Ulu, group size is limited to 15 people.




Where to Meet

Participants provide their own transportation to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. From Highway 11, between mile markers 28 and 29, turn into Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (entrance fees apply). After going through the park's entrance stations, take the first left onto Crater Rim Drive then proceed about 3 miles to Chain of Craters Road. Go left at Chain of Craters Road and proceed for about 3.5 miles, then go left into the Mauna Ulu parking lot. Approximate travel from Hilo is 1.25 hours and from Kailua-Kona is 3.25 hours. To view maps, visit <http://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/maps.htm>

Details

This will be a moderate hike of about 3 miles roundtrip, mostly over pahoehoe lava, with a 400' foot elevation gain. Be prepared for the at 3,200' elevation and for variable weather conditions, including sunny, windy, chilly, and/or rainy.

Please bring:

-  drinking water
-  snack
-  hat, sunscreen & sunglasses

- 👟 closed-toe hiking shoes or boots
- 👕 warm jacket or windbreaker
- 🌂 raingear
- 🎒 personal items (e.g., backpack, camera, binoculars, etc.)

Cost

This event is presented by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Program cost is **FREE** for Friends members. Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to attend. Just click on <http://www.fhvnp.org/Membersindividuals.htm> to apply. And, of course, additional donations are always accepted. Park entrance fees apply.

Registration

To register, call (808) 985-7373 or email admin@fhvnp.org. For more info, visit www.fhvnp.org.

Hike Organizers Needed

MEMBERS: If you have a favorite hike that you would like to share with other Friends members, please consider volunteering to be a hike organizer. The hike you organize can be of any level and duration—from easy and short to difficult and long—provided it is in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. If interested, please contact Nick Shema at (808) 967-8648.

