

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

Perpetuate Hawai'i's Trails For Hawai'i's People

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National Trails Day, June 1, 2013

Across the nation on June 1st, people will celebrate National Trails Day, the country's largest celebration of trails. The American Hiking Society sponsored the first official National Trails Day in 1993. The event is held annually across the country every year on the first Saturday in June. Please see the AHS web site for this year's events in Hawai'i and elsewhere: <http://www.americanhiking.org/events/>

On the first National Trails Day in 1993, E Mau Nā Ala Hele celebrated with an award winning series of hikes covering all sections of what was to become the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Community members hiked and inventoried each section of the 175 mile trail corridor from 'Upolo Point in North Kohala, along the west coast of the island, around Ka Lae, (South Point), through Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Over 400 participants were out on the trail in Hawai'i that day! The inventory became part of the feasibility study to determine if the trail was worthy of National Trail status. Worthy? Yes, indeed! The Ala Kahakai has more historic sites per mile than any other trail in the National Trail System.

This year E Mau Nā Ala Hele will partner with Hui Aloha Kīholo at Kīholo State Park Reserve for a day of trail maintenance and exploration in a place of exceptional beauty and historical significance. We will be working on a segment that connects two historic trails, the Kīholo – Hu'ehu'e Trail and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. We will be improving the trail and trimming trees along a 3/4 mile route in a sparse kiawe forest and crossing two old lava flows. We will meet at 8:30 am at the Loretta Lynn House near Waiaiepi, and assign work crews to specific sections of the trail. We will work until about 11:30 am and break for a potluck lunch. After lunch, we will venture on a guided hike south along the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail to Kalaemanō, stopping to appreciate cultural, historic, and natural points of interest along the way. The hike will be less than two miles round trip, hiking out and back along the same path, returning at about 3:30 pm.

Please be prepared for hot conditions – hat, sunscreen, and plenty of drinking water. Bring small hand saws (no chainsaws), loppers, sturdy shoes (no slippers) and work gloves. Bring a dish to share at the potluck – Hui Aloha Kīholo will provide plates and utensils, Mike D's famous BBQ chicken, rice, drinks, and a grill. Optional: bring swimwear, hiking shoes, camera, binoculars, hiking stick. Please RSVP to kukuiplanning@gmail.com, 808 936-7526 or bschaefer@hawaii.rr.com, 808-640-9270.

Other Events: Each of the National Parks on the island will host guided trail hikes and the Waimea Trails and Greenways invites you to enjoy a nice walk along Ke Ala Kahawai O Waimea next to the Waikoloa stream in the heart of Waimea.

President's Message from Frank Dickinson

To Our Members,

It is amazing how fast 2013 is passing - I'm not sure if it's because the Beauty of our Island makes time seem to fly by, my age or the Vog but regardless, June is around the corner! As always, we as a group are eager to participate in events around our island and this year E Mau is joining with another group, Hui Aloha Kīholo, to celebrate National Trails Day. This newsletter contains the details. One of our goals is to increase membership and spread the word of what we wish to accomplish as a group and for our island. We are always looking to 'grow' and hope that everyone that is a member of our group tells at least one person what we do. If we all did this once a week, likely we would grow and be able to do more for our community! Another goal is help clean up our communities, a small ideal that costs you as members, NOTHING but is easy to implement! When my wife and I go for one our walks - several times a week - we take plastic bags with us. One is for trash, the other is for HI5 containers, of which there are many scattered along our highways and trails. I encourage you to join us in our attempt to clean up Hawai'i! Feedback or your thoughts will be appreciated! Mahalo for your continued support.

Frank Dickinson
Kailua Kona, Hawaii

The Puna Trail Project Update

By Deborah Chang



After months of effort, a permit was granted by the County to install an interpretive sign at the new parking lot. In late April our partners in this project, the State Na Ala Hele Program, installed the main structure for the future sign (pictured left). We are currently working on the map and other vital information that will be posted on a "bulletin board" attached within this structure. When this is done, it will be cause for celebration! Another volunteer activity will be scheduled, and you'll be invited!

Mahalo goes to Hawai'i Tourism Authority for funding the materials for this sign and another one that will be installed at the beach side of the trail. Mahalo also to Clement Chang, Nā Ala Hele's specialist, who persevered until a sign permit was obtained, and the Nā Ala Hele work crews who constructed and installed the sign.

The *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* Mission:

"To preserve and protect the ancient and historic trails of Hawai'i including their natural and cultural surroundings"

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Are You a Member for 2013?

Membership dues for *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Members are important for supporting the many worthwhile projects we undertake, helping to preserve and protect our wonderful trails, natural and cultural resources. Membership *numbers* are also important for the advocacy work we undertake. Please consider renewing your membership if you have not yet done so for 2013. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations in addition to your dues are always welcome!

One dollar of your dues goes to support the Partnership for the National Trails System, a non-profit organization supporting the National Scenic and Historic Trails across the country including our Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. One dollar of your dues also supports the American Hiking Society, a non-profit organization promoting and protecting foot trails and the hiking experience across the country. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a member organization of both the Partnership and the American Hiking Society.

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2013!

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Please mail to *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*, PO Box 6384, Kamuela, HI 96743

Please use this form for your membership renewal and duplicate the form or attach a list with the information for each gift membership that you wish to give.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones (home) _____ (work) _____ (Fax) _____

e-mail _____

Number of people included in this membership _____

_____(check if desired) DO NOT SEND PAPER NEWSLETTER – ELECTRONIC VERSION ONLY

(The basic membership level is \$15. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____ \$15 Regular

_____ \$20 Couple

_____ \$25 Family

_____ \$35 Supporting

_____ \$50 Sustaining

_____ \$100 Contributing

_____ \$15 each, Gift memberships

\$ _____ Other Donation

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Celebrate National Trails Day

With

E Mau Nā Ala Hele and Hui Aloha Kīholo
At Kīholo Bay (details inside)

Guided Hikes at Each of the National Parks:

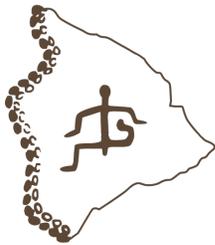
Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park &
The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (808) 329-6881 x1329 at 9am
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (808) 985-6000 at 10:30am & 1:30pm
Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site (808) 882-7218 Ext. 1011
Pu'u Honua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park (808) 328-2288

Waimea Trails and Greenways:

Enjoy Ke Ala Kahawai O Waimea
The streamside trail in the heart of Waimea

American Hiking Society:

National Trails Day Events across the county
<http://www.americanhiking.org/ntd-events/>



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