

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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**“La Ho‘āla Ala Hele”
 (“Trail Revitalization” Day)
 October 18th, 2014**

Commemorating the Law of the Splintered Paddle, The Highways Act of 1892, Nā Ala Hele (the statewide trail and access program), the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Act, and the right to use public trails.

In its regular meeting on April 21, 2004, the Hawaii County Council passed Resolution 161-04: A Resolution Acknowledging and Recognizing the Second Saturday of October as “La Ho‘āla Ala Hele” Day (“Trail Revitalization” Day), which commemorates the long history of trails and support for the right to travel safely on trails in Hawai‘i.

Every year since then, E Mau Nā Ala Hele has celebrated the day in some manner. To avoid conflict with the Ironman race on the second weekend, we will celebrate on the third Saturday of the month again this year. We have the opportunity this year to do a walk-through with representatives of developer Kohala LLC on a parcel along the North Kohala Coast to learn of their ideas for trail preservation and coastal access. Please see inside for details.

If you cannot join us in Kohala for La Ho‘āla Ala Hele, please find another area where you can get out and “give life to the trails!”

“The Highways Act of 1892”

“All roads, alleys, streets, ways, lanes, courts, places, trails and bridges in the Hawaiian Islands, whether now or hereafter opened, laid out or built by the Government, or by private parties, and dedicated or abandoned to the public as a highway, are hereby declared to be public highways.”

-- By order of the Queen's government --

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Our “La Ho‘āla Ala Hele” Event for 2014

E Mau will celebrate Trail Revitalization Day by having a ”Walk & Talk” Saturday, October 18th on the North Kohala coast. We will begin the day with a walk-through of an area along the North Kohala Coast with representatives of developer Kohala LLC. The developer will be sharing their ideas for handling the trails and ocean access on the property with interested stakeholders in the community. It is an excellent educational opportunity to see what goes on during one stage of the development process, where the Ala Loa, mauka/makai trails, historic sites, shoreline access, access to cultural sites, and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail are all at issue. E Mau members can be considered stakeholders because of our involvement in the Ala Kahakai, efforts for preservation of historic & cultural sites, and public access.

After the walk-through we will reconvene at Kapa‘a County Park pavilion, on the shore about two miles north of Mahukona. Toni Withington will lead us in a discussion of the morning’s earlier activity as well as other coastal access and preservation issues.

Active in the “Citizens for the Protection of the North Kohala Coastline” and the North Kohala Community Access Group, Toni has been a core member in the efforts to protect the Kohala shoreline as well as preserve access and the cultural and historic treasures. The North Kohala coastline has the highest density of surviving pre-contact historic sites in the state.

Toni can tell us of the forty years of efforts by the community and explain the current challenges of public access and preservation in North Kohala.

After our discussion, we’ll pause for a BYO brown bag lunch before an afternoon hike in the area.

Meet Saturday, October 18th at 7:15 A.M. on Akoni Pule Hwy. north of Kawaihae, ¼ mile north of the 6 mile marker near the Kohala Kai (chained) public parking. Park along the mauka side of the highway.

For those not able to make the 7:15 meeting time, we will reconvene at approximately 10:30 at Kapa‘a Park. Everyone who wishes to walk should come prepared for rough, hot terrain, bring plenty of water, a brown bag lunch, and a concerned, inquisitive mind. All interested members of the community are welcomed and encouraged to join us.

The Puna Trail Project



Monk seal near the Puna Trail.

The Puna Trail was severely impacted with downed trees during Hurricane Iselle. The trail is currently closed because of unsafe conditions. The State Nā Ala Hele program has started clearing the trees, but going is very slow because of the huge amount of damage. When it is safe for volunteers to be in the area, Nā Ala Hele will contact us to come help. Stay tuned for more news.

Trail Identification Workshop

On Friday, September 5th, Rick Gmirkin, the National Park Service archeologist with the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, led a group in a workshop on identifying ancient trails. Participants included NPS staff from the Ala Kahakai, State Nā Ala Hele staff, and interested community members including representatives from the Kohala Community Access Group, residents from Kailapa, and others. E Mau representatives were Keith Wallis and Barbara Schaefer.

The group walked from Red Hill to Black Point with Rick pointing out trail curb stones, depressions and erosion features, as well as other cultural sites along the way. While the NPS crew was planning for the workshop they encountered employees from a commercial masonry company stacking rock in preparation for hauling the rock away for rock walls and other construction. This illegal activity on state land destroys archaeological sites and robs the community of pieces of the cultural heritage.

The news of the “rock mining” prompted group discussion of the need for preservation and community stewardship of the public lands. There is a delicate balance between making sites known to help with preservation and then having the sites endangered as more and more people come to experience them. There is a balance that must be struck between secrecy, knowledge, opening an area for visitation, controlling access, allowing access, monitoring, protecting, enjoying. A true community effort is needed to make and carry out an appropriate management plan as the population pressure increases on these irreplaceable resources.

The value of the workshop was not only in gaining knowledge of how to recognize the ancient trail sections, but also in the community dialog and realization of the value of what exists along with the great and immediate need for community protection.



Workshop participants view a stack of recently illegally “mined” rock.

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”

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

18 October 2014 – La Ho‘āla Ala Hele celebration. See page two for details.

27-30 October 2014 – National Historic Trails Workshop, Salt Lake City, Utah. The workshop will focus on organizational capacity building, and preservation approaches for federal agency partners and stewardship organizations. Vice-president Barbara Schaefer will represent E Mau.

15 November 2014 – Workday at Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a. Meet at the trail kiosk just inside the Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Ranch gate at 8:30. We will do a quick cleanup at the kiosk and then spend the morning planting and weeding at the Hauaina restoration area. Lunch will be potluck at the meeting house followed by an afternoon activity. Depending upon the desires of the group and the number of four-wheel drive vehicles available, we will either tour to an interesting area or take a hike (or both).

23 November 2014 – E Mau Board of Directors’ meeting “out in the field” Hilo-side of the island. Members invited to take hike with the Board and attend the Board meeting. Save the date. More details to follow.

December 2014 – Happy Holidays!

January 2015 – suggestions? What would you like to do in January?

22 February 2015 – Annual Meeting

Membership

2014 members of E Mau Nā Ala Hele:

Dixie Adams, Christine Ahia, Alina Alvarado, Gloria Amaral, Nancy Bolt, Joan Bowden, Steve Breuer, Bill & Peggy Brevoort, Bonnie Burke, Deborah Chang, Karen Clarkson, Michael & Debera Crosson, Marcie & Guy Davis, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Bill Dixon, Sandy & Dick Ednie, Kathy Frost & Lloyd Lowry, Daisy L Ikeuchi, Ruth Iwata, John & Alice Jenkins, Kathleen Johnson, William F & Rowena E Jones, Gordon & Chinyere Joyce, Joan & Peter Kinchla, Roland Kleger & Linda Tellington - Jones Kleger, Dr. Ted Leaf, Caryl Lindamood & Buddy Toyama, Fred & Kathy Lindsey, Cathy M. Lowder, Donna Mah (J & D Farm) [2017], Jon & Marianne Marshall, Betsy Morigan, Jack & Leila Nessen, Jim & Drenna Phillips, Donald Potter, Matt Radosevich, Bill Randolph, Eugene Reynolds, Roger & Vivian Rittenhouse, Francis & Susy Ruddle, Barbara Schaefer, Michael Shewmaker, J K Spielman, Toni & Kosta Stylos, Antonette Thomson [2016], Cathy M. True, Gary Turner & Karen Riley, Ruby & TZ Tzimeas, George & Gretchen Van Der Heyden [2015], Manny & Eunice Veincent, Rich & Wai Ling Vogler, Sonja Walawender, Marge White, Clare & Phil Wilson, Leona Wishard, Ellen Yamada-Regidor, Jeff Yamauchi

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If you think your name should be on the 2014 list and it is not, please notify us so we may correct any errors. If there are no errors, please consider renewing your membership.

Are You a Member for 2014? Also Re-Up for 2015!

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Your mailing label indicates the last year that you renewed your membership. Membership dues help offset the cost of our newsletter published two or three times per year as well as support other E Mau Nā Ala Hele projects. 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. 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 2015!

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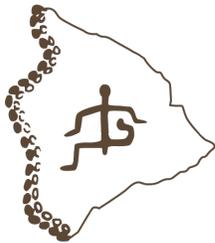
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If you are not a member for 2014, please consider renewing your membership. Your membership is important for helping us carry out our programs.

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**Kohala Coast
 Shoreline Preservation**
 (see inside for details)



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