E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

July 2026

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E Mau Events 15-16 August 2026

Aloha E Mau Nā Ala Hele Members and Friends!
Please consider joining us for educational and fun service opportunities on August 15 and 16! There are two events available, and we would appreciate confirmation as soon as possible if you plan to attend. The choices are:

1. **Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site's 54th Anniversary and Annual Cultural Festival on August 15 and 16.**

Hugh Montgomery, former president of E Mau Nā Ala Hele, will be the leader and organizer of E Mau's volunteers. The volunteers will be leading 30-60-minute walks on the Ala Kahakai

National Historic Trail and distributing information about the trail and E Mau's involvement in its establishment. Hugh will orient volunteers to serve as interpreters of the trail and the surrounding environment in the park. This is a great opportunity to learn about this extremely interesting historic area and to learn skills of trail interpretation from an experienced trail guide. Volunteers are needed for August 15 and/or 16. Volunteers will receive lunch, and if your RSVP is received in time, a t-shirt. To volunteer and work out the scheduling with Hugh, email alakaihugh@gmail.com or call 808-895-3846 **as soon as possible**. (See also: https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=8FE5530C-B000-1C66-C5E979F584369E76)

2. **Community Aloha ʻĀina Workday along the Pepeʻekeo Shoreline Public Access on August 16, 8:00am – 12:30pm, Potluck to Follow.**

A`ohe hana nui ke alu`ia – No work is too big when shared by all.

The Makahanaloa Fishing Association is sponsoring a clearing of the shoreline public access trail along the top of ocean cliffs in Kukuilaumania, Pepeʻekeo, South Hilo. The shoreline public access was required by the County as a condition of subdivision approval, but long-term maintenance of the trail and trail signage has been a challenge. Join us in helping to keep access open to traditional fishing spots along the spectacular cliffs of Hilo Palikū ("Hilo of the upright/standing cliffs"). To get to Loa Road where we will meet, turn towards the ocean from the main Hawaiʻi Belt Road on to Sugar Mill Road, which is on the south side of Pepeʻekeo. A large, nicely painted sugar mill gear at the main road marks the turn off to Sugar Mill Road. Sugar Mill Road is shown at the top of the map on the attached flyer.

To volunteer for this activity, email emauhawaiitrails@gmail.com or text (808)640-8254. If you would like to meet at the gear at 7:30am and caravan to the work site, please indicate this in your email or text.

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Look toward October and Lā Hoʻāla Ala Hele

In 2004 our County Council passed a resolution designating a day in October as Lā Hoʻāla Ala Hele or "Trail Reawaken Day" which designated a day to acknowledge and recognize the importance of historic Hawaiian trails to the people of Hawaiʻi. Since then, we have been observing this special day in various ways. Plans are underway to celebrate again in 2026. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for an appropriate event to celebrate this special day this year.

Are You a Member for 2026?

Membership numbers count, especially when we do advocacy work for our trails. Are you a member for 2026? For those members who have not yet renewed, we are sending a paper newsletter with a stamped return envelope to make it easy for you to reply. Please join us today!

2026 Members:

Christine Ahia, Gloria Amaral, Nancy & Jacques Baenziger, Wayne Borden, Deborah Chang & Edwin Petteys, Nolan Chock, Cindy & Pepper Chong, Emily Claspell & Matt Belcher, La Crivello, Marcie & Guy Davis, Sandy & Dick Ednie, Topher Fast, Keoni Fox, Kim Garcia, William & Catherine Harlan, Jim Harrell, Antu Harvey, Lani Hayden, Larry Hunter, Tee & Kathy Jimenez, Rebecca & Clay Johnston, Joan & Peter Kinchla, Dennis & Anne Klimke, John & Pat Leinen Jr., Caryl Lindamood, Eric and Chris Lindborg, Nicole Keaka Lui, Penny & Don Merryman, Mary Metcalf, Hugh & Kaulana Montgomery, Donald & Lynda Potter, Bill Randolph, Eugene Reynolds, Barbara Schaefer, Mary Spears & Tom Hassett, J K Spielman, Elizabeth Star, Vita Toci, Mary True & Greg Edwards, Ruby Tzimeas, Manny Veincent, Keith & Doreen Wallis, Gary Werner & Melanie Lord, Clare & Phil Wilson, Toni Withington & Ty Knudson, Ellen Yamada-Regidor

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2026!
(*E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)
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 _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ **ELECTRONIC (EMAIL) NEWSLETTER ONLY**
_____ **PAPER NEWSLETTER**

(The basic membership level is $20. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____$15 Student
_____$20 Regular
_____$25 Couple
_____$30 Family
_____$50 Supporting
_____$100 Contributing
_____$20 each, Gift membership
$_____ Other Donation

PEPE'EKEO SHORELINE

COMMUNITY ALOHA 'ĀINA DAY

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm - Potluck to Follow

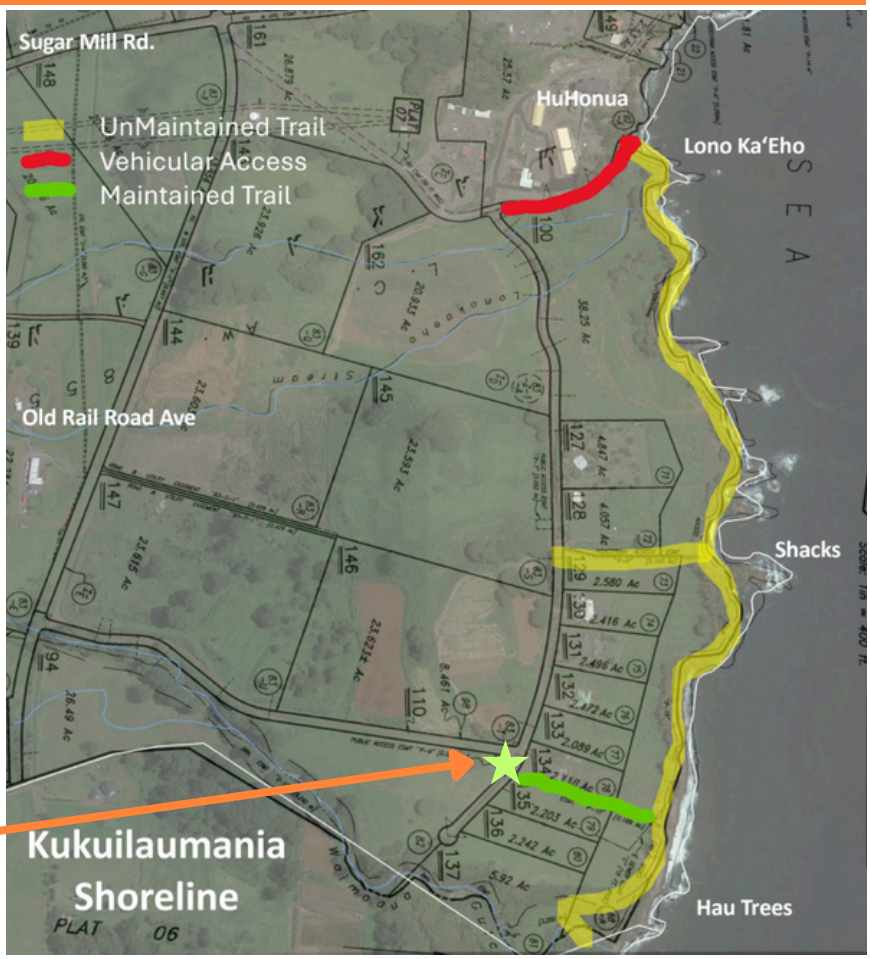
COME HELP to clear the Pepe'ekeo shoreline trail! Makahanaloa Fishing Association and Pepe'ekeo Community Development Corporation are reopening the trail along the famed Kukuilaumania shoreline. It has been inaccessible to our community for many years. There's lots of grass/ shrubs to cut and rake, and we have plants that need planting!

Please bring:

- your own water bottle
- closed-toed shoes
- hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- long sleeve/ long pants
- gloves
- safety glasses
- tools (rakes, loppers, sickles, weedwhackers, shovels, pole saws, pick axes, etc.)

We will hui up at 8am but come when you can and leave when you need to! Potluck to follow

MEET HERE ON LOA RD.



Questions?

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