



# E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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## Upcoming Events

### **5 June 2011, Sunday: National Trails Day Celebration**

The official National Trails Day is on Saturday, 4 June, but we will celebrate on Sunday, 5 June with a bird watching hike along the historic Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail off of Saddle Road.

### **23 July 2011, Saturday: Board of Directors' Meeting and Membership Outing**

The E Mau Board of Directors meet to discuss future plans for the group. **All members are invited** to join for the meeting, potluck lunch, and coastal or petroglyph hike after.

### **August(?): Pu'u Wa'awa'a Volunteer Day**

We are working on choosing another day and project for our program of volunteer days at Pu'u Wa'awa'a. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Summer: Keeping Public Places Public educational sessions**

President Debbie Chang is developing an educational program for those interested in helping keep public places public. See inside for details and how to get involved.

### **October: La Ho'āla Ala Hele**

Each October we celebrate "Give Life to the Trails Day" declared by County resolution in 2004. Watch our web site and look for the September newsletter for details.

### **Ongoing: Ala Kahakai Inventory Project**

Members are encouraged to continue to walk the Ala Kahakai from Spencer County Park to Anaeho'omalua and send reports and photos. Updates and photos since the tsunami would be most useful, especially if you have before and after photos with dates. Send information, photos, or questions to Barbara Schaefer, [bschaefer@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bschaefer@hawaii.rr.com)

E Mau Nā Ala Hele website: <http://emaunaalahahele.org/> Check it out!

## 23 July 2011 Board of Directors' Meeting and Membership Outing

### You are invited to:

The next E Mau Board meeting at Holoholokai Beach County Park in Mauna Lani Resort on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Saturday, starting at 9:00 am. Holoholokai Beach County Park is the northernmost public access in the resort with restrooms, a picnic area and a trail to part of the Puakō petroglyph field.

We'll have a potluck lunch afterwards, and for those who don't know the area, we'll suggest nearby hikes, beaches and other attractions to visit after the meeting.

Come learn more about *your* organization. Perhaps there are ways you can become more active? There are vacancies on the Board, and committees that can benefit from more membership involvement.

*`A`ohe hana nui ke alu `ia.*

No task is too big when done together by all.

Debbie Chang, President



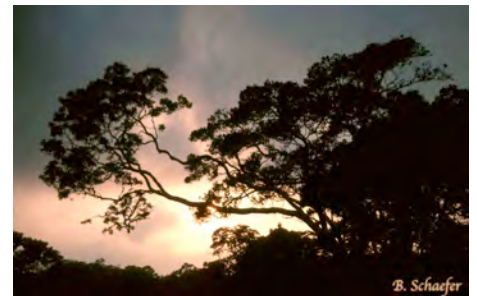
The Ala Kahakai Trail from Holoholokai Park - B. Schaefer

## National Trails Day Event, Sunday, 5 June 2011

The Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail heads south through pioneer 'ōhi'a forest, brush and grassland in the direction of Volcano Village. It passes over the 1855 & 1881 lava flows and through several kipuka of mixed native species and older koa. An interesting nature hike through a variety of mostly native vegetation, Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail offers birders the opportunity to see 'i'iwi, 'apapane, 'amakihi, 'elepaio, 'oma'o, 'io, 'akiapola'au and nēnē. It was pioneered by early cattle ranchers to drive their stock to shipping ports on the coast.

Seasonal bird hunting is allowed, so wear brightly colored clothing for safety. Rain, fog and cool temperatures are common. The trail can be difficult to follow where it crosses lava flows, especially in daily fog. Bring raingear, sun protection (sunscreen, hat, long-sleeves), brown bag lunch and drinking water. Optional gear includes binoculars, camera and hiking sticks. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible.

Our guest guide, Garry Dean, has been an Interpretive Guide with Hawaii Forest and Trail since 2000, and is native to Kelowna, B.C., Canada. His hobbies include camping, hiking, fishing, skiing, traveling, kayaking, mountain biking. He is a member of The Nature Conservancy and Hawaii Audubon Society. He has traveled by bike through southeast Asia and has also sailed from Australia to Thailand. Garry has a B.A. in Geography from the University of Hawaii at Hilo and is also an accomplished chef. Garry is a great all-around guide as well as one of HFT's three birding specialists.



Koa Tree at sunset along Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail

**What:** Hike and Bird Watch along the Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail

**When:** 9:00 am, Sunday, June 5, 2011

**Who:** Guide Garry Dean, E Mau Nā Ala Hele members & guests.

**Where:** Mauna Loa side of Saddle Road, about 0.4 miles mauka of 22 mile marker. Roughly 40 minutes from Hilo and 50 minutes from Waimea. About 1 hour, 20 minutes from Kona.

**Why:** National Trails Day 2011

**How:** Contact Mike Donoho of E Mau to RSVP, 937-6487 or [kukuiplanning@gmail.com](mailto:kukuiplanning@gmail.com).

## April North Kohala Hike Report

Contributed by Debbie Chang, photos by Nancy Erger

E Mau's scenic hike from Kapanai'a to Kauhola Point ("Lighthouse") was extra special with Fred Cachola as our guide. Fred shared his knowledge of the area's unique history & its connection to King Kamehameha's birth, youth and battles. We were also treated to stories of Fred's childhood and youth, which were spent growing up in the ahupua'a and coastal areas along our hike route.



We met at the old Kapa'au Courthouse by the original King Kamehameha statue, shuttled to Kapanai'a and started walking with the kamakani o Kohala at our backs.

We stopped at Kapālama Heiau, Hale o Kā'ili Heiau at Hapu'u Bay, crossed Hālawā Gulch on the old sugar cane railroad right-of-way, and ate lunch near the site of Ohau Heiau.

We saw massive papamū boards for the game of kōnane, ramps built for canoe launching, and the site of a fierce battle against warriors from Maui. Mahalo nui to all the landowners who gave permission where needed and to all who helped with transportation. Mahalo again to Fred Keakaokalani Cachola for making history and the aloha spirit come alive for all who participated!

## Keeping Public Places Public

### ***What happened to the "Keeping Public Places Public" Committee? Message from Debbie Chang ~***

First, I must apologize for the delay in getting started. I hope the following plan will still be of interest. I've decided that in order for committee members to be effective, a certain amount of basic information will be needed by the participants. I would like to share the basics in two sessions of about 2 hours in length. Participants should know how to use a computer and have internet access, since so much of the needed information is at our fingertips. These are the questions we will want to answer:

- What are public places?
- Which websites and sources of information would enable me to receive early notifications of plans / applications that will affect public lands, roads, trails, shorelines, etc.?
- What kinds of public accesses exist and how do I figure out if an access is private or public?

Group discussion and opportunities to ask questions will help me adjust the content according to the group's interests. ***Please email me at [hkulaiwi@yahoo.com](mailto:hkulaiwi@yahoo.com) if you want to be notified of the dates of the two sessions which will be held in Waimea sometime during the summer. Also indicate your preferences: Saturday mornings or weekday evenings? June, July or August? I may not hold these classes if too few people are interested in participating, so please get in touch.***

## Membership and Communications

We communicate with our members by a variety of means.

**Newsletters:** Usually published three times per year, early in the year before our annual meeting, in May before National Trails Day, and in September before La Ho‘āla Ala Hele. Many of our members now choose to receive their newsletter via e-mail rather than paper mail. This saves us funds we may use for other projects. For those who choose, paper copies are still available.

**E-Mail:** The modern, efficient method of communicating. We e-mail our newsletters and also updates on events that come up between newsletter mailings. To get news of all of the most current E Mau happenings, please be sure we have your current e-mail address and your spam filter is set to accept e-mail from us.

**Website:** Upcoming events, reports of recent happenings, an archive of past newsletters, a photo archive . . . our web site has it all! Thanks to Mike Donoho for setting up and maintaining the site. Check it regularly for updates and more news! <http://emaunaalahahele.org/>

**Phone Tree:** For members who do not receive e-mail, but would like to be notified of events occurring between newsletter publications. Please contact Barbara Schaefer (885-7132 or 640-9270) to become part of the phone tree.

Current memberships stand at 56, representing 95 individuals. 66 members from 2010 and 27 members from 2009 have not yet renewed. Have you renewed? Just forgot? Unhappy with your membership? Please let us know what you are looking for from your membership in E Mau Nā Ala Hele. Please consider continuing your support of perpetuating Hawai‘i’s trails, furthering educational hikes, promoting partnerships with the State DLNR and the Federal National Park Service, giving back to the ‘āina through volunteer days plus so much more. Please renew your membership today!

### Members for 2011:

Christine Ahia, Alex Alcantar, Alina Alvarado, Gloria & Keith Amaral, Nancy & Jacques Baenziger, Susan Blumstein, Joan Bowden, Bill & Peggy Brevoort, John Butler, Mary & David Carroll, Debbie Chang, Cindy & Jake Chong, Michael & Debera Crosson, Frank Dickinson & Martha Tumbleson, Bill Dixon, Mike Donoho, Zarine Dorabji, Sandy & Dick Ednie, Steven & Sandra Foster, Daisy Ikeuchi, Ruth Iwata, Milo Jarvis, Alice & John Jenkins, Tee & Kathy Jimenez, William & Rowena Jones, Gordon & Chinyere Joyce, Howard & Erna Kantner, Lei & John Kihoi-Dunne, Roland Kleger, Ted Leaf, Caryl Lindamood & Buddy Toyama, Alfred & Kathleen Lindsey, Cathy Lowder, Jon & Marianne Marshall, Jack & Leila Nessen, Lois Pollock, Mary Marvin Porter, Matt Radosevich, Bill Randolph, Eugene Reynolds, Connie Ritchey, Barbara Schaefer, Dale & Sandee Sebring, Bill Simpson, Lloyd & Julia Soehren, Debra Sullivan, Toni Thomson, Gary Turner, Madeleine Turner, Mike Varney, Keith & Doreen Wallis, Gary Werner & Melanie Lord, Clare & Phil Wilson, Leona Wishard, Jackie Wright, Ellen Yamada-Regidor

If we have left your name off of the above list by mistake, please contact us.

Many thanks to Debbie Chang, Clare Wilson, Mike Donoho, and Nancy Erger for their contributions to this newsletter. Mahalo also to the W. M. Keck Observatory for the printing of the paper newsletter copies. ~ Barbara Schaefer, newsletter editor

## Are You a Member for 2011?

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Your mailing label indicates the last year that you renewed your membership. Please check your mailing label to determine if you are a member for 2011. 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 2011!

(*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.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ (check if desired) DO NOT SEND PAPER – ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER ONLY

(The Board of Directors has decided to keep the basic membership level at \$10 so that anyone who wishes may join. Those who are able are encouraged to join at a higher membership level.)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Regular

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Couple

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Supporting

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Sustaining

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Contributing

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The new display case and hiker check-in station at the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve. The kiosk features trail maps, Reserve information, and rest facilities. Trails are open 6am – 6pm daily.

# **E Mau Nā Ala Hele**

**Celebrates**

## **National Trails Day**

**Sunday, 5 June 2011**

**Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail Hike and Bird Watch**

**9:00am – until pau**



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