

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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“La Ho'ala Ala Hele” Day (Trail Revitalization Day) October 21, 2017, 9am

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.

Since 2004 we have set aside a Saturday in October for La Ho'ala Ala Hele, Trail Revitalization Day or Give Life to the Trails Day. It was during this time of the year when Queen Lili'uokalani signed the Trails Act of 1892. We also celebrate Nā Ala Hele (the State Trails and Access Program), the National Trails Act, the inclusion of the Ala Kahakai in the National Trail System, and the Law of the Splintered Paddle. Information from our 2004 newsletter is reprinted later in this newsletter to give more background on the strong cultural heritage for trails and access in Hawai'i.

This year we will celebrate on October 21st with a hike along part of the Ala Kahakai soon to be officially signed and opened to the public as a designated National Historic Trail. (This section of trail has been a part of the State Trails System for a number of years.) We will walk north from Waialea Bay (the beach half way between Hapuna Beach and Puako) to Spencer Park at 'Ōhi'ula Beach near Kawaihae. The trail passes through sandy beaches and over some slightly rougher rocky stretches for approximately four miles along a spectacularly beautiful shoreline. We will stroll, taking time for cultural interpretation and scenic appreciation along the way. The hike is co-sponsored by E Mau Nā Ala Hele, the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, and the National Park Service. This will be the first in a series of "walk and talks" the Trail Association will be hosting along different sections of the trail to celebrate the trail and introduce to the trail those who might not be that familiar with the trail.

The event is free and open to the public, but limited to the first 30 people to RSVP. Meet at 9am at Waialea Bay. Wear sturdy trail shoes. Bring sun protection and enough water for several hours on the trail. We will end at the pavilion at Spencer Park with a light lunch and refreshments provided. After refreshments we will car shuttle back to Waialea.

Contact Chris Hawkins (Hawkins@alakahakaitrail.org, 808-494-7116) to RSVP. E-mail or text preferred. Call if needed.

President's Message from Marcie Davis

As I sit down at the computer to create this message to you I realize that this is the first time I have written anything as a President of group since I was President of GAA at Santa Monica High School, class of 1965. Boy have I come a long way baby.

First on my agenda is a giant Mahalo to the E Mau Nā Ala Hele board for allowing me to represent them in Washington DC this past February at the annual Hike the Hill conference. What an experience to witness first hand our government at work. The delegation from Hawaii met directly with Representative Tusli Gabbard and Senator Mazie Hirono to educate them on the progress being made on the Ala Kahakai Trail and continued support of land acquisitions to protect open spaces on the island of Hawai'i. New friendships were formed with other members of national historic and scenic trail advocate groups. We were able to exchange ideas other trails used for publicity, fund raising and how to get people out on the trails. As NPS Ala Kahakai Superintendant Aric Arakakai says "the Ala Kahakai Trail is the oldest trail in the nation dating back 2000 years but the youngest trail to be designated by the US Congress for preservation" in 2000.

With the mission statement of E Mau in mind: to preserve and protect the ancient and historic trails, the board sponsored a number of activities this past quarter. The June 3 Celebration of National Trails Day was held at Pu'u Honua o Hōnaunau, the Place of Refuge. This hike was open to the public as a day of hiking and education.

Thanks to Christine Ahia and Karen Clarkson, E Mau was represented at the 'Ōhi'a Festival in Hilo. These ladies set up an informational booth complete with an informative interactive game created by Christine. They reported back that the booth was well received and were able to answer questions about E Mau and our mission.

We have two upcoming events in the works. On Oct. 21 we plan to celebrate Trails Revitalization Day by hiking the part of Ala Kahakai Trail from Waialea Bay to Spencer Beach Park. This hike will be open to the public. Archeologist Rick Gmirkin and others will be joining us to explain the history of this part of the trail.

On Oct. 29 we plan to have a booth at the Run For the Dry Forest at Pu'u Wa'awa'a. We will be looking for volunteers to help. If you are available please contact me at marciedd@yahoo.com Also if you have any ideas for future hikes please let me know.

Mahalo, Marcie

The Pu'u Wa'awa'a Run for the Dry Forest

For quite a number of years we have collaborated with the staff at Pu'u Wa'awa'a on trails work, out planting of native plants, seed collecting and so forth. On 28 October we have the opportunity to help out again, with the logistics of putting on this well attended local running event sponsored by PATH, Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii, in support of conservation and restoration of dry forests in Hawai'i. Help is needed with registration, at the start and finish line, and at aid stations along the way. E Mau will also be hosting an information table to help get the word out about who we are and what we do. Volunteer (or run) at the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Run for the Dry Forest! See more information about this event at <https://pathhawaii.org/get-involved/races/> Please contact E Mau Board member Christine Ahia for more information if you are able to lend a hand on this day.

Reprinted from our September 2004 newsletter:

The Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Act of 2000

Public Law 106-509
106th Congress

An Act

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail.

signed into law by President Bill Clinton, November 2000

The Highways Act of 1892

KE KANAWAI ALANUI O 1892

O na alaloo, na alali`ili`i, alanui, wahi hele, alaololi, ala-kuono, ala-meheu a me na alahaka a pau loa ma ko Hawai`i Pae`aina i weheia i keia manawa a e weheia aku ana paha ma keia hope aku, hanaia a kukuluia e ke Aupuni, a i `ole ia, e kekahi po`e paha a ha`awi`ia a ha`aleleia paha no ka lehulehu i alanui, ma keia ke kukala`ia nei he mau alanui no ka lehulehu.

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

“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.”

Mamalahoe Kanawai, The Law of the Splintered Paddle

E na kanaka,

E malama `oukou i ke akua

A e Malama ho`i ke kanaka nui a me kanaka iki;

E hele ka `elemakule, ka luahine, a me ke kama

A moe i ke ala

‘A`ohe mea nana e ho`opilikoa.

Hewa no. Make.

O my people,

Honor thy god;

Indeed, respect men great and small

Where old men, old women, and children go

and lie down on the roadside,

Let no man cause harm.

Disobey, and die.

About The Law of the Splintered Paddle

by Betsy Morrigan

The Law of the Splintered Paddle, decreed by Kamehameha I around 1785, is important in the history of Hawaii's trails and also as an early and lasting expression of humanitarianism in time of war: that civilians should be protected and not attacked in times of war. Kamehameha's "Mamalahoe Kanawai" (the Law of the Splintered Paddle), decreed: "let every elderly person, woman and child lie by the roadside in safety."

Kamehameha's passage of this law came from his own frightening experience while he was leading a raiding party in Kea'au, Puna, on the island of Hawaii. With his foot caught in a hole in the lava, he was savagely beaten on the head with a wooden paddle ("hoe") by a commoner fisherman from the village the warring party was planning to attack. Later when Kamehameha recovered, he forgave his tormentors, saying they were villagers and not warriors, and declared that from then on, the common people on trails and in villages would be safe from attacks by warring chiefs.

To this day, the Mamalahoe governs the people of Hawaii, by its inclusion in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, Article IX, Section 10. This Hawaii law states "the Law of the Splintered Paddle, Mamalahoe Kanawai, decreed by Kamehameha I – let every elderly person, woman, and child lie by the roadside in safety – shall be a unique and living symbol of the state's concern for public safety."

Upcoming Events

- 21 October 2017 – La Ho'āla Ala Hele (Trail Revitalization Day)
- 28 October 2017 – Pu'u Wa'awa'a Run for the Dry Forest

E Mau Nā Ala Hele on the web: <http://www.emaunaalaele.org/index.html>

While our web site has been rather static for the past year plus, we hope to have it revitalized and active again before year's end. Check back for updates!

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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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. A portion 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. E Mau Nā Ala Hele is a member organization of the Partnership.

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2017!

(*E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)

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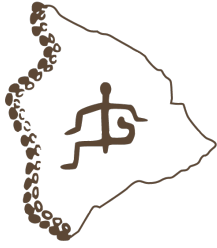
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**E Mau Nā Ala Hele,
The Ala Kahakai Trail Association,
and the National Park Service
Invite you to join in celebrating
“La Ho‘ala Ala Hele”
“Give Life to the Trails Day”
October 21, 2017
(see inside for details)**