



Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk 2006 Information

Walk Description:

In the morning of the hike day, participants will be flown via helicopter to the 5,788-foot Pu'u Kukui summit of Mauna Kahalawai (a.k.a. West Maui Mountains). The hike will take place on the existing 16-inch wide, 2-mile long Pu'u Kukui Boardwalk. Participants will descend to approximately the 4,500-foot elevation. An interpretive tour, led by Maui Land & Pineapple Company's Pu'u Kukui Watershed field naturalists, will focus on the unique natural communities of the Hawaiian montane bogs and cloud forests and the rare native flora and fauna found there. Discussion will include details of the innovative management agreement with the State of Hawaii's Natural Area Partnership Program and specific operations designed to preserve the natural biodiversity and watershed capacity of the area.

Walk date & inclement weather:

This year the Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk is offered only once on **Thursday, September 7, 2006**. **Inclement weather conditions may force a cancellation of the hike on September 7; it will be rescheduled for Friday, September 8, 2006 at the same time.** Confirmed participants should make their travel arrangements accordingly.

Schedule:

September 7, 2006 (or inclement weather day, September 8, 2006)	
6:45 am	Participants meet at Honolua Store located within the Kapalua Resort.
6:55 am	Shuttle departs for Maui Pineapple Co.'s Honolua Plantation heliport.
7:00 am	Helicopter departs for Pu'u Kukui Preserve Boardwalk.
7:30 am	Arrival at Pu'u Kukui Preserve Boardwalk and start hike on the boardwalk through montane bogs and cloud forests of the Pu'u Kukui Preserve with trained field naturalists.
1:00 pm	Helicopter transportation from Boardwalk back to Honolua ballpark. <i>PLEASE NOTE: If weather conditions prevent a safe helicopter extraction from the boardwalk, all participants will be required to hike approximately 2.5 miles down to the Pu'u Kukui trailhead on an extremely steep, rough & slippery trail. <u>Please allow at least 3-4 hours to travel this distance.</u></i>

Cost & payment:

The cost of the Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk is \$1,200 per person.

Payment must accompany the completed application. Cashiers checks or personal checks (Hawaii residents only with a photocopy of the applicant's valid Hawaii Drivers License) will be accepted. Checks made payable to **Kapalua Land Company, Ltd.**

100% of proceeds from the walk benefit the Pu'u Kukui Watershed Management Program.

Refunds:

No refunds will be given after **July 15, 2006** except in the case of Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk cancellation by the Pu'u Kukui Watershed Management Program.

If for any reason beyond the Event sponsors' control, such as inclement weather, war or strikes, the hike is cancelled on both September 7 and the back-up date of September 8, confirmed participants shall receive a full refund of the paid registration fee.

Selection process:

A total of no more than eleven (11) participants from the general public will be confirmed, on a first-come, first-served basis, to participate on the Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk. The Pu'u Kukui Watershed Management reserves the right to deny participation to any applicant who has a health restriction and/or other situation that may pose an unreasonable risk to the applicant or other participants on this hike. Confirmed participants will be notified in writing within 30 days of receipt of submitted application.

The Pu'u Kukui Watershed Management must limit participation to those persons who have never been to Pu'u Kukui. Due to the extremely fragile conditions in the area and the high demand for access into the area, the annual Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk is truly a ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME experience.

Walk Provisions:

Each participant will be provided with a daypack, a boxed lunch, snacks & liquids (1-liter water, 1 juice). **All food allergies must be disclosed in the "Health Restrictions" section of this application.** Participants are welcome to bring still or video camera(s) and/or binoculars. Cameras and other moisture-sensitive equipment should be protected from inclement weather by appropriate waterproof camera bags, zip-lock bags or similar weatherproof containers. Safe helicopter transport requires certain passenger space restrictions. All carry-on items must fit in the backpack provided for each participant. Participants will not be allowed to take bulky or heavy items such as large tripods, large format cameras, etc.

Weather notice:

DUE TO UNPREDICTABLE AND OFTEN RAPIDLY CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE AREA, YOU CAN EXPECT WIND, RAIN AND TEMPERATURES AT 20°F or COOLER THAN AT SEA LEVEL. DRESS ACCORDINGLY.

Required clothing & footwear:

Waterproof rain jacket & pants; water-resistant, mid- or high-cut cross-training shoes, hiking boots, or rubber boots with good tread (tennis/walking shoes ARE NOT recommended); water/sun resistant hat or cap; mid-layer sweater or long-sleeve shirt; sturdy, comfortable long pants or jeans. Sunscreen is highly recommended.

NOTE: ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEAN AND FREE OF ANY DRIED MUD, SEEDS, OR OTHER DEBRIS WHICH MAY CARRY IMBEDDED WEED SEEDS INTO PRISTINE NATURAL AREAS. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WILL BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO BOARDING THE SHUTTLE FOR THE DRIVE TO THE HONOLUA BALLPARK. CLOTHING OR FOOTWEAR FAILING INSPECTION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE PU`U KUKUI PRESERVE.

Physical requirements:

This nature walk is limited to adults in good physical condition (18 years and older).

Although the boardwalk itself is no more than 3-6 feet above the ground along most of its route, in a few locations it follows steep terrain with spectacular views. Persons with any fear of heights should not participate. Any person with a history of respiratory or cardiac problems, or anyone currently under the care of a physician, should check with his/her doctor prior to committing to participate in this hike. The elevation and weather conditions may cause health complications for some persons. Those persons who are allergic to insect bites or stings, or who are currently taking prescription medication, are responsible for having with them the appropriate amount of medication required by their doctor or for emergency situations.

If you are currently taking any prescription medication and are under a physician's care, you must include a signed release from your physician in order to participate in this Event.

Waiver:

All participants are required to sign a release of liability form prior to participating in this hike. A release of liability form will be mailed to confirmed participants for signature and timely return.

Questions:

If you have any questions regarding the Pu'u Kukui Nature Hike, please contact LifeFest Kapalua at 808-669-2440 or toll-free 866-669-2440.



Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk 2006 Application

LifeFest Kapalua, Hawaii's premier health and wellness event, is proud to offer the Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Maui Land & Pineapple Co.'s Pu'u Kukui Watershed is offered once a year to the general public during Kapalua Resort's annual LifeFest Kapalua. This rare opportunity to explore the 8,661-acre rainforest preserve located above Kapalua Resort will take place on *Thursday, September 7, 2006* (See "Hike Date/Rain Date" below). If you are interested in participating in this walk, please read this entire application carefully, and return the completed application with full payment to:

Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk; c/o LifeFest Kapalua; 500 Bay Drive; Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Name of applicant: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ (day) _____ (evening)

Age: _____ years
(Minors, 17 years and younger, are not eligible to participate on this hike)

Weight: _____ lbs.
(Required for helicopter transport to site)

Health restrictions*:

**If you are currently taking any prescribed medication, you must include a signed release from your physician in order to participate in this activity. Include any and all allergies (e.g. foods, bee stings, etc.).*

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS.

APPLICANTS CONFIRMED TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS HIKE WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF SUBMITTED APPLICATION.

The foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date