



## Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk 2005 Hike Application

LifeFest Kapalua offers a ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME nature hike at Maui Land & Pineapple Company's Pu'u Kukui Watershed, an 8,661-acre rainforest preserve located above Kapalua Resort. This hike, held in conjunction with LifeFest Kapalua, Hawai'i's premier health and wellness event, is being offered to the GENERAL PUBLIC only once in 2005. ***The hike is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 23, 2005*** (See "*Hike Date/Rain Date*" below). If you are interested in participating in this hike, please read this entire application carefully, fill in the information requested, and return it with your payment to:

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

NAME OF  
APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (day number) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening number)

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ years (minors, 17 years and younger, are not eligible to participate on this hike)

WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. (pre-flight information 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.).*

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. APPLICANTS CONFIRMED TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS HIKE WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2005.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# Pu'u Kukui Nature Walk

## Information

### HIKE

#### 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.

#### HIKE DATE/

#### RAIN DATE:

The Pu'u Kukui Nature Hike is offered only once a year. This year the hike date is **Friday, September 23, 2005. If inclement weather conditions force a cancellation of the hike on September 23, the hike will be rescheduled to Saturday, September 24 at the same time.**

Confirmed participants should make their travel arrangements accordingly.

#### COST &

#### PAYMENT:

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

**Payment must accompany the completed application form when submitted.**

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

All proceeds from the hike will benefit the Pu'u Kukui Watershed management program.

#### LIMITATION ON

#### REFUNDS:

No refunds will be given after **July 15, 2005** except in the case of cancellation.

If for any reason beyond the Event sponsors' control, such as inclement weather, war or strikes, the hike is cancelled on both September 23 and the back-up date of September 24, 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. LifeFest Kapalua 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 by mail no later than July 15, 2005.

NOTE:

Due to the extremely fragile conditions in the area, one of Maui's most pristine natural areas, and the high demand for access into the area, the owners must limit participation to those persons who have never been to Pu`u Kukui. This annual hike is truly a ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME event.

HIKING

PROVISIONS:

Each participants 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.

HIKE

SCHEDULE:

6:45 am	Participants meet at Honolua Store located within the Kapalua Resort.
6:55 am	Shuttle departs for Maui Pineapple Company'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 providing interpretive information.
1:00 pm	Helicopter transportation from boardwalk back to Honolua ballpark. <b>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 &amp; slippery trail. <u>Please allow at least 3-4 hours to travel this distance.</u></b>

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 Event 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 in this Event.

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.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions regarding the Pu'u Kukui Nature Hike, please call LifeFest Kapalua at (808) 669-2440.

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