This page highlights most of the volunteer opportunities on Maui that are conservation oriented. Click on an organization below for information about the organization, current volunteer opportunities, contact information, and links to more information.

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Auwahi Restoration Group



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The noted Hawaiian botanist Joseph F. Rock singled out the Auwahi district on Haleakala, and the Pu u-wa awa a district of the Big Island as the richest botanical regions in the Territory, with more tree species than any Hawaiian rain forest. Over the past centuries, this forest has been much degraded and now without action is threatened with total extirpation on Maui. Auwahi is a biological and ethnobotanical treasure. Of the 50-odd species of rare Hawaiian trees found here, 41 species had specific Hawaiian ethnobotanical uses, 19 as medicines, 13 in making specific tools, 13 in canoe construction, eight in kapa making, eight to make widely ranging dye colors, and at least seven of the trees have religious significance. Without our efforts, all of these trees, their uses, their associated animals will all perish forever. The Auwahi Restoration Group is a coalition of private and public agencies spearheaded by the U.S. Geological Survey and 'Ulupalakua Ranch. We are working on a historic effort at dryland forest restoration by planting and weeding exclosures in order to "jumpstart" this unique native forest. Volunteers usually meet on the fourth Saturday of each month from 7:45 am - 4:00 pm. For more information call Art Medeiros or Erica Von Allmen at (808) 572-4471 or e-mail auwahi@yahoo.com.

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Community Work Day





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Volunteerism and the sharing of goodwill can withstand challenges as problems are tackled at the grass roots level. Your neighborhood needs help. Community Work Day is a non-profit organization that strives to restore or enhance public places working with 2,000 volunteers for Maui County. Litter, beautification, and solid waste initiatives are the primary focus with locations all over Maui. There are over 150 projects a year, and there is always a need for volunteers. Example projects include the Emergency Environmental Workforce, Kanaha Beach coastal restoration, Honokowai Valley restoration, 4th Sat community clean ups, bulky item pick-up, the "Get the Drift and Bag it" program, a paint exchange program, and many others. For more information call Jan Dapitan at (808)877-2524, e-mail cwdkhb@pixi.com, or visit www.hear.org/naturalareas/kanahabeach/index.html.

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Friends of Haleakala National Park







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The mission of the Friends of Haleakala National Park is to assist the park and the National Park Service to achieve the purposes and goals for which they were established: to preserve Haleakala's unique ecosystems, scenic character, and associated Native Hawaiian cultural and spiritual resources. The Friends also provide educational, inspirational, and recreational opportunities compatible with preserving the many natural, cultural, and spiritual resources of Haleakala so as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. The Friends of Haleakala National Park seeks volunteers on an on-going basis for service trips in Haleakala crater and the Ohe'o Gulch portion of the Park in Kipahulu. If you would like to be on a list of potential volunteers to be contacted when service work is planned, please call Service Trip Coordinator Farley Jacob, (808)248-7660, or Friends President Mary Evanson, (808)572-9724, or visit www.fhnp.org/service.html.

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Haleakala National Park





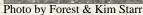




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Haleakala National Park offers many opportunities for the public to get involved. Volunteers with their own housing and transportation on Maui can help in a variety of ways both in the Summit and Kipahulu Areas. Project may include administrative/clerical, maintenance (backcountry, cabins, carpentry, general projects, trails, sanitation, etc.), eradication of non-native species, native plant propagation, endangered species monitoring, presentation of educational programs to schools and visitors, staffing visitor centers and much more. Haleakala National Park has a need for volunteers year-round. For more information, contact the Park's Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Ringsven, at (808) 572-4487, e-mail HALE VIP Coordinator@nps.gov, or visit www.nps.gov/hale.

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Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources







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Volunteers are needed for a broad range of responsibilities. Many of our state parks, trails, historic buildings, and harbors have been adopted and rely on volunteer community groups for their beautification and maintenance. There are numerous other sites that will benefit from your involvement. DLNR volunteers provide interpretation at many historical sites and parks, build and maintain trails with the Na Ala Hele Program, serve as docents in the DLNR Visitor and Education Center, monitor public hunting and freshwater fishing areas, eradicate invasive alien species in Natural Area Reserves, conduct classes in hunter education, help restore sand dunes and wetlands at Kanaha Pond, and still more. Join the fun and help Hawai'i's environment. For more information visit www.state.hi.us/dlnr/Volunteer.html.

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Hawai'i Division of Forestry & Wildlife Kanaha Pond Wildlife Sanctuary





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Kanaha Pond, managed by the <u>Department of Land and Natural Resources</u>, is home to many rare and endangered waterfowl such as the Hawaiian stilt or ae'o. Restoration has been ongoing for many years, and continues today. Activities include clearing alien species and planting native Hawaiian plants. Volunteers meet at Kanaha Pond every Tuesday from 8am-noon. Appointment can also be arranged for large school groups and science clubs. For more information on the Tues. trips call Lorna Harrison with the <u>Native Hawaiian Plant Society</u> at (808)572-6338. For information on scheduling large groups or other questions call Fern Duvall, the pond Manager, at (808)873-3502 or e-mail Fern.P.Duvall@hawaii.gov.

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Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk project (HEAR)

A sizable body of useful alien species information and practical field control experience does in fact exist in Hawai'i, but much of it is not available in one place or in a form that managers in many different agencies can readily access or use. The Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk (HEAR) project was conceived by representatives of a number of local agencies and funded by the Biological Resources Division of U.S. Geological Survey (USGS/BRD) to help in alleviating some of these data availability problems. The basic premises of the HEAR project are as follows: (a) Given some agreed-upon sub-set of "high-priority" harmful alien species; (b) Given easy access to electronic databases containing certain essential biological-ecological information; and (c) Given reliable, affordable, and updateable maps showing the spatial distribution of the targeted species, then the agencies charged with alien species control will be able to make better-informed decisions than they are able to do today, initiate control operations in a more efficient and coordinated manner, and measure the effectiveness of those operations over time. For more information call (808)572-4472, e-mail pt@hear.org or visit www.hear.org.

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Hawai'i Natural Area Reserves System







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Several Natural Area Reserves have been set aside by the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources to preserve unique geological features and the natural ecosystems of native marine and terrestrial plants and animals. The intention is to preserve them for future generations as illustrations of original natural heritage. `Ahihi-Kina`u is the first reserve of the Natural Area Reserve System. Sparsely vegetated, the reserve is unique in that it contains an example of the most recent a`a` lava flow on the dry south flank of East Maui. Also unique about the reserve is that it contains a marine area. Visitors can find high and low salinity anchialine pools that house a high diversity of rare Hawaiian shrimps and native Hawaiian cave animals in coastal lava tubes. Coastal dry shrublands, coastal mesic boulder beach communities, and examples of pioneer vegetation can also be found serving as habitats for other rare native plants and animals. Volunteers are needed to help with rubbish pick up, alien plant removal, and other activities at 'Ahihi-Kina'u and other Natural Area Reserves on Maui and Moloka'i. For more information call (808)873-3506 or visit www.state.hi.us/dlnr/dofaw/nars/narsfr.html

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Honokowai Cultural Overlay Stabilization Project



As part of Ka'anapali 2020, hundreds of acres on West Maui are designated open space. In Honokowai Valley, restoration of an ancient farming archeological site has been ongoing, and, on alternating Saturdays, dedicated volunteers venture deep into the realms of Honokowai for five hours of hard work. Efforts include preserving cultural resources, stabilizing archeological sites and attempting to reforest the area using native Hawaiian plants. Volunteers meet in the Amfac Building parking lot on Kekaa Drive in Kaanapali at 8:30 a.m. The day usually ends at 2 p.m. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and mosquito repellent; wear a hat, gloves and protective clothing; and be prepared to get dirty and enjoy the camaraderie. For more information, e-mail Ed Lindsey at kaea@mauigateway.com, call (808)572-8085 or visit www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui/honokowai.html.

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Iliiliholo Gulch Reforestation Project



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The Iliiliholo Gulch Reforestation Project is:

- 1. An experiment in whether a low elevation dryland forest that is self-sustaining can be recreated from scratch in buffel grass invaded habitat.
- 2. A gene bank for rare native plants in Palauea that are being destroyed by development.
- 3. A low-cost alternative to membership in a gym for physical training.
- 4. Creation of a neighborhood forest park out of a weed-infested eyesore, providing a uniquely valuable asset to the housing development.

To learn more e-mail <u>altenber@santafe.edu</u> or visit <u>www.dynamics.org/Altenberg/PROJECTS/GULCH</u>.

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Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission





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The restoration of Kaho`olawe will require a strategy to control erosion, re-establish vegetation, recharge the water table, and gradually replace alien plants with native species. Plans will include methods for damming gullies and reducing rainwater runoff. In some areas, non-natives will temporarily stabilize areas before the planting of permanent native plants. People interested in helping to heal the island can get in touch with the KIRC to indicate their availability for volunteer opportunities in the future. WARNING! Kaho'olawe and its surrounding waters contain quantities of unexploded ordnance which are hazardous to public health and safety. Unauthorized entry onto the island of Kaho'olawe and into the waters within two miles of Kaho'olawe is prohibited. However, there are opportunities for access. For more information call the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission at (808)243-5020, visit www.state.hi.us/kirc/main/home.htm, or visit www.hear.org/naturalareas/kahoolawe/index.html.

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Kipahulu 'Ohana



In Hawai'i, on the Island of Maui, there is a place called Kipahulu. Long before the first Europeans arrived on Maui, Kipahulu was prized by the Hawaiian ali'i (royalty) for its fertile 'aina (land) and kai (ocean). In 1995, a small group of Native Hawaiian residents came together to revive, restore, and share the practices of traditional Native Hawaiian culture with others in Kipahulu. We, the Kipahulu 'Ohana, are a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating residents and visitors of the "ways of old" through cultural demonstrations and hands-on activities. Using the wisdom and spiritual guidance of our kupuna (elders, learned teachers), we seek to re-establish a Hawaiian lifestyle in Kipahulu. By initiating sustainable projects, dividing the labor, and sharing the results we will preserve our culture. For more information call (808)248-8974, e-mail ohana@kipahulu.org, or visit www.kipahulu.org.

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Maui Invasive Species Committee





MISC

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The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) was formed to prevent the establishment of invasive species in Maui county, to eradicate incipient populations of invasive species in Maui County and to control the spread of established invasive species in Maui County. The group was formed in December, 1997 to focus on *Miconia calvescens*, possibly one of the worst threats to Maui's watershed, and to address future invasions by other potentially harmful species such as ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*), fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), pampas grasss (*Cortaderia* spp.), giant reed (*Arundo donax*), rubber vine (*Cryptostegia* spp.), the coqui frog (*Eleutherodactylus coqui*), and mitred conures (*Aratinga mitrata*). If you wish to help, or would like more information call 808-573-MISC (6472) or visit www.hear.org/misc.

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Maui Land & Pineapple Pu'u Kukui Watershed





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Photo by Hank Oppenheimer

On the island of Maui, the summit of the West Maui mountains known as Pu'u Kukui rises high above the pineapple fields and white sand beaches. It is in this area of pristine Hawaiian rain forests that the Pu'u Kukui Watershed Management Area is located. This 8,600 acre preserve is the largest single private nature preserve in the State of Hawaii. Maui Land & Pineapple works with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and the State Natural Area Partnership to protect the vital watershed lands of the West Maui mountains. This partnership ensures protection of a crucial water resource for the community, as well as the rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Volunteers can sign up for alien plant control projects done once a month on Sat. from 8am-3pm. For more information call (808)669-1687 or visit www.maui.net/~mauilnp/puu kukui.html.

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Maui Nui Botanical Garden







Photo by Lisa Raymond

The Maui Nui Botanical Garden in Kahului was created by long time native plant advocate Rene Sylva over 25 years ago, and is now run by a non-profit agency. The garden is envisioned to become an educational center focused on the conservation of coastal and dry forest species of Maui Nui. It houses many rare native plants as well as non-native plants used by Hawaiians. The garden has partnered with Bishop Museum to provide interpretation for a collection of Hawaiian ethnobotanical plants, and is excited about the opportunities it will create in the areas of food, fiber, canoe, housing, medicinal, lei and dye plants. The garden is also helping with propagation of endangered plants for projects such as the Pu'u o Kali dryland restoration project. Other partners include Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council and the Maui Board of Water Supply. Garden hours are 8-4pm Monday-Friday, Saturdays 9:30 -2:30, Sundays closed. For the latest events or more information about the garden call (808)249-2798, e-mail mnbg@aloha.net, or visit www.mnbg.org.

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Na Ala Hele Trails Program

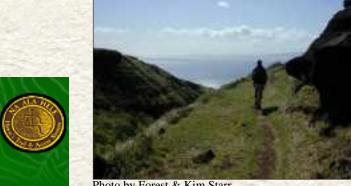




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Na Ala Hele was established in 1988 through Chapter 198D Hawaii Revised Statues, in response to public concern about the increasing loss of public access to trails and the threat to historic trails from development pressure. Na Ala Hele is administered by the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, under the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Na Ala Hele directives include: regulate trails and accesses; conduct trail and access inventory, classification, and advisory council meetings; investigate potential and needed trails and accesses; examine legal issues associated with trails and access; act as point of contact for trail and access information and issues; construct, restore and maintain trails and accesses through utilization of staff and partnerships with community volunteers. Volunteers are needed year round to help maintain trails. For more information call (808)873-3509 or visit www.hawaiitrails.org.

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Native Hawaiian Plant Society





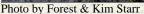




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The Native Hawaiian Plant Society (NHPS) is a non-profit organization that works to protect unique plants and habitats of Hawai'i. Most of the projects are done in cooperation with private landowners in remote areas of Maui. Activities include fencing threatened and endangered species from feral animals, maintaining and propagating native species, and clearing weeds. NHPS also hosts night meetings with informative speakers and slide shows. Service trips are usually on the second Saturday of each month. Call Richard Nakagawa at (808)873-3504 or Linda Nelson at (808)661-4303 to find out more about service trips, upcoming speakers, and how to get involved, or visit www.angelfire.com/hi4/nhps/index.html.

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Sierra Club







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Among other things, the Sierra Club of Maui offers hikes and service trips throughout the year. Some of the outings in the past include assisting The Nature Conservancy on their Waikamoi Preserve with trail maintenance, a series of "water hikes" in the historic East Maui watershed, the "We Love Big Beach" clean up at Makena State Park, and service trips into Haleakala Crater to help with alien plant control. Please be prepared for outings. Bring food, water, and as conditions require-sturdy footwear, and mosquito repellant. For more information on hikes and service trips call (808)573-4147 or visit www.hi.sierraclub.org/maui/outings.html.

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The Nature Conservancy







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On East Maui, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) manages Waikamoi Preserve, located in valuable watershed and home to many unique plants and animals. Rugged work trips are offered on the third Saturday of every month removing non-native kahili ginger plants invading wet forest areas of the Waikamoi Preserve. For more information on service trips call (808) 572-7849 ext. 28, write Pat Bily at pbily@tnc.org, or visit http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/hawaii/volunteer/. TNC also offers guided hikes on every second Sunday of every month on their boardwalk trail which meanders through native rainforests where many rare birds can be seen, such as the Akohekohe or crested honeycreeper. For more information on hikes call (808) 572-7849 or visit http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/hawaii/travel/index.html.

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United States Fish and Wildlife Service Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge

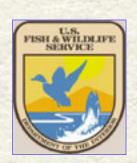








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Kealia Pond is the largest natural pond in Hawai'i and is a year round home to many rare and endangered waterfowl such as the Hawaiian stilt, ae'o, and the Hawaiian coot, 'alae ke 'oke'o. During winter months, the pond swells, collecting runoff during large storms. It is at this time when many migratory birds find refuge at the pond, including the Pacific golden plover or kolea. It is also a nesting site for endangered hawksbill turtles or honu 'ea who lay their eggs in nests just above the high tide line. Volunteer opportunities include weed pulling, planting native plants, helping in the nursery, assisting with bird recovery after catastrophes such as oil spills or disease outbreaks, assisting in research on aquatic pond life, and helping with the turtle beach patrol. For more information call (808)875-1582 or visit http://pacificislands.fws.gov/wnwr/mkealianwr.html.

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