

*Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park - Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute
presents*

HOLOHOLO HUALALAI PINZTREK ADVENTURE

Saturday, April 10, 2010

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

tour leaves from Hawai'i Forest & Trail headquarters in Kailua-Kona



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Program

Expect a rocky scramble in Hawai'i Forest & Trail's rugged, fast, and fun Pinzgauer vehicles—up the cool, misty, lava-scaped slopes of Hualalai to its seldom visited summit. This off-road journey travels to magnificent coastal viewpoints and stunning lava formations, including stops to explore the mountain on foot, walk through a forest of native bird song, and investigate a lava tube.

Presenter

This special all-day tour has been designed especially for the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute by **Hawai'i Forest & Trail**. The tour goes beyond their regular Hualalai route, which does not generally include the spectacular summit areas. Hawai'i Forest & Trail guides are among the best-trained and most experienced in the ecotourism business. Each guide has a broad understanding of the areas we will visit and is eager to share his/her knowledge of these special island sites.

Schedule

The trip begins at the Hawai'i Forest & Trail headquarters in Kona with check in at 8:00 a.m. The trip up the flanks of Hualalai includes several stops as the terrain changes with elevation. A morning snack is provided en route to the summit. Lunch is provided when we reach the top and there is time to explore the varied terrain and enjoy the views at that 8,000' elevation. The return route includes explorations of additional volcanic features in that rugged terrain. Expect to return to headquarters by 4:00 p.m.

Where to Meet

Participants provide their own transportation to Hawai'i Forest & Trail headquarters, where you will park, located at 74-5035B Queen Kaahumanu Hwy, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. From downtown Kona, go north on Highway 19 (Queen Kaahumanu Highway) and find the headquarters behind the Tesoro service station just past the Kealakehe Parkway intersection. Approximate travel time from downtown Kona is 15 minutes. A map can be found at www.hawaii-forest.com.

Who Should Attend

Those with an interest in geology and the varied ecosystems of Hualalai's slopes will find this mountain journey fascinating. *PinzTrek tours are rugged off-road drives, and are not for those with back or neck problems. You should be able to hike on uneven, rocky terrain. Children should be 10 years or older, accompanied and supervised by an adult.* Travel is in eco-friendly Pinzgauer vehicles, with 12 passengers per vehicle on bench seats. Riding in these open-air vehicles (top covered, sides open) requires passengers to hang on tightly to support rails over the many bumpy patches. This tour is moderately challenging and includes a 2 to 3 mile walk over uneven ground and with short climbs. The summit elevation is about 8,000 feet. This is a full day of adventure in rough and beautiful terrain.

What to Wear & Bring

Kona is generally warm, but it gets much cooler as we gain elevation. We sometimes encounter cool, wet, or muddy conditions. Bring layers, including a wind/rain shell (jacket, sweatshirt, etc.). Wear comfortable, close-toed walking shoes or boots. Bring sunscreen, hat, camera, and (optional) binoculars. *Snacks of fresh baked goods and fruit; a box lunch; as well as water, juice, and soft drinks are all provided.*

Cost

This event is presented by the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute, a program of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a non-profit organization. Program cost is \$110 for Friends members (\$75 for "Student" members) and \$150 for non-members. Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to get the member price.

Registration

To register, visit www.fhvnvp.org, email admin@fhvnvp.org, or call 985-7373. The office is only staffed part-time, so be sure to leave a message, and your call should be returned within a day or two. Your registration is confirmed when you pay by credit card over the phone or online, or when we receive a check payable to: Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (FHVNP), P.O. Box 653, Volcano, HI 96785.

Cancellation Policy

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will gladly refund your full amount up to 7 days prior to the day of the event. Between 2 to 6 days, 50% of the cost of the event will be refunded. If cancellation is within 48 hours of the start of the event, 0% will be refunded. All proceeds help support Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

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