

National Wildlife Refuge
Public Access



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Refuge Information
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Motor vehicles are not allowed beyond this sign. Do not block access.



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The adjacent tracts of Piha and Laupahoehoe are managed for public hunting by the State of Hawaii. A telephone reservation obtained through the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife is required to enter these areas. No person may access Piha or Laupahoehoe from the Upper Maulua Unit even if he or she is holding a valid reservation for Piha or Laupahoehoe. Likewise, no person may access the Upper Maulua Unit from Piha or Laupahoehoe.

These signs designate refuge zones, boundaries, and regulations. The wording applies to the area *behind* the signs. They may also help you locate your position on the map. The boundaries between Lower Maulua and the lower portions of Piha and Laupahoehoe are not fenced, signed, or marked.

This sign is posted along the refuge boundary. Only the Upper Maulua Unit is open to the general public.

No person may enter the area beyond this sign.

This sign is posted along Maulua Road which is the only access for four-wheel-drive vehicles.



Puae
 (Hawaiian Owl)
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No Access Between Maulua and Piha or Laupahoehoe

Signs and Boundaries





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**Hakalau Forest:
A Unique Haven
for Wildlife**

Established in 1985, Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) supports a diversity of native birds and plants equaled by few other areas in Hawaii. Many of Hakalau's unique bird and plant species are listed as endangered. Their survival is dependent upon wise management by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and conscientious use by the visiting public. Please follow the posted guidelines while visiting the refuge so that future visitors may enjoy this magnificent native forest and the wildlife living here.

Only the Maulua Tract of Hakalau Forest NWR is currently open to the public. All other portions of the refuge are closed. Access to Upper Maulua is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays between sunrise and sunset. The area is open for wildlife dependent activities such as bird-watching, nature photography, environmental education, and hiking. Public hunting is not permitted. The Upper Maulua Unit is accessed only through Maulua Gate.

Reservations

Every visitor to the Upper Maulua Unit requires a reservation. Reservations are made by calling the Hakalau Forest NWR office at 808/933 6915 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at least one week before the scheduled visit.

**Reservations
continued**

Alien Plants

Visitors will be asked to provide (1) caller's telephone number; (2) the number of people in their group; (3) the date of their intended visit; and (4) description(s) and license number(s) of vehicle(s) to be used.

Relatively few non-native plant species occur on the refuge. Please help prevent the introduction of weed species such as *Miconia*, firetree, Himalayan raspberry, and gorse by cleaning mud and seeds from boots, gear, and vehicles before entering the Upper Maulua Unit.

**Activities
Not Allowed**

Many recreational activities are permitted on the refuge. Activities that may threaten the well-being of native wildlife and plants are prohibited. These activities include:

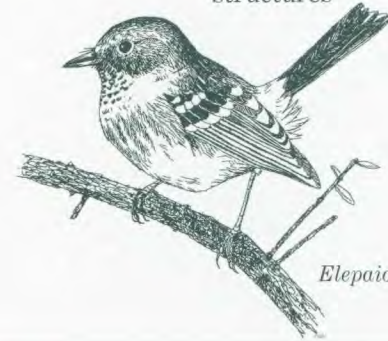
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or other drugs
- Use or possession of firearms
- Use or possession of dogs or horses
- Operation of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), dirt bikes, and mountain bikes
- Removal of, or damage to any plant or plant material
- Harassment of forest birds or other wildlife
- Littering or dumping trash
- Removal of or damage to numbered tags, colored flagging tape, mist nets, and other research equipment



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**Activities
Not Allowed
continued**

- Disposal of lighted smoking materials
- Open fires
- Overnight parking and camping
- Damage to fences, signs, and other structures



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Vehicle Entry

Access to the Upper Maulua Unit is via Maulua Road which intersects with Keanakolu Road at the upper end of the Unit. The main gate must be closed and locked after entry or exit. Vehicles must be four-wheel-drive and remain on Maulua Road or parked on the shoulder. Do not park in high grass because of fire danger. The lower portion of the road can be very slippery and muddy and should not be driven during frequent wet periods.

