INTER-ISLAND FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

Sometimes it is possible to take students to another island, so we suggest these destinations as most worth this effort and expense. If you can swing it, also check out other possible sites you may want to visit – the Your Island Trip Options document in this folder lists many sites by island.

Hawai‘i: Volcanoes National Park

Tel: (808) 985-6000

Summary: This park is located 45 minutes from Hilo Airport and easily accommodates school groups & buses if plans are made 3 months in advance. The Web site has all the needed info & an e-Field Trip option with good info and visuals.

Options for Accommodations:

• Cabins for overnight accommodation may be possible at the Kilauea Military Camp – any military personnel can sponsor your group, so ask your students who they know! E-mail for KMC: groups@kmc-volcano.com (may take a few days for reply)
• Keakealani Outdoor Education Center permits sleeping on mats in the upstairs classroom, so the cost is very low. E-mail: volcanowilliams@hawaii.rr.com for info and a DOE Facility Use Form
• In the national park are these other options: Namakani Paio cabins rent for about $50 for 4 people; Namakani Paio camping is free on a first come, first serve basis, but it does get wet there; and Kipuka Nene offers primitive camping, but it’s beautiful, dry & rarely crowded. Just check out the Web site below for more info on all this.


Kaho‘olawe: Cultural & Environmental Restoration Trip

Summary: This island was returned to the State of Hawai‘i by the military in 2003 and is now protected land, having cultural, historical, archeological and educational importance. Trips to this uninhabited island include volunteer time by all visitors to further ongoing environmental restoration. Trips must be planned 6 months in advance through The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. Arrival is by boat from Maui and camping overnight is permitted (all supplies are brought in and out, including water). This is a physically demanding trip.

Web site: www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov
E-mail for the administrator: administrator@kirc.hawaii.gov

Kaua‘i: Na Pali Coast Hike

Summary: This coast of Kaua‘i offers up to four days of hiking. A permit is required and $10/day is charged for overnight camping. The trip is physically challenging and there are no emergency services or cell phone access available. However, doing any part of this hike provides a rare look at Hawai‘i as it once was, uninhabited by people and rich in unique and diverse flora and fauna. The Web site gives full details of the hike, access and safety info.

Web site: http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dsp/NaPali/na_pali.htm
**Lānaʻi:  Kaunolu Village and Trail**
*Tel: (866)-268-7459*

**Summary:** This ancient Hawaiian fishing village was thought to be the first inhabited in the 15th Century. Kaunolu Village is on the register as a National Historical Landmark. There are stone foundations of more than 100 Hawaiian homes, storerooms, garden walls, and burial sites located here.

**Web site:**
http://www.hawaiiweb.com/lanai/sites_to_see/Kaunolu_Village_and_Trail.htm

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**Maui:  Haleakala National Park**
*Tel: (808) 572-4400*

**Summary:** The park is open 24 hours a day and there is a $10 admission fee. Educational trips can be based on hiking, star watching, ranger-guided nature programs, etc. See various programs listed on the Web site.

**Web site:**
http://www.nps.gov/hale/pphtml/fees.html

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**Molokaʻi:  Kalaupapa National Historical Park**
*Tel: (808) 567-6802*

**Summary:** This important historical site is where Hawaiians who contracted Hansen’s disease (leprosy) were forced into isolation from 1866 until 1969. All visitors must be 16 or older and obtain a permit to enter on a commercial tour, Mon-Sat except holidays. Access can be gained by boat (invited guests only) or mule ride (cost is $165 per person). Residents may also sponsor visitors.

**Web site:**
http://www.nps.gov/kala/

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**Oʻahu:  Bishop Museum**
*Tel: (808) 847-3511*

**Contact Information:** Call the Education Department at (808) 848-4168 to arrange for tours and group rates.

**Summary:** The Bishop Museum reaches more than 14,000 students with their science and cultural outreach programs, Holoholo Science and Nā Ola Moʻolelo. Main attractions include the new Science Exhibit and Planetarium. Kamaʻaina admission charge for over age 12 is $7.95. They also have a number of resources available for teachers, students, and parents that are available at the museum and as outreach programs at schools and other venues.

**Web site:**
http://www.bishopmuseum.org/

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**Oʻahu: Honolulu Zoo**
*Tel: 971-7171 & Waikiki Aquarium Tel: 923-9741*

**Summaries:** Visits to both these sites can easily be done in a single trip as they are located a short 15 min. walk apart in Kapiolani Park near Waikiki. The zoo includes birds, an Elephant Encounter, simulated African Savanna and Endangered Species Exhibit – over 1200 fauna in all. The Aquarium has 250 sea creatures. (See Unit IV: Malama/Sustainability to link this trip to lessons & projects.) Also, a good teacher resource booklet on animal evolution is at: http://www.math.hawaii.edu/~dave/honzoosoc/HZS_Guide_Evolution.pdf

Aquarium admission is $4 for youths ages13-17, $6 for local adult residents.

**Zoo Address:** 151 Kapahulu Avenue, Waikiki, HI

**Zoo Web site:**
http://www.honoluluzoo.org/
Aquarium Address: 2777 Kalakaua Avenue Honolulu, HI 96813
Aquarium Web site: http://www.waquarium.org/

For more ideas check out: www.hawaiiweb.com which has a lot of info about field trip sites beyond the tourist-oriented ones. The best way to find them is to use the “Search” function on the home page to find anything from “astronomy” to “zoo.” Also, go to http://www.mgf-hawaii.com/ where the Moanalua Gardens Foundation promises to help with planning itineraries for neighbor island trips.

P.S. You are an awesome teacher just for thinking about doing this! ☺