

HAUULA TRAIL SYSTEM

Note to Mountain Bikers: Always yield to hikers, and do not slide around corners or slide down the trail - this damages the trail and causes erosion. If accidents are reported or damage to the trail is extreme, the trail will be closed to mountain bikes.

Getting There: From Kamehameha Highway at Hauula, turn onto the northern access of Hauula Homestead Road (across from Hauula Beach Park) and go 0.2 mile to where the road makes a bend to the left. These trails begin straight ahead from the bend. Park in the gravel parking lot at the bend. Proceed along the gravel road and turn left at the Forest Reserve cable.

1. Hauula Loop (2.5 mi / 4.0 km)

Route: The trail begins mauka (toward the mountain). Where the trail branches off, take the right trail which climbs up the adjoining ridge. It crosses Waipilopilo Gulch, then travels makai (toward the sea) on the next ridge overlooking Kaipapau Valley to return back across the gulch, around the makai side of the ridge, and rejoins the start of the trail.

Other: Planted groves of Norfolk Pine are seen on these generally open slopes with majestic views of Hauula town and the ocean. Remnant native species in Waipilopilo Gulch include: lama, alahe'e, 'ohi'a, hoawa, akia, and a'alii.

2. Maakua Gulch (3.0 mi / 4.8 km)

Route: Follow the dirt road to the end, the trail continues mauka (toward the mountain) and enters the canyon of Maakua Gulch. The trail crosses the stream several times and then stays in the stream bed before reaching a waterfall and a small refreshing pool.

Other: Stream crossing over river rocks is slippery. Exercise caution when crossing the stream. Because the gulch is very narrow, falling rocks may occur. Flash flooding also occurs and hiking this trail should be avoided during rainy weather. Camping is permitted near the mouth of the gulch. A permit is required and is issued by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The trail traverses through a public hunting area. Caution should be exercised when hiking. (NOTE: The Maakua Gulch Trail has been closed as of 5/11/99. It will be closed indefinitely for now.)

3. Maakua Ridge (2.5 mi / 4.0 km)

Route: Follow the dirt road, past the Hauula Loop trail intersection. Shortly thereafter, the Maakua Ridge trail takes off from the left and crosses the gulch. The trail then switchbacks up to Maakua Ridge, and then forms a loop trail. You may proceed in either direction.

Other: Most of the hike is open, dry country. The trail offers good views of the Hauula shoreline and adjoining points of interest.

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