MANANA / WAIMANO

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.

1. Manana Trail (6.0 mi / 9.7 km)

Getting There: Proceed mauka (toward the mountain) on Waimano Home Road in Pearl City and turn left onto Komo Mai Drive to Pacific Palisades. Go to the end of Komo Mai Drive, where a locked gate restricts vehicular traffic beyond this point; however, adjacent to the locked gate is an open pedestrian passageway. Proceed on foot to the water tank at the end of the road.

Route: The trail starts straight ahead on the ridge and winds along it to reach the Ko'olau Range summit at about 6 miles. Common vegetation found along the trail includes: eucalyptus, brushbox, guava, naupaka, koa, ohia, lobelia, olapa and kopiko.

Other: This trail traverses through a public hunting area where wild pigs are hunted. Please exercise caution when hiking. A camping permit is required if camping is desired. A permit is issued by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The latter half of this trail is not regularly maintained and may be difficult for inexperienced hikers.

2. Waimano Trail (7.2 mi / 11.6 km)

Getting There: From the Junction of Waimano Home Road and Kamehameha Highway in Pearl City, go directly mauka (toward the mountain) about 2 miles to the Waimano Home grounds. Both routes leave the road on the left side of the chain link fence.

Lower Valley Route: The trail begins at the chain link fence and proceeds on an old jeep road to the floor of the valley and then follows the stream for a considerable distance up the valley. About 1/2 mile from the end of the old jeep road in the valley bottom, a side trail climbs the right side of the valley to join the ditch or upper valley route.

Upper Valley Route: The trail begins at the chain link fence and proceeds alongside the main road outside the chain link fence for approximately 1/2 mile. The trail then turns left and follows a ditch and tunnels to an intake in the east branch of Waimano Valley. It then climbs over a ridge and continues alongside a stream to an old abandoned dam. The trail then continues slightly to the right, makes several switchbacks and continues on its way to the summit.

Other: This trail traverses through a public hunting area. Caution should be exercised when hiking. Camping is permitted along the trail. A permit is issued by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. From the abandoned dam, this trail is not regularly maintained and may be difficult for inexperienced hikers.

