

## EAST HONOLULU – WILIWILINUI / HAWAI'ILOA / KULI'OU'OU

**Note to hikers:** Caution should be exercised on these trails since they are also open to hunters (all) and mountain bikers (Kuli'ou'ou Valley and Wiliwilinui Ridge and Access only). These trails traverse a public hunting area. Hikers should wear bright colored clothing and stay on the trail.

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

### 1. Wiliwilinui Ridge and Access (3.0 miles / 4.8 km)

**Directions:** From Kalaniani'ole Highway heading east, turn left on Laukahi Street. Continue mauka (toward the mountain) on Laukahi until you come to a security guard station. Check in with the security guard and then proceed up Laukahi until it ends. Turn left on Oko`a, following the trail signs. Park in the parking area before the cable gate.

**Route:** The trail begins on a dirt access road through formosa, koa, and guava forest. As the road climbs up the ridge, it becomes native koa-uluhe forest. The trailhead is about 1.5 miles up the access road. The trail climbs straight up the ridge to a HECO tower. Continue past the tower to the Ko`olau summit.

**Other:** The Wiliwilinui Community Association has been more than cooperative in letting hikers and hunters access State land through their property. Please abide by all rules and regulations of the association.

### 2. Hawai'iloa Ridge (2.0 mi / 3.2 km)

**Directions:** From Kalaniana'ole Highway heading east, turn left on Pu`u`ikena Drive. Check in at the security guard station. You must show a **Hawaii State ID** and sign a liability waiver. Continue on Pu`u`ikena Drive for approximately 1.5 miles to the trailhead parking area, next to the Board of Water supply tank. The trailhead is on the right, towards the mountains.

**Route:** The trail follows the ridge up to the summit. The beginning 2/3 of the trail climbs through a dry forest of uluhe, `ilima and strawberry guava. The last 1/3 of the trail is primarily on open ridge and goes through ohi`a-koa-akia forest. This trail is quite steep in sections and may be difficult for novice hikers. Sections of this trail have ropes to assist with climbing. Please note that these are not installed or maintained by Na Ala Hele. Be advised that ropes can be more dangerous than climbing unassisted.

**Other:** The Hawai`iloa Community Association has been more than cooperative in letting hikers and hunters access State land through their property. Please abide by all rules and regulations of the association. Do not stop or park in subdivision. There are only ten parking stalls at the trailhead. Hiking groups are advised to car pool.

### 3. Kuli'ou'ou Valley (0.6 mi / 1 km)

**Directions:** From Kalaniana'ole Highway heading east, take a left on Kuli`ou`ou Street toward the back of the valley. Follow the curve to the left, and take a right on Kuli`ou`ou Road. Proceed mauka (towards the mountains) on this road, turn right on Kala`au Place. Find street parking along Kala`au Pl. Do not park at the end of the cul-de-sac where it says "no parking." Proceed on foot to the end of the road and past the cable gate on the access road. The trail begins on the right of the access road at the hunter/hiker check in station.

**Route:** The valley trail contours above the right side of the valley streambed. The trail ends near the head of the valley. Return is by the same route.

### 4. Kuli'ou'ou Ridge (2.5 mi / 4 km)

**Directions:** Same as Kuli'ou'ou Valley.

**Route:** The ridge trail begins about 0.2 miles in on the Kuli`ou`ou Valley Trail and proceeds to the right up the ridge. The trail traverses an assortment of exotic vegetation typical of arid areas: Christmas berry, haole koa, formosa koa, ironwood, Norfolk pine and guava. About two-thirds of the way up the ridge, there is a shelter with two picnic tables. From this point, the trail becomes steeper, following the ridge. This portion of the trail is only occasionally maintained and may be difficult for inexperienced hikers. Beyond the shelter and the guava forest, the trail breaks out of the canopy and into uluhe-o`hia-koa-lama forest. The trail ends at the summit and return is by the same route.

