

Spring Break Service Trip
Iao Valley and Haleakala, Maui
March 18-24, 2002

This trip is sponsored jointly by:

- The Leilehua Hiking Club
- The High School Hikers Program of the Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter

The Leilehua Hiking Club is a certified extracurricular activity that provides students at Leilehua High School the opportunity to explore and enjoy our unique Hawaiian ecosystem and actively participate in the preservation of selected wilderness areas in order to maintain this outdoor heritage.

The High School Hikers Program (HSH) of the Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter works on a high school level to introduce and educate students on our Hawaiian ecosystem via hikes and other outdoor activities. HSH works in cooperation with DOE.

The Spring Break Service Trip of 2002 differs from previous trips in one unique aspect. Unlike the traditional “two days work, one day off” schedule, we will work three days straight and enjoy a three day backpack trip to Haleakala Crater afterwards.

This requires that you **MUST** be acquainted with backpack techniques and attend a series of “classes” in February and March. If you **CANNOT** devote the required time for the classes, please do not sign up for this trip. The Haleakala backpack will be moderately strenuous with pack weight of 30-35 pounds per person.

The Maui Nature Center, located in Iao Valley, is part of the Hawaii Nature Center headquartered in Makiki. The Center is devoted to encouraging environmental education through hands-on activities, especially for elementary school children. We will work for three days at the Center maintaining and repairing the nature trails and interpretive sites located behind the Nature Center. Much of the work will involve use of hand tools such as picks, shovels, handsaws, sickles and pruners.

We will stay in on-site rooms provided by the Center. These rooms have hot water, indoor plumbing, electricity and comfortable beds. There is a full size kitchen nearby for meal preparation. We will have at least two rental minivans for transportation, supply runs and emergency use. We will have time to tour the Center and enjoy the exhibits and perhaps some of their planned activities

The Haleakala Crater Backpack Trip:

The Haleakala backpack is considered a unique and spectacular trip, with Silversword plants scattered among the pahoehoe and a’ava flows of the past several hundred years. We were able to reserve the Holua cabin for two nights and will use this as our base camp while in the crater. These cabins have no heat or electricity and limited water. There are outdoor bathroom facilities.

Hiking in from the summit will require an 8 to 10 mile hike with backpack on the Sliding Sands trail. The following day will be a 6 to 7 mile day hike with a light pack exploring the crater area toward Paliku Cabin. The last day will include an arduous 4-mile hike out the Halemau’u switchback trail to the crater rim