

As of 12/21/11

Hawai'i Nature Center Pouhala Marsh Wetland Restoration

Hawai'i Nature Center is a private, non-profit organization. Our primary mission is to provide hands-on environmental education programs to families and children. This includes outdoor wetland programs at Pouhala Marsh. Volunteers help to restore Pouhala Marsh by removing invasive species and establishing habitat areas for the endangered Hawaiian stilts.

Pouhala Marsh is located across the street from the Transfer Station on Waipahu Depot Road. It is comprised of a remnant fishpond and coastal marsh in the western lagoon of Pearl Harbor and is considered part of the Waikele watershed. Pouhala is owned by the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i. A land-lease agreement with the City will allow the State to manage the entire area as a wildlife sanctuary. At 70 acres, Pouhala is the largest of the remaining wetland habitats in Pearl Harbor. Pouhala Marsh is of vital importance for the endangered Hawaiian stilt. During non-breeding season, Hawaiian stilt numbers on the marsh can exceed 150 birds (10% of the remaining world population).

Our Pouhala Marsh service projects for the first half of 2012 will take place on **Saturdays, 8:30 - 11:30 am:**

JANUARY 21

FEBRUARY 25

MARCH 17

APRIL 28

MAY 19

JUNE 23

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Bring your own work gloves and bottled water. HNC will provide snacks and juice for after the service project.
- Wear a hat, use sunscreen, and dress to get dirty and muddy. It can get very HOT in Waipahu! Footwear (covered shoes or rubber boots) is required.
- Bring a change of clothes, towel, rubber slippers and plastic bag to put your dirty clothes in.
- The work may involve going into the water and mud (at least up to your knees) to remove pickleweed, cattail, and mangrove. We may also include outplanting and weed removal.
- There are no bathroom facilities and no running water at the Marsh. However, we will have jugs of water and soap for washing hands and feet after the service project.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please email me at volunteer@hawaiinaturecenter.org or call at 955-0100, ext. 118.

Mahalo!
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