

## **PUPUKEA AREA**

## Kaunala Trail (2.5 mi / 4.0 km)

**Directions:** On Kamehameha Highway, from Haleiwa heading towards Sunset Beach, turn right on Pupukea Road (at Foodland). Continue up the road, past the Pu`u`O Mahuka Heiau, until the road ends at a gate and Camp Pupukea. Park below the Boy Scout camp along the road. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BOY SCOUT CAMP PARKING AREA. Now proceed on foot down the dirt road. The Kaunala Trailhead will be on your left about 3/4 mile down the road.

Route: Kaunala Trail begins in a stand of paperbark trees and contours in and out of several gulches. It is a good combination of ridge and valley trail and offers great views of the north shore and Waianae Mountain Range. There is an interesting combination of native and introduced vegetation along this trail. The last portion of the hike is along a dirt road. When you break out of the forest onto the dirt road, go right. About 0.25 miles up the road, you will come to a large iron gate. Continue around the gate and go right at the road intersection. Continue down the road, past the trailhead (now, on your right) to the entrance gate and your parked vehicle. This trail traverses a public hunting area - hikers should exercise caution. Wear bright colored clothing and be aware that you may encounter hunters who may be hunting off trail - stay on the trail.

**Trail Information:** Mountain Bikers riding on any forestry roads are advised to slow down and use caution around blind turns. Stay on the trail. Keep dogs on leash. Pack out at least what you pack in. No open ground fires.

**Mountain Bikers:** Always yield to hikers. Do not slide around corners or slide down the trail. Careless mountain biking damages the trail and causes erosion. If accidents are reported or damage to the trail is extreme, the trail may be closed to mountain bikers.

Other: Hiking is allowed on WEEKENDS, STATE AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS ONLY. The trail transverses through a public hunting area so caution should be exercised when hiking.