

News Release



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Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Opens for Visitation beginning May 3rd and Celebrates the 103rd Lighthouse Anniversary

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge will open for visitation on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 and will also celebrate the 103rd anniversary of the Daniel K. Inouye Kīlauea Point Lighthouse on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Refuge will open its doors for visitation on Tuesday, May 3rd after nearly four months of public closure. Slope erosion, undermining and settling of a portion of the trail to Kīlauea Point and the lighthouse posed a safety concern for the large number of public that visit the Refuge annually. Visitors will be able to stroll along the stabilized concrete section and enjoy the newly paved pathway to the Point. “We look forward to welcoming the public back and are pleased to have this trail project completed on time, allowing us to open for the annual Lighthouse Day celebration!” stated Project Leader, Heather Tonneson.

Lighthouse Day is an annual event that commemorates the completion and lighting of the Daniel K. Inouye Kīlauea Point Lighthouse on May 1, 1913. Tours of the lighthouse will be offered every half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. (restrictions apply; please refer to our website for more information: www.fws.gov/kilaueapoint). The Refuge's Friends group, Kīlauea Point Natural History Association will host Refuge volunteer and newly published author, Hob Osterlund, for her new book-signing. Naomi Yokotake and Halau O Hanalei will treat you with colorful hula and Hawaiian music, and the Waipa Serenaders wind down the day's events with traditional Hawaiian melodies. Temporary tattoos and a Jr. Refuge Ranger badge will be offered for the keiki, and keiki at heart, while volunteer docents and staff will be on hand to answer questions throughout the day. Lighting of the lighthouse will occur just before sunset and closing, at 6:45 p.m.

Come join us for this free event where fees will be waived in honor of Lighthouse Day. Carpooling is highly encouraged as parking is limited.

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