Kūkaniloko

e kūka'awe i nā kapu o Kūkaniloko no ka mea aloha nō ho'i kākou iā lākou iā nā kau a kau

to guard the kapu of Kūkaniloko because we love the for all time...

Hawaiian Civic Club of Wahiawa
Established November 10, 1960
Kūkaniloko

Interpretive Sign

BIRTHING PLACE OF HIGH RANKING ROYALTY

ENGLISH:

Kūkaniloko is a place of high ranking royalty in the history of Hawaii. It is a birthplace of ali`i, or Hawaiian royalty. The site is associated with the birth of young royalty, such as Kamehameha I, who was born here. It is located near the Captain Cook Monument and is an important historical landmark. 

HAWAIIAN:

Kūkaniloko, or the 'Olo'ole Kaahumanu Trail, is a historic site in Hawaii. It is associated with the birth of ali`i, or Hawaiian royalty. The trail is marked by a stone monument and is an important historical landmark. 

EXHIBIT - 1B
Approximately 180 pōhaku stones make up the sacred Kūkaniloko Birthing Stones site. The pōhaku themselves have poho, natural and man-made depressions, which during childbirth, could have been used to hold birthing materials. Most of the pōhaku were formed by natural processes (such as wind and rain erosion, over millions of years) while some pōhaku were modified by Hawaiians. In addition to the birthing of chiefs, it is hypothesized that the pōhaku may have also been used to track the passage of the sun, moon, planets, and stars with features on the landscape to mark time as a calendar. From the center of Kūkaniloko, for example, the sun sets directly behind Mount Ka‘ala at the equinox.

Others suggest the pōhaku may have been used for navigation. Previously, petroglyphs that were once visible onsite marked a line running precisely from true north to true south and the fluted edges of some pōhaku could have served as pointers, similar to a compass. Various pōhaku were given names for these specific uses and to commemorate specific ali‘i.
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E akahele o pōpilikia 'auane'i ke hā'ule iho nā pōhaku!

DANGER FALLING ROCKS
Rocks may fall without warning causing serious injury or death.

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7. Peddling, soliciting, or offering to sell, except as authorized.
8. Distributing or posting handbills, circulars, or other notices.
9. Introducing any plant or animal, except as authorized.
10. Dumping, littering, or polluting.
11. Hunting, trapping, or fishing, except as authorized.
12. Entering with firearms, including air or gas operated, bow and arrow, and other weapons, except as authorized.
13. Driving carelessly or driving off designated roads.
14. Entering with animals, unless caged or leashed, except as authorized.
15. Creating excessive noise or sound.
16. Using or possessing fireworks, firecrackers, or explosive devices.
17. Conducting yourself in a disorderly manner.
18. Camping without a permit.
19. Collecting forest items, except as authorized.
20. Entering without permit, where posted or closed by locked gate.
21. Engaging in commercial activities, except as permitted.

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NATIVE HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICES ALLOWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I
WAO KELE O PUNA FOREST RESERVE

ENGLISH

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