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## **Earth Day Environmental Tours at PTA**

**POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA**—U.S. Army Garrison, Pohakuloa is celebrating the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day by inviting the public to get up close and personal with the local environment, April 24th, during several cultural and natural resources tours.

Each tour will take place twice—once at 8 a.m. and once at 12:30 pm—and will run approximately three hours. Since the tour trails are fairly strenuous, please bring good walking shoes, water, a brimmed hat, sunscreen and a snack.

The cultural tour follows the 1 1/2-mile Pu`u Koli loop trail, beginning at the peak of Pu`u Koli cinder cone, which is an elevation of approximately 7,000 feet. The tour follows the surface features of a large lava tube system that originates at Pu`u Koli. You`ll see ancient Hawaiian sites, geologic and floral features, and panoramic views of the Pohakuloa plain.

The natural resources tour will traverse through dryland ohia forest and a`ali`i shrubland off Bobcat Trail on the western side of PTA. Walking tours of the Environmental Propagation Facility will also be available to the tour groups in between the morning and afternoon tours from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Transportation will be provided from the PTA base camp to the site; however seating space is limited. Call PTA`s Environmental Office at (808) 969-3340 or 969-1966 for more information and/or to make reservations. Unfortunately, no walk-ins will be admitted.

Pohakuloa is located at Mile Marker 36 on Highway 200 (Saddle Road).