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National Park Offers Free Saturday Hikes

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa—The National Park of American Samoa will offer free ranger-led Saturday hikes from late-June through mid-September. Free shuttles will transport hikers from Pago Pago to the trails. All hike times are from 7:30 am to noon, except for the Mount ‘Alava hikes that are from 7:30 am to 2 pm. Interested participants are required to sign up in advance.

There are five different hikes and dates that include:

June 27	Lower Sauma Trail, Vatia
July 4	Tuafanua Trail, Vatia
July 11	Mount ‘Alava Trail, Fagasā Pass
July 18	World War II Heritage Trail, Gataivai
July 25	Pola Island Trail / View Points, Vatia
August 1	Lower Sauma Trail, Vatia
August 8	Tuafanua Trail, Vatia
August 15	Mount ‘Alava Trail, Fagasā Pass
August 22	World War II Heritage Trail, Gataivai
August 29	Pola Island Trail / View Points, Vatia
September 5	Lower Sauma Trail, Vatia
September 12	Tuafanua Trail, Vatia
September 19	Mount ‘Alava Trail, Fagasā Pass

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

These hikes provide participants with opportunities to experience their own local national park within lush tropical rainforests with vistas that overlook Tutuila. National park rangers will lead these hikes and share a variety of fun topics about the natural and culture wonders of American Samoa.

“We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors to their national park,” said Chief of Interpretation and Education Michael Larson. “These hikes begin our celebration of the National Park Service’s centennial celebration from now through 2016. It’s a chance for everyone to get outside to explore, connect, and find your national park.”

Space is limited to 28 participants per hike. Sign up is required by phone at 633-7082, ext. 22 or email npsa_info@nps.gov.

These Saturday hikes are made possible through the generous support of the national park’s non-profit partner—the Hawai’i Pacific Parks Association (www.hawaiiipacificparks.org).

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About the National Park of American Samoa. The national park was established in 1988 to preserve and protect coral reefs, tropical rainforests, fruit bats, and the Samoan culture, and to provide for the enjoyment of these to this and future generations. National park lands and waters in Tutuila, Ta’u, and Ofu islands are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long-term agreement with the National Park Service.

For more information about the National Park of American Samoa, call 633-7082 ext. 22, email npsa_info@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/npsa. Also, visit the national park’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

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