

Backpacking Hawaii – Haleakalā National Park, Maui

January 3-12, 2019

Trip Rating: Intermediate/Moderate

Fees:

\$800/950

- Prices reflect the UT student and RecSports member/non-member prices and **do not include airfare** to and from Kahului airport in Maui.
- Refunds will be issued, less a \$50 administrative fee for those participants who cancel by 5:00pm on the cancellation date.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not book your flight to Hawaii until this trip has met the minimum registration requirement of 8 participants. Registrations will be confirmed no later than December 1, giving you more than a month in advance to book your flights.**

Dates & Times:

Pre-Trip Meeting:	Wednesday – December 5 @ 6:30pm
Pre-Trip Location:	Outdoor Center - Gregory Gym 2.104
Trip Departs:	Thursday, January 3 @ 3:00pm – Kahului Airport, Maui
Trip Returns:	Saturday, January 12 – Kahului Airport, Maui
Cancellation Date:	Friday – November 16 by 5:00pm

Travel Information:

The Backpacking Hawaii adventure trip will begin and end at the Kahului Airport in Maui. All participants are expected to arrive at the airport no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, January 3. Anyone arriving prior to this date and time is responsible for all of their expenses including lodging, transportation, and food before then. For your return flight on Saturday, January 12, it is recommended that you book a late evening departure time so that your flight will be overnight, allowing you to sleep during the flight back to the mainland. This also provides an additional morning and afternoon to enjoy Maui before departing. Your guides will meet you at a predetermined location in the airport at 3:00pm, then you will start your adventure!

What to Expect:

This trip is the ultimate student experience for exploring Maui. On this epic 10-day adventure, we will spend 3-4 days in the national park, with 2 of those days backpacking through the backcountry wilderness area of Haleakalā. We then spend 2 and a half days exploring waterfalls, lava tubes, and beaches along the southeastern coast of Maui. We'll end the trip lounging in Lāhainā where we can surf and explore the town, beaches, and parks.

We will travel light and cheap. Our lodging will range from backcountry campsites, car camping state parks, beach camping, rustic cabins, and a hostel in Lahaina. Shopping at local grocery stores, farmers markets, and cooking many of our own meals will help reduce food costs. We will also seek affordable eateries when logistics deem it necessary. Be prepared for a truly unique experience into the culture, spirit, and wilderness of Maui.

NOTE: We will also be conducting a service project with the National Park Association on one of the first few days of the trip. This will include either the removal of invasive species plants or the planting of new native trees and will last from approximately 8am-2pm. This service project greatly helps the native plants and is a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

Haleakalā National Park includes stark volcanic landscapes as well as sub-tropical rain forest along 35 miles of unforgettable backcountry hiking. The Haleakalā Crater is one of the world's largest dormant volcanoes, soaring 10,023 feet above sea level. The peak offers some of the most renowned sunrise and sunset views in the world.

Participants on this adventure will need to be prepared and flexible for circumstances that may require us to adapt our itinerary on the go.

The nature of a group expedition requires the full cooperation of every participant with the trip leaders and other members of the group. Humor, flexibility, involvement, and an open mind to new experiences will create a rewarding experience for all.

What to Bring:

When packing, please keep in mind that cold and harsh weather conditions are possible. Good equipment can protect your body from these elements and really make a difference in your comfort level.

The following list is meant to assist you in determining what equipment you will need to bring. Trip guides will review this list at the pre-trip meeting and will make changes and suggestions as needed.

- Hiking boots—Durable, supportive, preferably waterproof
- Clothes – recommended quick-drying, synthetic clothing including:
 - long sleeve shirts, t-shirts, pants, shorts, synthetic or wool socks, long underwear top and bottom, heavy fleece, jacket for rain and cold.
- Warm cap or hat for cold weather
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Bandana
- Pack towel
- Gloves
- Eating utensils - spoon, travel mug, bowl or plate (no glass)
- Water bottles or hydration pack - at least 2 liters
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Toiletry items - sunscreen, bug spray, lip balm, toothbrush, personal meds
- Money for meals on the road
- Set of clothes to leave in vehicle for return trip

Outdoor Recreation Program Will Provide:

- Transportation, camping, and lodging logistics
- Food during non-driving part of trip (all meals on road to be paid for by participant)
- Internal Frame Backpack (available upon request)
- Sleeping bag and pad (available upon request)
- All group gear: tents, cooking equipment, water filters, etc.

Medical Insurance:

- The University of Texas at Austin and Recreational Sports cannot be held responsible for any injury, property loss or damaged equipment while participating in an Outdoor Recreation Program activity.
- All participants must be covered by medical insurance.
- For UT students - A \$5.00 per day charge will be added to the cost of the trip for those students who cannot provide proof of current medical coverage at the time of registration.
- You will not be permitted to participate if we have not received payment for this insurance or a copy of your insurance card prior to the trip departure.

Required Forms:

- All participants will be required to complete a medical authorization form, a health history form, and a release and indemnification agreement.
- [Adventure Trip Participant Required Information \(Digital Form\)](#)

Refunds, Cancellations and Transfers:

- Cancellation dates vary for each trip. This is the date after which no refunds will be given.
- An administrative fee will be charged for all cancellations.

- Recreational Sports reserves the right to cancel the trip due to insufficient registrations, inclement weather or other unforeseeable circumstances. If such a cancellation is necessary, the participant may choose between transferring to another available activity or being issued a full refund.
- For registrations paid online, approved refunds will be credited back to your credit card within 1-2 weeks. For all other approved refunds, the University Accounting Office will mail refund checks in approximately 4-6 weeks.
- **If for any reason you decide not to go on the trip the morning of the trip departure or if you are running late, please call us!**

Pre-Trip Meetings:

- Pre-trip meetings are mandatory for all participants.
- Participants who do not attend the pre-trip meeting for the adventure trip they are registered for will forfeit their spot on the trip and will not be eligible for a refund.

Physical Fitness:

- All trips require varying degrees of physical fitness. Please take the trip rating seriously. We are not qualified to evaluate your fitness level so you must evaluate your fitness level as appropriate for any given trip. If you are unsure of your physical condition you should consult with a physician before the trip.
- If you are unable to participate fully in a trip due to inadequate fitness your course fee will not be refunded. Additionally, it is very important that you not misrepresent your fitness level as doing so could cause the trip itinerary to be altered mid-trip to accommodate you. Having to alter a trip itinerary will have a negative impact on the experience of your peers and could lead to an emergency or rescue situation.

Dietary Preferences:

- If you have any special dietary needs or food allergies please make them well known at the time you register for your trip. If you have a special dietary requirement you may be required to pay an additional food supplement fee. This fee will be used to purchase food specifically to meet your dietary preference or need. If you have any questions or concerns regarding menu planning and preparation please contact us.

Weather:

- In the event of inclement weather, do not assume the trip is or will be cancelled. The Outdoor Recreation Program will make that decision based on the weather report obtained for the area where the activity is planned and regardless of current conditions in Austin. You will be contacted if the trip is cancelled or if the departure time has changed. Please show up and assume the trip will go if you haven't heard otherwise from our staff prior to the trip departure.

The Fine Print:

- The Outdoor Recreation program staff makes every effort to provide you with an enjoyable trip. You will assume the responsibility for many decisions affecting yourself during the activity, however, the guides have final authority and will not hesitate to dismiss those whose conduct is detrimental to themselves, the group or the activity site.
- Participants should be aware that outdoor activities can be physically demanding with inherent elements of risk and danger beyond our control. These risks include, but are not limited to the potential for accidents or illness while traveling to and from the activity sites, or while participating in activities in rugged mountain, wilderness and river terrain. While we do not assume liability for personal injury or death, every effort is made to minimize these risks.
- **No alcohol or drugs are allowed on any Outdoor Recreation program trip.**

Important Phone Numbers:

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