



NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Position Title:

Forest Restoration Volunteer

Department:

Limahuli Preserve. In Hawaiian, the name Limahuli means “turning hands,” which recognizes the ancient Hawaiians who built agricultural terraces found in the Garden out of lava rock and planted cultivars of kalo (taro), an important cultural food crop. These and other plants significant to the early inhabitants, as well as native species, make up the Garden’s collections. Limahuli Stream, one of the last pristine waterways left in the Islands, provides a habitat for indigenous aquatic life. Behind the Garden is the Limahuli Preserve where conservationists and restoration biologists are working to preserve species native to this habitat.

Tasks:

Hand-weeding, outplanting native plants, cutting down and poisoning invasive species and clearing trails in the heart of Limahuli Valley at a forest restoration project site.

Skills Required:

This role requires working out in the sun and a good level of physical fitness. Some knowledge about Hawaii’s native plants would be advantageous, but passion and enthusiasm to learn more about Hawaiian culture is most important.

Time Commitment:

Minimum of 4 hours per week

Training:

Forest Restoration volunteer will receive NTBG orientation and on the job training.

Location:

Limahuli Garden & Preserve is located on Kaua‘i’s north shore outside the town of Ha‘ena.

Benefits:

Behind the scenes access to Limahuli Garden, invitations to special events, monthly newsletter, opportunities to gain new skills and meet conservation minded people.

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