



# Ka'u Coffee Festival

Events run June 1 - June 8, 2024

## **Ka'u Coffee Recipe Contest: Saturday, June 1**

Those with a passion for cooking and coffee can bring their your entries to the no-entry-fee recipe competition at 11 a.m. at Ka'u Coffee Mill. Show off culinary skills using Ka'u Coffee as an ingredient. Enter in one of the three categories: pupu (appetizer), entrée, or dessert, and compete for cash prizes in the adult or student division. All entries will be judged by a panel of experts; winners will be announced at the end of the event. All attendees will enjoy free coffee tastings and entertainment. Entry deadline is May 27, 2024. Register at [www.kaucoffeemill.com](http://www.kaucoffeemill.com) or contact (808) 928-0550.

## **Launch Party @ Pāhala Plantation House: Saturday, June 1**

Learn the history of the plantation and the rise of Ka'u Coffee. Enjoy the charm of the historic home with music, hula, food and tours. Mingle with local coffee growers and their families. Co-hosted by Ka'u Coffee Growers Cooperative, Pāhala Plantation Cottages and The Ka'u Calendar newspaper. The event is from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

## **Tour Ka'u Coffee Farms: Wednesday, June 5**

Take a self-guided tour of the Ka'u Coffee farms and see how the world-class coffee is grown, harvested and processed. Meet the farmers and learn about their stories, challenges and successes. Sample and purchase coffee products, as well as other local delicacies. A list of participating coffee farms will be made available in the festival brochure and at [kaucoffeefestival.com](http://www.kaucoffeefestival.com).

## **Ka'u Mountain Hike & Lunch: Thursday, June 6**

Join Ka'u Mountain Hike & Lunch in the Wood Valley rainforest, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hike along the historic flume systems of the sugar cane era and learn about the development of hydroelectric power in Ka'u by the Ka'u Coffee industry. Enjoy stunning views of mountains, the valley, waterways and native plants and animals. The hike will be followed by a delicious lunch prepared with local ingredients. Limited to 30 participants; costs \$60 per person, which includes lunch. Reserve at [www.kaucoffeemill.com](http://www.kaucoffeemill.com) or contact (808) 928-0550.

## **Coffee & Cattle Day: Friday, June 7**

Those who love coffee and beef will love Coffee & Cattle Day at scenic Aikane Plantation Coffee Company, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discover how descendants of Ka'u's first coffee farmer integrate coffee with pasture-raised beef, and how they manage their land sustainably. See cattle and coffee trees up close, and learn about the varieties and processing methods of Ka'u Coffee. The event will end with a sprawling, all-you-can-eat outdoor buffet featuring Ka'u Coffee and beef dishes, as well as other local specialties. Enjoy a hayride around the plantation and live entertainment. The event costs \$35 per person and requires a reservation at (808) 927-2252.

## **Stargazing Night: Friday, June 7**

If fascinated by the stars, don't miss Stargazing Night on the hills around Ka'u Coffee Mill, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Observe the heavens from one of the best locations on the island, with the help of professional astronomers and telescopes. Learn the importance of stars in Hawaiian culture, and how navigation by stars led to the first landings of Polynesians in Hawai'i right here in Ka'u. The event costs \$60 per person and includes a barbecue dinner. Parking is available at Ka'u Coffee Mill for boarding a shuttle to the viewing site. Reservations are required at [www.kaucoffeemill.com](http://www.kaucoffeemill.com) or contact (808) 928-0550.

## **Ka'u Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a: Saturday, June 8**

The grand finale of the Ka'u Coffee Festival is the Ho'olaule'a, a full day of fun and celebration, coffee tasting and interaction with Ka'u Coffee farmers on the spacious grounds of Pāhala Community Center. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy live music, hula, local food and crafts, keiki activities, educational displays, guided coffee tastings and farm and mill tours. It's a great place to talk story with Ka'u Coffee growers and learn more about their passion and dedication. Within Pāhala Community Center, The Ka'u Coffee Experience will offer Ka'u Coffees prepared with a variety of brewing methods by professional baristas from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Taste the difference and discover your favorite Ka'u Coffee.

**Apply for a Ho'olaule'a Booth at [www.kaucoffeefest.com](http://www.kaucoffeefest.com)**



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