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Hanalei traffic pattern for Saturday's State Canoe Championships

HANALEI – The Garden Island Canoe Racing Association will be hosting the annual State Canoe Championships this Saturday, August 3 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hanalei Beach.

To accommodate the event and mitigate traffic impacts to the surrounding area, the Kaua'i Police Department will be implementing a change in traffic patterns on Saturday, from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Traffic will be one-way only on Aku Road, from the Papio Road junction heading makai toward Weke Road. Weke Road will be one-way, from Aku Road to Mahimahi Road; and Mahimahi Road will be one-way, from Weke Road toward Kūhiō Highway. Motorists will not be allowed to enter Mahimahi Road from Kūhiō Highway and will need to access the area through Aku Road.

Officers and event organizers will also be manning a partial closure of Weke Road, from the Hanalei Pavilion to Black Pot Beach. Access will be limited to motorists with event-issued parking passes and fisherman with boats and trailers wishing to access the small boat ramp.

Local residents will be allowed through road closures but should be prepared to show identification or proof of residency.

Motorists should allow additional time to get to their destinations as traffic delays are expected.



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