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The MXU 700 goes for a splash, while the Gator RSX850 roasts a turn in Moab and Josh Frederick rails his D.S. Photos by Cain and Ron.

WARNING: Much of the action depicted in this magazine is potentially dangerous. Virtually all of the riders seen in our photos are experienced experts or professionals. Do not attempt to duplicate any stunts that are beyond your own capabilities. Always wear the appropriate safety gear.

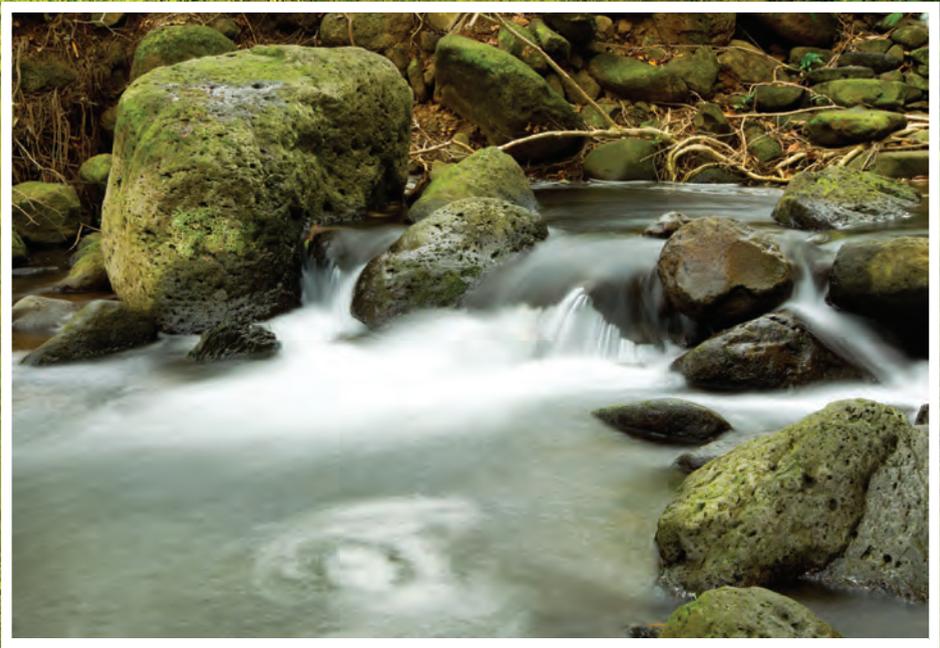
ATV TOURING

KIPU RANCH ADVENTURES

Riding the beautiful trails of Hawaii

By the staff of *Dirt Wheels*
Photos by Adam Campbell





KIPU RANCH



The island of Kauai is the most lush and tropical of the entire island chain. No wonder it's a hot vacation destination. We like it because they let us ride there.



The tour operators at Kipu Ranch are phasing out their older inventory with brand-new Brute Force ATVs and Teryx four-seaters. Both are perfect choices for touring.



Kipu Ranch was established in 1872 and used to be owned by Hawaiian royalty. Over the years it has been a sugar-cane plantation and is now a cattle ranch.

□ It is well known that Hawaii is one of the top vacation spots on the planet. Most people might consider vacationing on the islands because of the beauty of the surf, sand and sun. Underwater snorkeling, scuba diving or just sightseeing draw many others to the Hawaiian islands. For us, we like Hawaii because of the ATV riding. Recently, we sent our photographer to the island of Kauai to capture the beauty and excitement of the Kipu Ranch Adventures.

Kipu Ranch once belonged to Hawaiian royalty and is situated on 3000 acres of the most scenic real estate in the world. Just five minutes from the ranch, all of the major cruise lines dock and major resorts offer places to stay, so you could even add an ATV tour to your Hawaiian cruise vacation.



Choose an ATV or UTV to tour the Kipu Ranch on. Here you can visit filming sites of blockbuster movies like *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Jurassic Park*. With enough friends, you could reenact some of the scenes.

At Kipu Ranch Adventures you can drive or be driven around 3000 acres of lush Hawaiian countryside. We suggest letting the guides drive so you can take in the views. ➤

ATTRACTIONS

In the past, Kipu was a major grower of sugar cane and now is a working cattle ranch. The three- and four-hour ATV tours take you to the best spots on the property. Riders can choose to operate Kawasaki Brute Force 4x4s or Teryx4 UTVs. Tours run seven days a week and range from \$125 for passengers and \$145 if you want to drive; however, this is one of those rides we would rather sit as a passenger to enjoy the scenery. The four-hour ride includes lunch and a visit to one of the major waterfalls on the ranch. Plus, after each ride, you can visit a smaller waterfall and a swimming hole.

Other tour stops include visits to the filming locations for *Raiders of the*



Lost Ark, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Jurassic Park*, among many other hit movies. Along the trails, wildlife viewing includes wild boar, peacocks, geese and pheasants. About the only thing you won't see on the ranch are live volcanoes.

CONTACT

Kipu Ranch also caters to private groups, or you can build a VIP pack-

age. Imagine having a private honeymoon tour, or even a bachelor party ATV ride here—now that's our kind of fun.

If you visit the Kipu Ranch Adventures website, you will find even more reasons to add this stop to your next island vacation. To make a reservation, call Kipu Ranch Adventures directly: (808) 246-9288. □