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Inaugural Kauai Marathon A Huge Success



Both the full and the half marathon races began in Poipu Beach, the resort area nestled along the island's southern coast that features both the Poipu Bay Resort Golf Course and the Kiahuna Golf Club, popular attractions for visitors from around the world who are drawn to the island's relaxed, unhurried pace and still-unspoiled natural beauty.



From the starting line on Poipu Road, runners followed a counter-clockwise out-and-back loop course that ran into the island's interior and then back out again toward the beach, and included a long, gradual uphill toward the half-way point (and a long, gradual downhill from the half-way point toward the finish).



In the early stretch of the race along Maluhia Road, runners got the chance to run through Kauai's famous Tunnel of Trees, which were planted more than 150 years old by Scottish immigrant cattle ranchers and remain today as a lush, green eucalyptus-tree corridor linking Kalaheo with Poipu.

After this stretch, runners continued on along the first half's long, gradual uphill stretch along Highway 520 toward the half-way point near Omao, and then turned left (south) toward the town, beginning the long downhill stretch of the race's second half.



On their way through Omao, runners passed through this small town's homes and shops on their way past the

Omao Stream, running along the tree-lined road all the way toward the Kukui'ula Resort. Once they neared the resort, runners headed inside the resort and were treated to stunning views of the South Pacific Ocean for the rest of the race route all the way into the finish line back at Poipu Beach, near the Sheraton Kauai Resort -- where there was also be a post-race party for all finishers, right on the oceanfront of the resort.



Both the full and the half marathon courses are considered walker-friendly, and walkers were welcome to compete in either race, provided they finished within the event's 7 1/2-hour time limit.

More than 1700 runners from 44 states and 6 countries left the Kiahuna Shopping Village with an early-morning starting time of 5:30 AM, in order to get in as many miles as possible before the direct rays of the South Pacific sunshine became too much to bear. Thanks to overcast skies and a light rain that fell on and off during the day, the sun was not as large a factor as it might otherwise have been.

Theresa Gonzales of Kalaheo was the first Kaua'i wahine to finish the Half Marathon, crossing 25th overall on a 1:35:34.5 run, or 7.18/mile pace.

J.T. Service of San Francisco, Calif., dogged Bresette from the onset, and following just a brief confusion at the turnoff for the Full Marathon, continued to maintain his lead, crossing first overall on a 2:44:11.1 for the 26-mile course that wound through Lauoho and Waha Roads before looping around Kukuilono Park via Pu'u Road in Kalaheo.

Service set the pace for the Full Marathon at 6:16/mile and was followed closely by Jason Florimonte of Kaneohe, O'ahu, finishing second overall at 2:59:53.8.

Travis Parker of Lawai, crossing 18th overall, was the first Kaua'i finisher in the Full Marathon with a 3:35:11.7 run, or 8:13/mile pace.

Colleen Little of Portland, Ore., crossed fifth overall as the first female to finish the Full Marathon, making the run in 3:08:25.8, or a 7:11/mile pace.

Janet Snyder of Kilauea crossed the line 37th overall at 3:44:55.5, the first Kaua'i female and first in her age group.



Jeff Sachinni, one of the founders of the Kaua'i Marathon, said the event took two years to plan and organize and was created to showcase the beauty of Kaua'i, bring visitors to the island, and to contribute to local charities. On all three counts, this first ever Kauai Marathon accomplished what the organizers set out to do.



Registration is currently underway for next years race, which will take place the Sunday of Labor Day Week End, September 5, 2010.

For more details or to register, please go to the official website at www.kauaimarathon.com.

County Purchases 10 Additional Hybrid Vehicles

Ten new hybrid sport utility vehicles were delivered to the county by Midpac Auto Center this week, bringing the total number of hybrid cars in the county fleet to 32.

The 2010 Ford Escape Hybrids will replace aging vehicles assigned to the Planning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation departments, as well as the Housing Agency.

“Replacing the county’s old cars with fuel efficient hybrids makes good economic sense,” said Mayor Bernard Carvalho Jr. “The added benefit is hybrid vehicles are environmentally friendly.”



The Escape Hybrid has an estimated rating of 34 miles per gallon for city driving and 31 mpg on the highway. It is also rated as a super ultra low emission vehicle as well as an advanced technology partial zero emissions vehicle.

At low speeds of up to 25 mph, the Escape Hybrid is said to run solely on battery power so no fuel is actually used at low speeds or when the vehicle is stopped in traffic.



Russ Wong general manager of MidPac auto was pleased that out of a field of competitors throughout Hawaii, MidPac successfully earned the County of Kaua'i's bid to add fuel efficient hybrid vehicles to its fleet.

Regular maintenance of the new hybrid cars will be handled by the county's automotive repair shop, while Midpac will be taking care of all repairs covered by warranty.

The End of An Era Last Sugar Crop In October



Olokele Sugar Co. is owned by Gay & Robinson Inc. The factory at Kaumakani is the last active sugar mill on Kauai. It is located about 4 miles west past Hanapepe town. Unfortunately, the end is near for sugar on Kauai as sugar production will end in October 2009. Some 3400 acres of land has already been leased to Dow AgroSciences for seed corn crop and further development of hydroelectric generation.

Although everyone could see the handwriting on the wall, it nevertheless came as a shock to actually see the announcement from Gay & Robinson, Inc. recently that "subject to favorable weather, the last sugar cane grown by the company will be processed by the mill in late October."



The historic Westside company, which began growing cane on Kaua'i in 1892, said in a news release that it tried to keep sugar alive but over the past five years has faced "mounting debt due to low sugar prices and high energy prices."

G&R said it is keeping its hopes alive that sugar cane might continue to be grown on Kaua'i should Pacific West Energy put together its plans for energy and ethanol production.



Some of the Gay and Robinson employees were recently hired by Dow AgroSciences, which is leasing some of G&R's cane lands to develop further hydroelectric generation from its water sources.

G&R still plans to offer housing for its retirees and employees affected by the shut down, the release says. The company will still offer limited employment in support of company housing and future hydroelectric plans.


The company did not say in the release how many employees will be impacted by the decision, but did say the G&R Ranch operation is not affected.

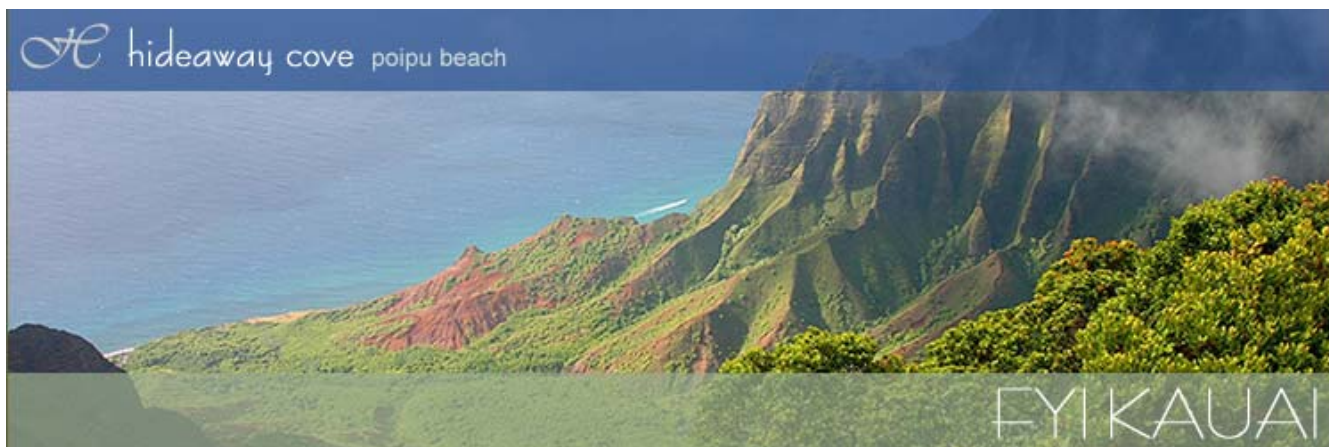


"I can't express how saddened I am for the employees and their families and for all of Kaua'i to see our last remaining sugar plantation close its doors for good," Kaua'i Mayor Bernard Carvalho Jr. said in a statement Wednesday evening. "Although we all knew it was coming, that doesn't make it any easier. ... We will be working closely with all involved to keep this land in agricultural production and get these new opportunities off the ground as quickly as possible."

All Okokele Sugar Company photos by Brian Howell

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Kauai Coming Events



Found below are links to several different Kauai events calendars. Click on one or all of them and you'll be right up to date on absolutely everything happening on our garden island during the time you're planning to be on Kauai.



Hawaii State vacation planner
www.bestplaceshawaii.com/calendar/kauai

Visitors and Convention Bureau
www.gohawaii.com/about_hawaii/plan/events_in_hawaii

Festivals
www.kauaifestivals.com

Community events
kauai.alllocalevents.com

Off the beaten path events
www.alternative-hawaii.com/kaucal.htm

Festivals and events
www.kauaidiscovery.com/kauai_festivals+events

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What's Happening at Hideaway Cove



Become a fan on Facebook

Now you can become a fan of Hideaway Cove on Facebook. If you're not already a member of the Facebook community, it's a very simple process to sign up. Just go to www.facebook.com and follow the instructions.

Then become a fan of Hideaway Cove by entering "Hideaway Cove" in their search box. You'll then be one of the first to hear about our last minute specials and other special offers from Hideaway.

New Additions To Hideaway Cove

About twelve weeks ago we noticed a feral (wild) cat at Hideaway. The poor thing was really thin so we did what any animal lover would do. We purchased some dry and canned cat food and started feeding. The goal was to have the cat hang around the property and (hopefully) reduce the chicken population. Although there are no chickens at Hideaway, the property just up the street has an area behind it where a mother hen, rooster and about seven chicks had taken up residence. Our thought was that the presence of a cat would cause the mother hen to rethink her choice of residence.

Although we didn't know if the cat was male or female, all doubt was removed when about eight weeks ago, three little kittens showed up with mom. So one bowl of food became two dual plastic dishes and we added a large, low bowl of water, all situated in the shade near the office. The kittens all received names--Smoky, who is a grey color; Junior, who looked most like mom and Tiger who looked like..if you guessed Tiger from Winnie the Pooh, you'd be correct.

Over the course of the next month, the sounds of nearby chickens were no longer heard, so we figured mom and the kittens were doing their job. We also began to worry that mom would get pregnant again and we'd have another litter on our hands. So we called the Humane Society and they said we could stop by, pick up a trap and have the mom and kittens brought in and spayed or neutered.

A week went by, we went in and picked up the trap, and that day mom did not show up for food--just the three kittens. How did she know? Anyway we managed to trap all three and they now have been treated for fleas and have microchips implanted in case they ever end up at the Humane Society again. They were all boys by the way, meaning we could keep the names we had.

Gradually the cats are becoming more tame and now come into the office to eat every morning. Junior will now eat out of Gale's hand and allow her to touch him. Smoky is a little more friendly and Tiger continues to be the most shy.

So if you stay with us in the future, you most likely will meet Smoky, Tiger and Junior. We'll post some photos when they don't run away as we're trying to take pictures.

Kauai Vacation Helpers Offers

Best Price Guarantee

on Activity Prices!



Gale has been hard at work scouring the internet for the very best activity prices on Kauai. So she is now able to offer the best prices to be found anywhere.

So now you don't have to spend all your time looking around for the best prices, because she's already done that. Just give her a call on her toll free line at 800-427-5996 or you can email info@kauaivacationhelpers.com. And how sure is she that her prices are the lowest you'll find anywhere? She offers you this guarantee--

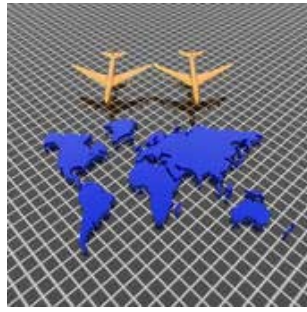
If you find a lower written price for a Kauai activity

Gale will match or beat it!

Call Toll Free at 800-527-5996

At Hideaway Cove Villas

Make Your Reservations With Us First



Then Confirm Your Airline Tickets

If you have decided that Hideaway Cove Villas is where you want to stay for your trip to Kauai, but don't have your airline reservations made, we have a solution to this potential problem. Because what happens if it takes a day or two to secure your flights, and in the meantime the Villa you had your heart set on, gets booked by someone else?

The solution is to let us know you're coming and we'll put a 48 hour hold on your reservation. Just go to our website at www.hideawaycove.com, click on Reservations and then on the Secure Reservation Form.

Fill it out completely and at the bottom, in the comments section, indicate that you would like a 48 hour hold. You can also call our toll free line at 866-849-2426 with the same information.

Secure Reservation Form



Available on Hideaway Cove Website.

We've created a **Secure Reservation Form** that allows anyone to transmit their information and it is encrypted, so that no one else but us can read it. It's been so popular that a lot of our regular guests, who don't have time zone issues, prefer the convenience of just filling out the secure form and emailing it.



To find the form, go to our website at www.hideawaycove.com, then click on Reservations in the directory to the left of the home page, and then click on Secure Reservation Form. Oh, and if you're wondering what time it is on Kauai, there's a cute little clock there to tell you.



Send Your Positive Hideaway Cove Comments to TripAdvisor.com and Fodors.com.


We're now consistently ranked number one or two on TripAdvisor. Thanks to everyone for sharing your experiences at the TripAdvisor website <http://tripadvisor.com/> We really appreciate the time you've taken to relate your positive experiences. We've been told by several different sources that travelers not familiar with Kauai are increasingly relying on this site for advice.

So, if you haven't already done so, please take a moment and let the rest of the world know what a great time you had at Hideaway Cove! And while you're at it, take your same comments from Tripadvisor or Fodors, then cut and paste them into our online guestbook (see below). Mahalo!

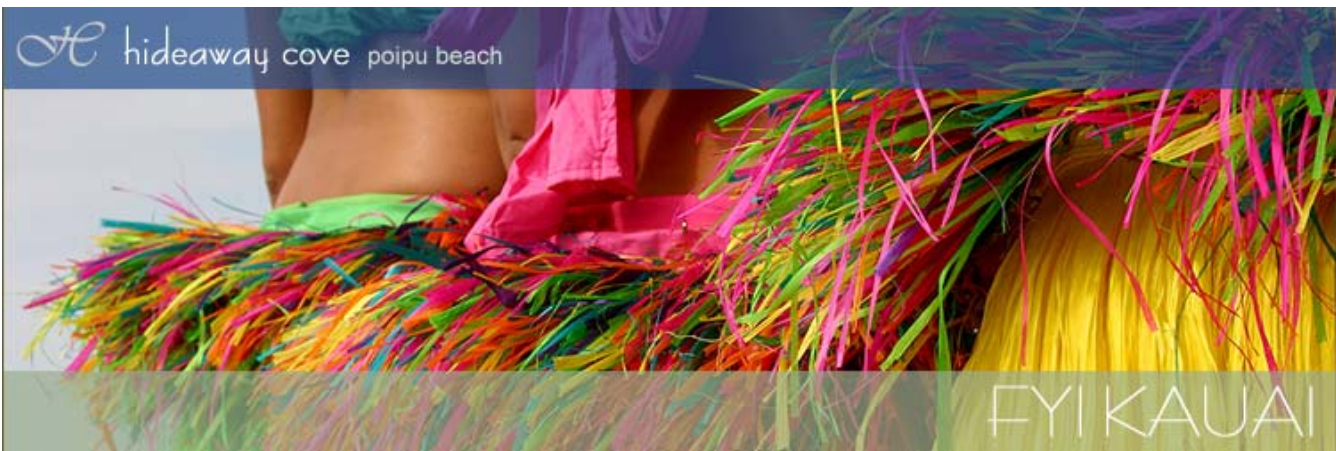
Still Waiting to Sign our Online Guestbook? Now is The Perfect Time!

Thanks to everyone for the time you spend sharing your comments in our guest book. If you've been thinking of adding your comments, why not take a moment and do it now! Just click on this link: <http://www.rentors.org/guestbook>. Your comments help our future guests get a unbiased idea of what a stay with us is really like. Many mahalos (thanks) for your help!

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A Little Bit of Laughter



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Math Quiz

Here is a math problem that is bound to amaze you.

1. Grab a calculator. (You won't be able to do this one in your head.)

Make sure you hit the equals (=) key after each step.

2. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the area code)
3. Multiply by 80

4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again.
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?



Remember The Milk Man?

These are actual notes left for the milk man over the years.

Dear Milkman, I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Please leave an extra pint of paralyzed milk.

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby, and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.

When you leave my milk, knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

Please knock. My TVs broken down, and I missed last night's SOPRANOS. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened?

Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it.

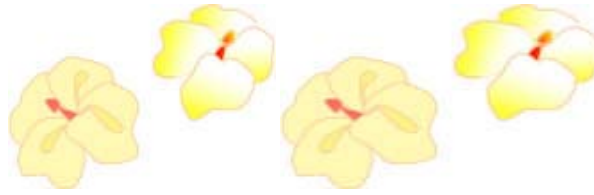
From now on please leave two pints every day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.

MY back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table, because we want to play bingo tonight.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday or is it today?

No milk today. Please do not leave milk at No. 14 either as he is dead until further notice.

When you come in with the milk, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out, and put newspaper inside the screen door. P.S. Don't leave any milk.

**Do You Know Or Do You Care...?**

A catfish has over 27,000 taste buds, more than any other animal.

A flea can jump 350 times its body length, which is like a human jumping the length of a football field.

A cockroach will live nine days without its head. The only reason it doesn't live longer is that it is unable to eat.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump (thankfully).

A cat's urine glows under a black light

An Ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.

Fish haven't got brains.

Any time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.

You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider?

Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

A pig's orgasm lasts for 30 minutes.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.

Polar bears are left handed.





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Six Acre Kalaheo Family Retreat with outstanding ocean views.



The property consists of a two building sites, each approximately a half acre in size. The address for Google Maps is 1001 Puu Road, Kalaheo, HI 96741.

Build your primary residence on the lower lot with sweeping views up the coastline all the way to Poipu Beach. Plenty of room for a multi-car garage and/or workshop plus pool and spa.

The upper lot also has good ocean views and would be perfect for a guest house with plenty of room left over for tennis courts.

Six Acre Parcel
Offered at \$1,345,000.
MLS #227487

The lots can also be purchased individually, in which case the costs

of maintaining the compacted gravel driveway and landscaping, would be shared equally by both owners.

Lower lot is approx. 3.4 acres
Offered for \$695,000
MLS # 220645

Upper lot approx. 2.6 acres
Offered for \$650,000
MLS # 220647



A compacted gravel driveway has been installed (550 feet to the 2.6 acre lot and 1150 feet from the street to the 3.4 acre lot).

Both lots provide seclusion and privacy. Landscape design for the road was done by Maureen Murphy, formerly of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens.

Underground Utilities Installed

Underground electric, cable, phone and water have all been installed and approved by the County of Kauai.



Well known Kauai architect Ginny Latham has completed plans for a single story plantation style home featuring two master suites, an office, media room and detached oversized two car garage.

The plans for the home are submitted to the County of Kauai and are nearing approval.




So if you've looking for a shovel ready project with roads and underground utilities already installed plus plans submitted to the County for approval, this is the project for you.

These prices are well below the cost to purchase raw land in this area and add the infrastructure and landscaping that has been done on this project.

Full Disclosure--Herb Lee is a licensed real estate broker in Hawaii and California and also the co-owner of these lots.

For additional information, please email Herb at herblee143@gmail.com or call toll free 866-849-2426.

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Thoughts to Ponder



It is one of the blessings of friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The hardest lesson in life is to know which bridges to cross and which to burn.

Author Unknown

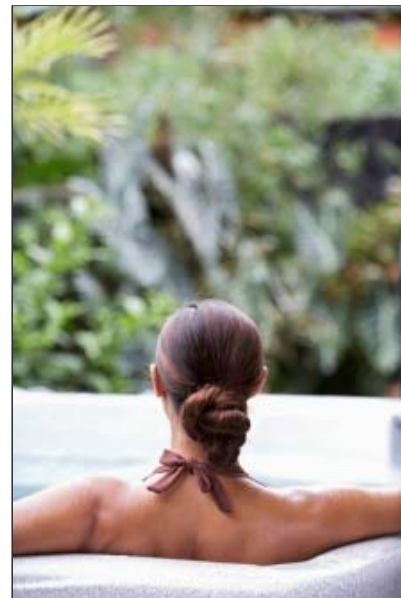
Read, every day, something no one else is reading.

Think, every day, something no one else is thinking.

Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do.

It is bad for the mind to be always part of unanimity.

Christopher Morley



Growing up I was always very different and it bothered me. If only I had known back then that my differentness was an asset, it would have made my childhood much easier.

Bette Midler




Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.

Alexandre Dumas

I never let my schooling interfere with my education.

Mark Twain

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And the Winner is...



Congratulations to... Dr. Karen LaCourse of Royal Oak, MI for winning a \$300 credit toward a future stay at Hideaway Cove. The credit expires a year from now, so give us a call and make a reservation!

The winner of our new drawing will be announced in our next issue. Good luck to everyone!

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Hanapepe Art Night

Every Friday night from 5 - 9 p.m. is **Hanapepe Art Night** and is unique. Participating galleries take turns being the weekly host gallery, offering original performances or demonstrations which become the theme for that art night. All the galleries are lit up and decked out, giving the town a special atmosphere. Enjoy a stroll down the streets of quaint, historic Hanapepe Town and meet the local artists. This is also the only night the Hanapepe Café is open (it's otherwise open for breakfast and lunch) and it is a wonderful restaurant serving vegetarian fare. For Art Night info, call Lew or Annette Shortridge at (808) 335-0343.

Enjoy free hula shows at the following locations:

Seaview Terrace at Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa, Poipu, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Be sure and call (808) 742-1234 to double check the type of performance. Some nights there is guitar music, others keiki hula with young children performing. If you've never seen 3-9 years olds doing the hula, you should go. It's really a joy to watch.

Kukui's Restaurant at Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club, Lihue (on Kalapaki Bay), Wednesday & Saturday shows, 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM Call (808) 245-5050

Coconut Marketplace, Kapaa, 5:00 PM daily (programs vary) Call (808) 822-3641

Happy Talk Lounge at Hanalei Bay Resort, Princeville, Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 PM - call (808) 826-6522. Also enjoy live jazz here on Sunday afternoons.

The free Tiare Tahiti Dance Show takes place Monday & Thursday evenings at 5:00 PM, in the courtyard of Poipu Shopping Village. Call (808) 742-2831.



Hawaiian crafts

Watch Hawaiian crafts being created at the Hui Aloha (friendly get-together) in the Sheraton Garden Court Lobby in Poipu from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. This daily display features everything from coconut hats to Niihau shell leis, lauhala baskets and more. Call (808) 742-



1661 for further information.

Crater Hill Hikes

Monday through Thursday go on Crater Hill Hikes. From the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center, you can join this 2 to 2-1/2 hour hike. Guides discuss the geology of the island and Crater Hill, seabirds and migratory birds, native plants, and marine wildlife that visit Kilauea Point. Spectacular setting including historic Kilauea Point Lighthouse, visitor's center, and grounds open all day. Free with paid entry fee of \$3 to the Wildlife Refuge. Call (808) 828-0168 for reservations.

Gay & Robinson Tour

Monday through Friday take a Gay & Robinson Tour. See Makaweli's sugar irrigation systems Mon - Fri, 8 - 4 p.m. Exhibits show the 17.5 mile Koula Ditch, 13 mile Olokele Ditch, and history of Gay & Robinson, Olokele and Hawaiian Sugar Co. plantations. Free. Call (808) 335-2824.

Kapaa History Tour

Take walking tours through Kapaa town. Meet at Pono Kai Resort lobby at 10 am, by appointment only. Call (808) 245-3373 for reservations.

Historic Waimea Walking Tour

Mondays are reserved for the Historic Waimea Walking Tour. This 90 minute tour offers a glimpse of historic Waimea town Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Call (808)338-1332.

Sugar Mill Tour

Mondays through Fridays enjoy a Sugar Mill Tour. This two-hour field and factory tour is given twice daily at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m. There is an admission charge for the tour, but admission to the Visitor Center is free and is open 8 - 4. Kaumakani Ave. Call (808)335-2824 for reservations.

Garden Tours

Mondays through Fridays take advantage of any one of a number of Garden Tours. North shore Limahuli Garden: Restored ancient taro fields, rare species, and spectacular views. (808) 826-1053. Kalaheo Allerton Garden: Exquisite statuary and reflecting pools plus amazing flora. (808) 742-2623. Na Aina Kai: Contemporary sculptures and wonderful grounds. (808) 828-1525.



Walking Tour of Old Waimea Sugar Plantation and Cottages

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays stroll back in time with a Walking Tour of Old Waimea Sugar Plantation and Cottages. The tour meets at 9:00 a.m. and lasts approximately 90 minutes. Volunteers lead you through Waimea Plantation Cottages, a vacation resort of restored plantation houses, and the neighboring Waimea Sugar Company "camp" of houses dating to the turn of the century. Tours are limited to 12 people. For reservations please call (808) 335-2824.

Kauai Museum Tour

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays take a Kauai Museum Tour. Free tours at 10 am with admission. Docents provide interpretation of Kauai and Niihau culture as they lead tours through the Museum's galleries. Call (808) 245-6931 for more information.

Hawaiian Slack Key Music Concerts

Fridays and Sundays perk up your ears for Hawaiian Slack Key Music Concerts. Enjoy a delightful afternoon of live slack key guitar and ukulele with stories of the history of the music, Kauai, endangered species, and more. Free gift drawing! Tickets \$10 (\$8 keiki/kupuna). [Hanalei Community Center](#) - Fridays at 4 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. For more




information call (808) 826-1469.

Grove Farm Museum

Grove Farm Museum offers a walking tour of the grounds and building of a sugar plantation home with little bits of Hawaiiana that are hard to find. Offered daily. Reservations are required and can be made up to three months in advance. (808) 245-3202. Donation of \$5 per adult and \$2 for children 12 and under.

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