

Heritage Sites of Hawai'i



The Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the official tourism agency for the State of Hawai'i, would like to introduce you to 20 places that we call the Heritage Sites of Hawai'i. For many generations, the people of Hawai'i have been visiting these special places for their cultural, natural, scenic, and historic significance. Enjoy, marvel and be amazed at the long history, culture and beauty of our islands.



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O'ahu

1. National Memorial of the Pacific, Punchbowl

Also known as Punchbowl, the National Cemetery is home to more than 49,000 interments, including more than 13,000 soldiers and sailors who died during World War II. It also features a pathway that is lined with memorials honoring America's veterans from a variety of organizations. Known in Hawaiian as Pūowaina, this was once the site of a *heiau* (religious temple).

Location: Take Hwy. 1 east and exit onto Lunalilo Fwy., then head north onto Pali Hwy. Follow the marked signs towards Pūowaina (2177 Pūowaina Dr.).
Phone: (808) 532-3720

2. WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument in Pearl Harbor

The attack of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 marked the beginning of World War II for the United States. The tragic event took the lives of 2,370 men, women and children. The USS Arizona is the final resting place for the 1,177 crewmen who lost their lives that day; the USS Arizona Memorial is built over the remains of the sunken battleship.

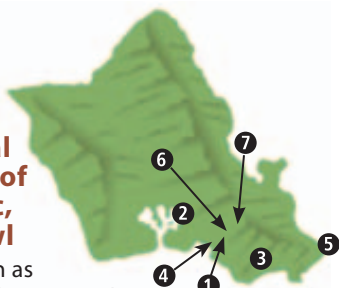


Location: 1 Arizona Memorial Pl.
Phone: (808) 422-3300

3. Diamond Head (Lē'ahi) State Monument

As Hawai'i's most recognized landmark, this unique shaped crater is known for its historic hiking trail, stunning coastal views and military history.

Location: Off Diamond Head Rd. between Makapu'u Ave. and 18th Ave.



4. 'Iolani Palace State Monument

Dedicated in 1882, this is the only royal palace used as an official residence by a reigning monarch in the United States. It served as the setting for Hawaiian monarchs and their courts on formal occasions.



Location: Corner of South King St. and Richards St. in downtown Honolulu.
Phone: (808) 522-0832

5. Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline - Makapu'u Trail

Located within the Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline, the Makapu'u Point Lighthouse Trail is a one-mile hike (one-way) along a paved roadway that leads to a lookout above the historic lighthouse.

Location: Off Kalaniana'ole Hwy. (Hwy. 72) from either Waimānalo or Hawai'i Kai.

6. Queen Emma Summer Palace

Known as Hānaiakamālama, the summer retreat of Queen Emma, wife of King Kamehameha IV, is located in Nu'uauu Valley. The museum houses a collection of Queen Emma's belongings, furnishings, artifacts, and memorabilia.



Location: 2913 Pali Hwy.
Phone: (808) 595-3167

7. Nu'uauu Pali State Wayside (Pali Lookout)

The lookout provides an impressive view of Windward O'ahu from the *pali* (cliffs) at a 1,200 feet elevation. This is the site of one of the most famous battles in Hawai'i's history, where Kamehameha I conquered the island of O'ahu, bringing it under his rule.

Location: Nu'uauu Pali summit from marked access road off Pali Hwy. (Hwy. 61).

Kaua'i



8. Kilauea Lighthouse at Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

Built in 1913, this lighthouse was a navigational aid for commercial shipping between Hawai'i and Asia and helped to guide ships and boats along Kaua'i's rugged north shore for more than 60 years.



Location: From Lihue, drive north on Kūhiō Hwy. for approximately 23 miles to the town of Kilauea, turn right on Kolo Rd., then left on Kilauea Rd. and drive two miles to the refuge entrance.
Phone: (808) 828-1413

9. Waimea Canyon State Park

As the largest canyon in the Pacific, this is one of Hawai'i's scenic treasures. From the park there are viewpoints of Ni'ihau Island, picnicking opportunities and a short nature trail (Iliau Nature Loop). A long, strenuous hike (Kukui Trail) into and out of the canyon can be accessed through the adjacent forest reserve.



Location: 11.1 miles north of Kekaha on Kōke'e Road (Hwy. 550); adjoins Kōke'e State Park.

Lāna'i



10. Kaunolū Village

In the 1790's, Kaunolū was a favorite fishing spot of King Kamehameha I and the place he retreated to after conquering Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i. It is home to the remains of Halulu *heiau*, petroglyphs and "Kahekili's Leap," a cliff where warriors would demonstrate bravery by diving more than 60-feet into the ocean below.

Location: Take Hwy. 440 west out of Lāna'i City toward Kaunālapa'u Harbor. Go past the airport turnoff and take the next left on Kaupili Rd., an unmarked dirt road. Travel approximately 2.5 miles to a yellow standpipe on the right. Turn right on this rocky road which descends downhill about 3 miles to Kaunolū Village.

- Entrance Fee
- Picnic Area
- Trail
- Camping
- Wildlife Watching

References of activities were obtained from the respective site.

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Hawai'i Island

11. 'Akaka Falls State Park

Venture on a self-guided walk through lush tropical vegetation to scenic vista points overlooking Kahuna Falls and 'Akaka Falls, which plunges 442 feet into a gorge.

Location: End of 'Akaka Falls Road (Hwy. 220), 3.6 miles southwest of Honomū.

12. Kealahou Bay State Historical Park

The Captain Cook Monument across Kealahou Bay marks the site where the first Westerner, Captain James Cook, set foot on the island of Hawai'i in 1779, and died there a year later. Located on the east side of the bay is the Hikiau *heiau*, dedicated to the Hawaiian god Lono.



Location: In Nāpo'opo'o at the end of Beach Rd. off Government Rd. from Pu'uhonua Rd. (Hwy. 160) or Lower Government Rd. from Māmalaha Hwy. (Hwy. 11) at Captain Cook or Ke'i Junction.

13. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Hawai'i's only UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to two of the world's most active volcanoes, Maunaloa and Kīlauea. The park protects a wide diversity of ecosystems, is a habitat for numerous Native Hawaiian species, houses many sacred and cultural sites and provides views of breathtaking volcanic landscapes.

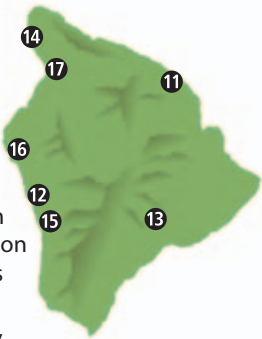


Location: From Hilo: 30 miles southwest

on Hwy. 11 (45 minute drive); from Kailua-Kona: 96 miles southeast on Hwy. 11 (2 to 2 1/2 hour drive), or 125 miles through Waimea and Hilo via highways 19 and 11 (2 1/2 to 3 hour drive). Phone: (808) 985-6000

14. Lapakahi State Historical Park

Explore traditional Hawaiian lifestyles by taking a self-guided tour through the partially restored remains of an ancient



coastal settlement that dates back more than 600 years.

Location: On Akoni Pule Hwy. (Hwy. 270), 12.4 miles north of Kawaihae.

15. Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau National Historical Park

In the past, this was a place of refuge for Native Hawaiians who came here to be absolved of breaking *kapu* (cultural laws). The park is home to historic Hawaiian temples, sacred *ki'i* (wooden images of the gods) and interpretive exhibits of Hawaiian life and culture.



Location: On Hwy. 160. Between mileposts 103 and 104, at the Hōnaunau Post Office, turn left towards the ocean onto Hwy. 160. Travel 3.5 miles then turn left at the Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historic Park sign. Phone: (808) 328-2288

16. Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park

This early Hawaiian settlement encompasses portions of four different *ahupua'a* (traditional sea to mountain land divisions) and features *ki'i pōhaku* (petroglyphs), fishponds, *paepae* (house sites platforms), a *hōlua* (stone slide), and a *heiau*.

Location: Along the Kona coast, three miles north of Kailua-Kona and three miles south of Kona International Airport, on Hwy. 19. Phone: (808) 326-9057

17. Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site

As one of the last major temples built by Kamehameha I, this *heiau* played a significant role in the unification of the Hawaiian Islands. Kamehameha I was advised by a *kahuna* (priest) to construct the *heiau* at this site and dedicate it to his family's war god, Kūkā'ilimoku.



Location: 62-3601 Kawaihae Rd. Phone: (808) 882-7218

- Entrance Fee
- Picnic Area
- Trail
- Camping
- Wildlife Watching

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Maui

18. Haleakalā National Park

The park encompasses more than 30,000 acres of public land from coastal Kīpahulu to the 10,023 feet summit, Maui's highest peak. A dramatic summit valley volcanic landscape, the park encompasses a diversity of ecosystems, has the largest concentration of endangered species of any National Park, and is culturally significant to Native Hawaiians.

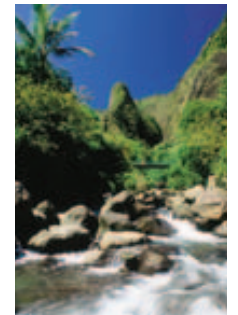


Location: The summit area: From Kahului via Route 37 to 377 to 378 (1.5 hour drive). Phone: (808) 572-4400 (general park information).

To the coastal area of Kīpahulu: Via Route 36 to 360 to 31 (3 hour drive). Phone: (808) 248-7375

19. 'Āo Valley State Monument

For a scenic viewpoint of Kūkaemoku (Āo Needle), take a short walk on a paved 0.6-mile path through a botanical garden located adjacent to 'Āo stream. The valley is rich in cultural and spiritual significance and is the site of the Battle of Kepaniwai where the forces of Kamehameha I conquered Kahekili's army in 1790.



Location: End of 'Āo Valley Rd. (Hwy. 32), 'Āo Valley.

Moloka'i

20. Kalaupapa Lookout at the Pālā'au State Park

The lookout provides a scenic overview of Kalaupapa, a special community where Hansen's disease patients were sent to live in isolation from 1866 until 1969. The community was once home to Saint Damien, a Belgian missionary.

Location: End of Kalae Hwy. (Hwy. 47), Pālā'au.

