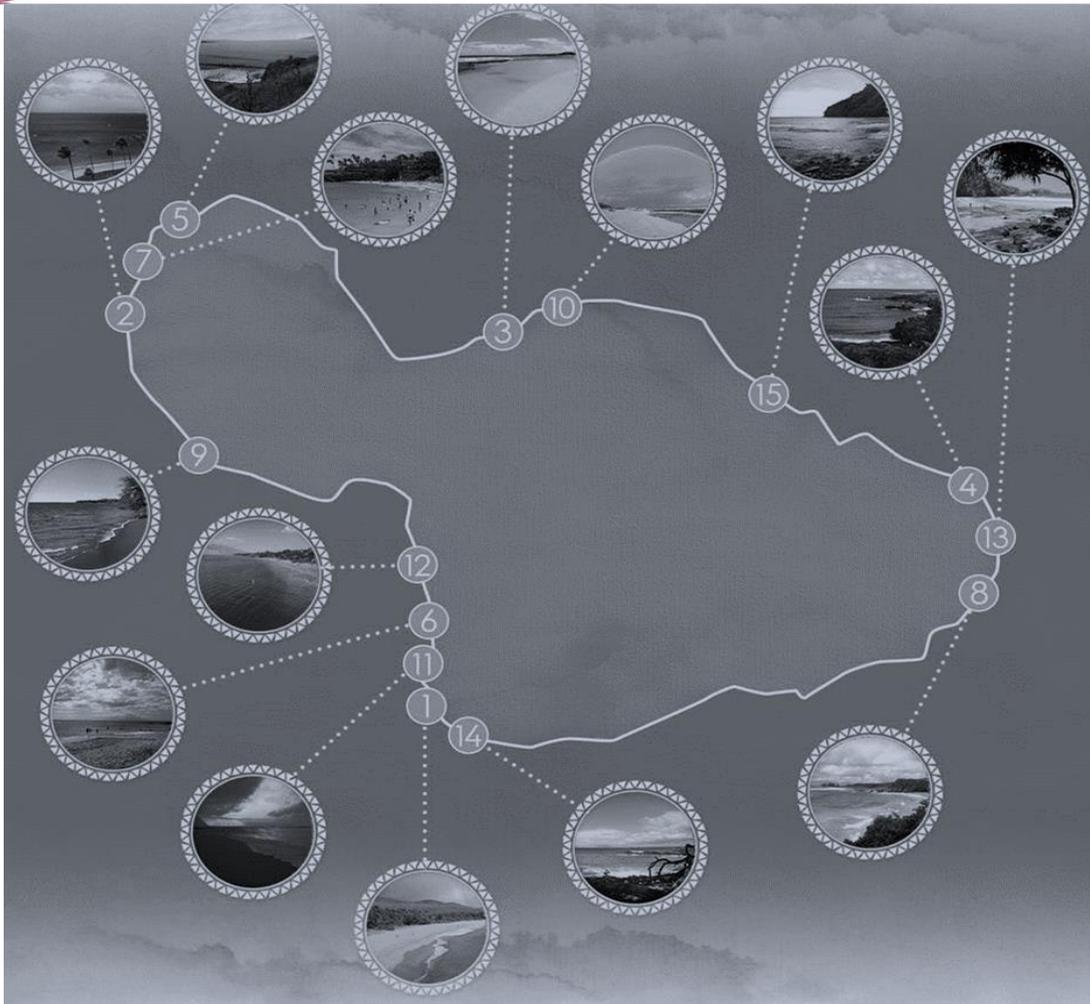




# Maui's Beaches



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**Makena Beach State Park** is South Maui's largest beach with two distinct areas, 'Big Beach' and 'Little Beach,' with three main entry points. Big Beach' is almost 2/3 of a mile long, and is approximately 100 yards wide. This is a perfect beach with swimming, bodyboarding, skim boarding, or snorkeling on Maui. When visiting Makena Beach, visitors should be extremely conscious of the ocean conditions at all times. Do not turn your back to the ocean, and watch the sets carefully. Makena Beach can be calm and flat with smooth rolling waves, and out of nowhere host one big rogue wave will appear. If you're visiting Makena with small children, there is a sweet little cove at the most southern end of the beach, (third entrance). 'Little Beach' is located over the lava rock formations, at the far right of the beach. Once you climb over the rocks (make sure you are hands free), you get to the top and see a pretty sweet view of Big Beach, and continue down to a landing where Little Beach opens up. Little Beach is somewhat of a nude beach, one that is frequented by an open minded group of Maui visitors, residents, and the occasional drum circle crowd.

- lifeguard on duty 8am-4pm (Big Beach)
- picnic areas
- public restrooms (Porta-Potty near first entrance)
- shower (last entrance)



**Ka'anapali Beach** is one of the best beaches on Maui for many reasons. Parking is available at Whalers Village Shopping Center and park your vehicle there. Bring your parking card and have it validated for buying certain items at stores especially restaurants. There are many different restaurants, bars and shops easily in walking distance for those who tire of the sun easily. Many ocean activities are available from this Maui beach including parasailing, boating, surf board, boogie boards, and stand-up paddle board rentals. The far right of Ka'anapali Beach is 'Black Rock,' a popular place to jump off of a huge lava rock formation into the ocean, and also a great place for snorkeling.

- lifeguard on duty 8am-4pm
- public restrooms
- showers



**Baldwin Beach** This beach is located at the 6 mile marker of Hana Highway, just a couple of minutes West of the Historic Town of Paia. For those traveling with small children, head down to the far left of the main parking lot to the West end of the beach, 'Baby Beach.' This area is protected by a barrier reef wall which allows for a calm cover for swimming, playing in the sand, and having a calm family picnic.

- lifeguard on duty 8am-4pm
- picnic areas and BBQs
- public restrooms
- showers



**Wai'anapanapa** literally means "glistening water" in the ancient Hawaiian language. This beach area is located at mile marker 32, right outside of Hana Town. This Maui beach park is infamous for its velvety smooth black sand beach, deep water, lava tubes, hiking trails, sea arches, a blowhole, Anchialine pools, & ancient Hawaiian birthing pools. Wai'anapanapa State Park is a 120-acre protected area with picnic pavilions, 12 rental cabins, tent camping areas, and all the necessary facilities for maximizing on a beautiful East Maui adventure.

- picnic tables, BBQs, campgrounds
- public restrooms
- showers



**Honolua Bay** is located about a 20-minute drive North of the Historic Town of Lahaina. During the Winter months, Honolua is a popular surf spot for experienced surfers. During the calmer Summer months, Honolua is one of the best places on Maui for snorkeling and scuba diving. The bluffs above the beach area provide a perfect spot for watching surfers from a safe distance, or watching an incredibly gorgeous West Maui sunset. To snorkel at Honolua Bay, guests have a couple of options. You can book a snorkel cruise that will bring you to the bay, or you can drive to Honolua, park near the sign for the Honolua-Mokule'ia Bay Marine Life Conservation District, and take a short hike through Honolua's forest. When snorkeling at Honolua Bay, enter the water on the right hand side of the rocky beach. Most people choose to go left to the sandy entrance, but the water is sometimes cloudy there due to a freshwater stream on that side of the bay.

- no public restrooms or showers
- no lifeguard on duty
- please do not leave valuables in your car



**Kapalua Bay** is one of the most beautiful sheltered beaches in Hawaii. Kapalua Bay is amazing because it is also one of the best places to



snorkel if you'd like a chance meeting with a parrot fish, butterfly fish, wrasse, boxfish, scorpion fish, or humuhumunukunukuapuaa, (former State of Hawaii Fish). You may also see a Green Hawaiian Sea Turtle!

- public restrooms
- showers



Olowalu Beach is located on the West Side of Maui, approximately 4 miles South of Lahaina when venturing down the Honoapi'ilani Highway. If you're coming from South Maui and headed West, Olowalu is found before you reach Lahaina. You will drive through a grove of trees and see the Olowalu General Store and Leoda's Bakery. The beach entrance is just before, across the road at mile marker 14.

At Olowalu, beachgoers can find hundreds of acres of beautiful reef for snorkeling. Olowalu is perhaps best experienced on a snorkeling tour because your charter will perch right where the snorkeling is best (approximately 200-400 yards offshore). If you are a confident swimmer, snorkeling is best 20+ yards out. The beach at Olowalu is great for families traveling with small children. The coastline is shallow and protected, and the ocean has very clear visibility.

shaded parking on the mauka (mountain side) of mile marker 14

no public facilities

no lifeguard on duty

For more information, please visit:





Depending on the time of the day, and the time of the year you visit, Ho'okipa Beach Park is a great Maui beach to watch surfers and windsurfers, see the Green Hawaiian Sea Turtle, swim and layout. This is a popular local spot, and one of the most incredible places on the North Shore to watch a magical Maui sunset. Facing the ocean, the far right side of Ho'okipa Beach is a great place to swim and snorkel during the Spring, Summer and early Fall months. It is a very popular Maui beach for water sports, so you will literally see everyone and their mother surfing here. The middle part of the beach is a great place to layout and have a picnic, and children can easily play in the tide pools. This is a great place during the Summer for beginner surfers with experience, and those seeking a place for private surf instruction. If you visit during the Winter months, make sure to look out towards the horizon, you may see a pod of Humpback Whales. During the Winter, Ho'okipa becomes a competitive melting pot for local, professional and international water athletes. If you are going to Ho'okipa to surf, definitely mind your manners! Ho'okipa means 'hospitality' in the ancient Hawaiian language, and that is exactly what you can experience from the Ho'okipa community, as long as you are respectful of the land and ocean. Enjoy Ho'okipa to the fullest, it is one of the most famous beaches in the world!

lifeguard on duty 8am-4pm

picnic tables and BBQs

public restrooms

showers

For more information, please visit:



Located on the North edge of the Maluaka Wetlands in South Maui, Oneuli (aka Naupaka Beach) is a little bit of a 'secret beach' on Maui. It is mostly frequented by locals, experienced scuba divers, and naturalists.

Naupaka Beach is actually part of the Makena State Park, but located on the Wailea side of the Pu'u Ola'i Cinder Cone. In the ancient Hawaiian language, Oneuli means 'black sands,' and that's exactly what you'll find at this South Maui beach. Here, you'll find that the black sand is actually ground lava rock. Also, as you reach the shoreline, you will notice that the edge of the water is actually hard lava. Oneuli Black Sand Beach on Maui is not the best option to choose for a lazy day of sunbathing and taking frequent dips into the Pacific. This beach is best for experienced swimmers, snorkelers, and scuba divers.

To find Oneuli Black Sand Beach, drive South from Wailea towards Makena. Approximately 4 miles South of the Grand Wailea Resort, you will see a dirt access road before Makena's Big Beach parking lot.

no public facilities

no lifeguard on duty

do not leave valuables in your car



Charlie Young Beach is accessed through a residential neighborhood at the most northern end of Kamaole Beach Park, (Kam 1). It is located at the cross section of Ili Ili Road and Kaiiau Place. The best time to go to this beach is in the morning, when the ocean conditions are at it's calmest, and before any trade winds pick up. This Maui beach was named after a man that owned a home above the beach for many years, a very lucky man indeed. The length of the beach is approximately 1/3 of a mile long, which makes it great for a beach run on the soft golden sand, a sunset walk, swimming, sunbathing, or day-long picnics with the family. This is also a perfect Maui beach for stand-up paddling, or snorkeling alongside the lava rock formations near the baby tide pools. lifeguard on duty 8am-4pm (Kamaole Beach 1)  
shower



When exploring East Maui, definitely make a stop at Koki on your list of priorities. When headed towards Kipahulu from Hana Town, you will find yourself driving past the Hana Ranch. On the makai (ocean) side of the road, you will see a sign for Koki Beach and Hamoa Bay. Take a left down that road, and you will be actually driving past the old Hana Airport (now, just an open field). As you get to



the bottom of the road, you will be forced to go right and you'll see parking stalls in front of Koki Beach

Koki Beach is definitely one of the most beautiful beaches on Maui, and it is super rich in Hawaiian history. If you are facing the ocean from Koki, look up

to your left and you'll see a large red cinder hill. This site is called Ka Iwi o Pele which means 'the bones of Pele' in the ancient Hawaiian language. In Hawaiian mythology, it is said that the bones of Fire Goddess Pele were left here after a morbid fight with her sister\*

At Koki Beach, all guests should take precaution of the ocean conditions. During the Summer months, the shoreline opens up with lots of sand for sunbathing, and shallow waters that lead approximately 20-30 feet out pending time of day. After the shallow levels, there is a drop. During the Winter months, ocean conditions at Koki are best for experienced surfers, and strong swimmers only. Koki is a great beach to explore in East Maui. During certain times of the year, you can find seashells and small pieces of Hawaiian peridot glimmering in the sand. But, NEVER take shells or any kind of rocks off the Hawaiian Islands! It is kapu, also known as really bad luck.

no public restrooms or showers

no lifeguard on duty

BBQ grill

parking lot

For more information, please visit:



La Perouse Bay is definitely a must-see sight in South Maui! Located at the very end of Makena Alanui Road (Highway 31), all guests will be completely enthralled by this lava rock ridden bay, and the trail that opens into Maui's historically famous Kings Hawaii. La Perouse Bay is named after French explorer Jean-Francois de Galup Comte de La Perouse, the first westerner to map this area of the Island of Maui.

The Bay at La Perouse is the sight of Maui's most recent lava activity (approx. 1790), and also home to some of Maui's most playful Spinner Dolphin pods. (If you're traveling to La Perouse to see the dolphins, make sure to arrive early at daybreak.)

This South Maui bay is not a beach for swimming, snorkeling, or too much exploring. But, La Perouse does offer a beautiful vantage point for seeing the outer island of Kaho'olawe during a clear day.

When at La Perouse, you will see a trail that heads towards East Maui. This trail has much Hawaiian cultural and historical significance, and is protected Hawaiian archeological land. If you do venture down this coastline trail, please do not travel off of the main path, and absolutely do not touch or move any rocks or stones. This area is part of Maui's King's Trail, and has many protected cultural and spiritual sights including salt pans, heiau stones (religious shrines), and fishing shrines. Look, but do not touch!

no public facilities

parking lot

For more information, please visit:



Honomanu Bay can be found between mile markers 12 and 13 on the historic Hana Highway. This East Maui beach is definitely more frequented by residents of the area, a common gathering place for local family BBQ's, surfing and fishing. It is definitely worth a pull over on the side of the road when headed towards Hana. Views of the bay and jungle surrounding are magical, and it's definitely picture perfect!

If you do try to venture down to the beach, make sure you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle, and that you know how to use it! There are actually two access roads down to Honomanu Bay, but they are not always accessible. So, be careful driving, and make sure you know how to reverse 4-wheel drive in possibly muddy conditions! (BTW, If you do get stuck, Maui car rental companies will consider this off-road, and you will not be covered.)

From the bluffs, Honomanu is the first bay you'll see since Ho'okipa Beach Park. The Bay in itself is rocky and not great for swimming. The surf break is expert level, and you will definitely experience some localism here\* If you do venture into the water at Honomanu, beware of murky conditions (there have been many shark sightings here), rip currents, and hidden reef. There is a fresh water stream that flows from the valley into the Bay that creates a pool on the mauka (mountain) side of the beach. This is a popular spot for kids to play and float on inner tubes, but not deep enough for swimming.

no lifeguards

no public facilities

do not leave valuables in your car