

Honolua Bay – General Information for Visitors



What you should know

Getting to Honolua Bay from land means traveling across private property to get to the snorkel site. This means it is not a County or State maintained area. It is also a designated Marine Life Conservation District or MLC. Certain precautions and provisions need to be considered when entering this area.

1. Pack it in, pack it out - There are no designated garbage cans or refuse personnel.
2. Port-a-potties are stationed at the second parking area on the North side entrance. Please use the potties and not the bushes/ocean.
3. Private property signs are posted throughout the area, please respect the landowner by staying on the designated paths.
4. Parking is available on the main road. It is not advisable to leave valuables in the trunk of the rent-a-car; break-ins have been reported around this area.
5. Rash guards work best for sun protection, but if you are planning to use sunscreen, apply it well before entering the water. Choose waterproof and biodegradable sunscreen, and allow it sufficient time to absorb; if it washes off it may have a harmful effect on the ecosystem.
6. The rocks along shore and the concrete ramp may be slippery and have caused injuries in the past. Use caution when entering the water and seek a sandy entrance point.
7. Fish feeding in this area is discouraged. It has caused aggressive behavior in the fish and may affect the ecosystem.
8. Please keep your hands and your feet to yourself. Touching or standing can harm corals.
9. Sea turtles are a protected species. Please be respectful and do not touch, chase, or surround the sea turtles.
10. Dolphins are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. If you see dolphins entering the bay, please don't chase them.
11. Boats pull in and out of the Bay through the central sand bottom section; be aware and stay clear of them.
12. There is sometime a strong current just outside the mouth of the bay. Be safe by buddying up and keeping track of where you are.

This information has been provided as an educational service intended to support stewardship of this special site. These guidelines should not be construed as officially sanctioned recommendations for safety or any other purpose. It is up to you to decide whether to visit Honolua Bay and/or enter the water. When in doubt, don't go out.



Please help us take care of this area.