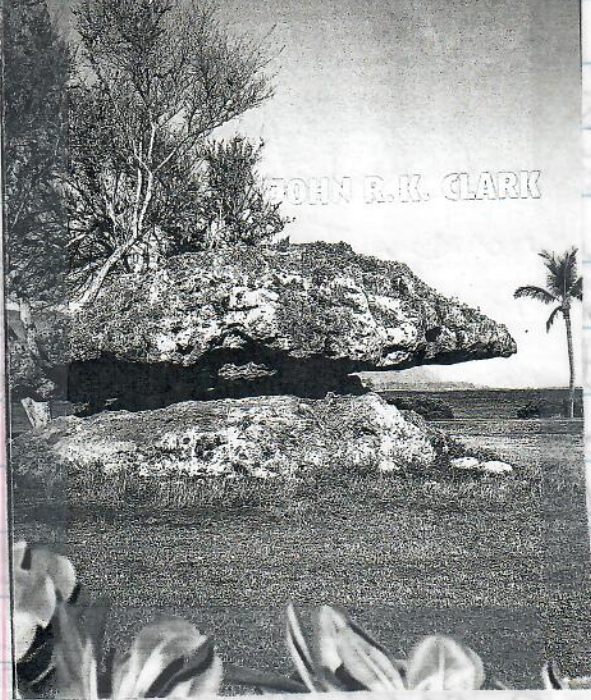


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HAWAII PLACE NAMES


Shores, Beaches, and Surf Sites




→ **Laniākea.** 1. Beach, Kawailoa, O'ahu. Section of Kawailoa Beach between the Lauhulu Stream bridge and Pōhaku Loa Way. Also known as Kūkae'ōhiki. 2. Spring, Kawailoa, O'ahu. Laniākea is the name of a freshwater spring on the beach at the north-east end of Pōhaku Loa Way. During the 1920s a cottage built on the property above the spring was named Laniākea, and a sign with that name was placed on the side of the cottage, where it remained for many years. 3. Surf site, Kawailoa, O'ahu. In November 1955, veteran surfers Pat Curren, Buzzy Trent, Peter Van Dyke, Fred Van Dyke, George Downing, and Wally Froiseth drove up to then unnamed Laniākea. Bud Browne, surfing's first movie producer, accompanied them. The waves were huge and breaking so far out that Browne started searching for an elevated vantage point for his camera.

In the rear of the homes on Pōhaku Loa Way he found an old three-story steel-frame observation tower that had supported an anti-aircraft gun during World War II. After the surf session, the seven of them discussed possible names for the new spot. Browne mentioned that a cottage near the tower he had climbed to film the surf session was called Laniākea and suggested they use the name. Everyone agreed, and they named it Laniākea.

4. Support park (3 acres). Undeveloped park across Kamehameha Highway from Laniākea. *Lit.*, wide sky.

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My husband is pure Japanese, but he was raised by a Hawaiian, Ho'okala, and speaks Hawaiian. His parents were very close to Ho'okala and his wife, so they gave them their baby, and he was raised as a Hawaiian of a fishing family. When he was young, he fished with all of the old Hawaiians in the area. When he got older, he went to court and had his name legally changed to Ho'okala. His *hanai* father is the Ho'okala mentioned in McAllister's book on O'ahu as an authority in the Waiialua District. I'm from Makalawena on the Big Island, but I learned the names from my husband and the other Hawaiians here. Mokumana is the first big rock down from the small islands at Waimea. It looks whole from the front, but is divided on the back. That's why it's named Mokumana, "divided island." Ka'alaea is the point in front of our home. Kumakani is the next big reef. It's in front of the road that's off to the side of Kam Highway. It means "stand against the wind." Kipa is the name of the big rock on the Waimea side of the Paty's house. Kuaumania is the reef and the point at Chun's Reef. Laniākea is the name of the freshwater spring on the Waimea side of the next big point. Sheriff Rose made his home there and called it **Laniākea** after the spring.

 Annie Kalolena Kaninau Ho'okala, November 17, 1972

Lanikai. 1. Boat ramp, Kailua, O'ahu. Ramp in Kailua Beach Park that is also known as Kailua Ramp. 2. Beach, Lanikai, O'ahu. Calcareous sand beach between Alāla and Wailea Points that is considered to be one of the best swimming beaches on O'ahu. Also known as Ka'ōhao. 3. Lighthouse, Lanikai, O'ahu. When Charles R. Frazier named and developed Lanikai in 1924, he erected a concrete monument on Alāla Point at the entrance to the subdivision. The monument was constructed to resemble a New England lighthouse, but has never housed a light, navigational or otherwise. 4. Reef, Lanikai, O'ahu. Long, wide reef off Lanikai Beach. *Lit.*, sea heaven. *Lanikai* was intended to mean "heavenly sea," which it would have if the word order was in English. In Hawaiian, however, the qualifier nor-



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