

### Places to Stay

#### **Becky's Bed and Breakfast:**

Location: Na'alehu  
Phone: (808) 929-9690

#### **Bougainvillea Bed and Breakfast:**

Location: Ocean View  
Phone: (808) 929-7089

#### **Hobbit House:**

Phone: 929-9755

#### **Macadamia Meadows Bed and Breakfast:**

Location: Wai'ohinu  
Phone: (808) 929-8092

#### **South Point Bed and Breakfast:**

Location: South Point  
Phone: (808) 939-7466

#### **Wood Valley-Pahala Bed and Breakfast:**

Location: Wood Valley  
Phone: (808) 928-8212

#### **Shirakawa Motel:**

Location: Wai'ohinu  
Phone: (808) 929-7462

#### **Sea Mountain at Punalu'u Condominiums and Golf Course:**

Location: Punalu'u  
Phone: 928-8301

### Places to Eat

#### **Ohana Drive Inn:**

929-7679  
Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

#### **Cafe Ohia:**

929-8086  
Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

#### **Mister Bell's:**

929-7447  
Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

#### **Ocean View Pizzeria:**

929-9677  
Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

#### **Southpoint Bar and Restaurant:**

929-9343  
Hawaiian Ocean View Estates

#### **Shaka Restaurant:**

929-7404 Na'alehu

#### **Ka'alaiki Lunch Shop:**

929-7147 Na'alehu

#### **Na'alehu Fruit Stand:**

929-9009 Na'alehu

#### **Mark Twain Square:**

929-7550 Wai'ohinu

#### **Punalu'u Bake Shop**

929-7343 Na'alehu

### Annual Events:

March: Banana Festival

4th of July Celebration and Rodco

July: Mango Festival

Sept: Huila and the Arts Festival

### Emergency:

Dial 911

Ka'u Police 939-2520

Crisis Service 935-3393

### Our thanks to:



Family Support Services  
of West Hawaii



National 4-H  
Council

National 4-H Council

University of Hawaii, Kona 4-H Federation

Family Support Services of West Hawaii

De Witt Wallace Foundation

Hawai'i Community Foundation

Best Buy Foundation

Ka'u High School

Na'alehu Elementary School

Mr. Matthew Willard

### References:

\*Hawai'i State Archives

The Great and Majestic District of Ka'u, by

Glenn Winterbottom

Mr. John Replogle

Mr. Thomas Kaniho

# Discover:

# Ka'u

# the Southernmost District of Hawaii

Punalu'u Black Sand Beach; a nesting ground  
for the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle

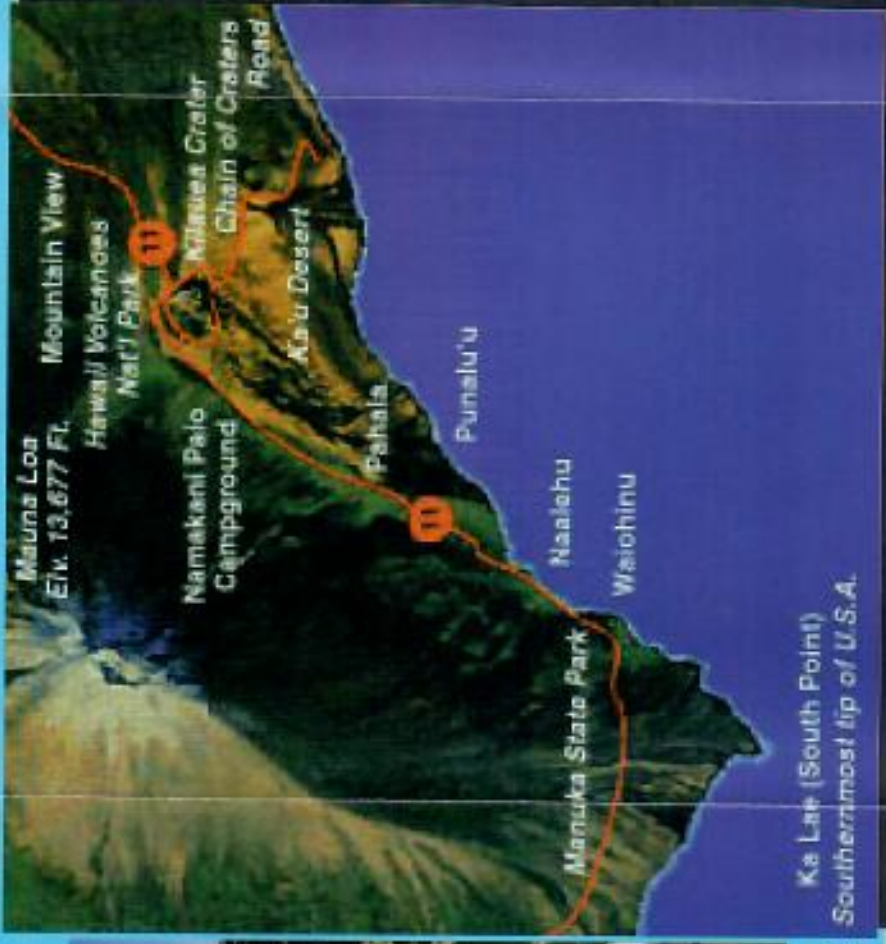


*Bridging the Gap of Isolation Project*

# Explore Kāi'a



*Mahana Bay or Green Sands Beach  
About a 45 minute hike along the coast*



*Kā Lāe (South Point)  
Southernmost tip of U.S.A.*



*Red Hill along the South Coast  
(Aerial View)*



*Whittington Beach Park at Honu'apu  
Camping by Permit*



*Punalu'u Black Sand Beach  
A Nesting Ground for the Green Sea Turtle  
Camping by Permit*



*The Cliffs Along the Coast of South Point*



*Kaulana Bay and Boat Ramp*

# Explore Ka'u

## Some History



*Market at Punalu'u Bake Shop by Ka'u High School Students under the instruction of Kathleen Kam, 1998*

**A.D. 0-300:** First Polynesian settlers reach the Hawaiian Island in the district of Ka'u. They land at Ka Lae (South Point) or Punalu'u

**1200:** Another group of Polynesians came to Hawai'i from Tahiti and conquered the native people.

**1779:** Captain Cook's expedition sails around the Ka'u coast looking for a suitable harbor and William Bligh comes ashore to look for water.



*Honu'apo Landing and village 1908*

**1840:** A school at Nimole is established.

**1841:** Ka'u is the last major land district missionaries come to. French Catholic Father Marechal settles in the vicinity of Wai'ohinu. He is followed by a Presbyterian minister from Virginia, Reverend John D. Paris.

**1853:** Government survey estimates the population of Ka'u to be 2,210 a 50% drop in population occurred within 30 years

**1860:** Kapapala Ranch is started by William Reed and Charles Richardson.



*John W. Peiper*

**1866:** Samuel Clemens "Mark Twain", came to Ka'u on a visit to Hawai'i. In payment for his board he planted a row of Monkey Pod trees in Wai'ohinu, one of which was dedicated to him. Also during this year, Theophilus Brown, a former whaling captain, buys the land of Kahuku and becomes a



*"Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Company Locomotive "Kilanea"*

**1879:** Honu'apo Bay Sugar Mill established.

**1881:** Hawaiian Agriculture Company had the most capacious Sugar Mill in the world.

**1889:** Hilea Sugar Company absorbed by Hutchinson Sugar Company. Na'alehu and Hilea Mills are closed.

**1890:** Both plantations establish railroads to transport cane. The trains were in use until the early forties when they were replaced by trucks and tractor vehicles. Hutchinson and Hawaiian Agricultural company are the only sugar companies in Ka'u.

**1910:** C. Brewer takes over W. G. Irwin and Company which had control over Hutchinson Sugar Company.

**1920:** Ka'alu'alu Ranch was owned by C. Brewer and managed by Willman Reedenburg.

**1942:** Honu'apu Landing shuts down.

**1950:** Ka'alu'alu and Kapapala Ranch merged as Hawaiian Ranch

his son Keoua. There is constant fighting between three factions over control of the Big Island for the next nine years. The three factions are Keoua in Ka'u and Puna, Keawema'uhili in Hilo and Honoka'a, and Kamehameha in Kona and Kohala.

**1790:** Keamaahili aids Kamehameha in a raid on Maui. Keoua fearing an attack by his enemies, attacks Hilo and kills Keamaahili. He then invades Kamehameha's territory. Both fought two indecisive battles and retreat to regain their strength. Keoua's army camps near Kilauea and it erupts killing 400 of Keoua's followers. Still Keoua is able to repulse Kamehameha's attacks.

**1791:** Kamehameha completes heiau in Kawaihae and sends emissaries to Keoua to tell him to come to Kawaihae for a peaceful accord. Keoua agrees and near Kawaihae is attacked by one of Kamehameha chiefs. His body is sacrificed at the new heiau and Ka'u and Hilo are then ruled by Kamehameha

**1823:** William Ellis and a group of Protestant missionaries make a religious survey and estimate the population of Ka'u to be 5,000 to 6,000 persons.



*Hono'apo Landing with Steam Ship and Bullock Cart 1912*

**1868:** The largest earthquake in Ka'u history occurs causing major tidal waves that devastate coastal villagers. Near Kapapala soil is saturated from rain causing mudslides in Wood Valley. A great crack opens a deep fissure 18 miles long that empties lava into the sea.

**1868:** Sugar started in Ka'u by Hutchinson in Na'alehu.



*Drying bagasse for fuel at Na'alehu Sugar Mill*

**1876:** Chinese immigrants work in Sugar Plantations, followed by Filipino, Japanese and Portuguese.

**1877:** Hutchinson buys Wai'ohinu plantation. A partnership with Hilea plantation is formed.

**1878:** Hawaiian Agriculture Company established in Pahala.



*Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Company Store in Na'alehu*



*Hawaiian Ranch*

**1960:** C. Brewer starts Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Company. Daleico Ranch established by Robert Hind and Hebden Porteus.

**1972:** C. Brewer and Hawaiian Agricultural Company merge to become Ka'u Sugar Company.

**1976:** Hawaiian Ranch is sold to Parker Ranch. Today ranches are private leased lands under Bishop Estate, State land, Hawaiian Home land and also C. Brewer fee simple lands.

**1996:** Ka'u Sugar Company closed March 27th.



*John W. Peiper and Thomas Kamito*

**Disasters:**

**March:** Banana Festival  
**4th of July** Celebration and Rodeo

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