



NAUPAKA NEWS

RELAX, SHOP & PLAY AT WAIKOLOA BEACH RESORT

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Native Flora Restoration

THE WAIKŌLOA DRY FOREST INITIATIVE

WHILE THE BEACHES AND MOUNTAINS HAVE STARRING ROLES IN HAWAII ISLAND'S UNIQUE LANDSCAPE, the drier, lower elevations play host to dozens of endemic flora species — many of which have important cultural ties — including the iconic wiliwili tree.

Once common in the dry forest areas surrounding Waikoloa Village a few miles *mauka* from Waikoloa Beach Resort, much of the land on which the native flora thrived became degraded over time by invasive

plants, fire and feral ungulates (wild hooved animals such as goats and pigs) which ate the trees' bark and leaves.

PRESERVE, PROTECT AND RESTORE

In 2011, a group of concerned Waikoloa residents formed the Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative (WDFI) with a mission to “protect, promote and restore the native Hawaiian dry forest.”



They procured a 75-year lease on 275 acres just southwest of Waikoloa Village from the Waikoloa Village Association to create a sanctuary where the wiliwili trees and other dry forest species — including Koʻoluaʻula, kolomona, ʻōhai, ʻaʻaliʻi and pua kala, whose bright flowers dot the landscape — could be protected and restored.

Over the past 15 years Waikōloa Dry Forest has become an important sanctuary for these native plants, with consistent efforts by volunteers in native seeding and forest restoration.

“Wiliwili trees were populous on the island at one time, but about half of the entire population died off over the past century in Waikoloa and continued to do so in recent years,” says Jen Lawson, executive director of WDFI. “We had a big undertaking to begin restoring the wiliwili and other native species

on the land. Volunteers have been instrumental.”

Recently, the Waikōloa Dry Forest expanded to nearly 400 acres of land, collectively owned by the community.

“We’ve completed fencing and are now preparing the restoration project. It is along Waikoloa Road, so people will be able to see it,” Lawson shares.

EDUCATING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Educational programs abound in the forest. Locals, visitors, families and groups can sign up for Waikōloa Dry Forest field trips, Mālama ʻĀina volunteer days, guided First Friday Huakaʻi guided tours and the Biocultural Talk Series — Stories of Place.

“There are people in the forest almost every day of the week. We want people to feel like it’s their forest,” Lawson says.



For more information on
Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative
programs and events
throughout the year, go to
WaikoloaDryForest.org

Fourth and fifth graders participate in WDFI’s Future Foresters after-school program, and a variety of summer camps are available for elementary and middle-schoolers.

“We interact with all the schools, and our Future Foresters Program brings kids in after school four days a week,” Lawson says. “Our education programs have really grown in the past few years. The kids become connected to the place they live. That’s why we do it. The classes now incorporate more culture, history and story along with the science and conservation.”

Lawson reports that not only do the kids get excited, but they take the knowledge they gain at the dry forest home and share it on a family and community-wide basis.

In addition to biodiversity, “The wiliwili tree was significant in Hawaiian culture, so it’s important that it survives,” Lawson says. “The wiliwili tree is super light and was used in making the *ama* (float) on outrigger canoes and surfboards.”

PROTECTING THE LAND

Wildfire is a leading threat to native ecosystems, including the Waikōloa Dry Forest and the areas that surround it. Causes range from fireworks to accidental roadside ignitions to campfires. Over the past few years WDFI volunteers have become leaders in broader wildfire mitigation efforts.

“After the Lahaina fires, we became more involved in the fire break efforts and working to prevent them,” Lawson explains. “We try to support firefighters and the department. When the last fire approached, our fire break

was part of what stopped it. We also built a water tank.”

Though the task of restoring the dry forests of Waikoloa is a big one, Lawson is optimistic.

“It’s working after 15 years of restoration. The landscape has really changed,” she says. “It’s a thriving ecosystem cared for by the community.”

With positive examples like Lawson and the Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative leading the way and educating the next generation of community leaders, Hawaiʻi’s endemic species are hopefully on the path to a bright future. ●





Queens’
Marketplace

Open Daily | Store hours vary,
please call or visit their websites for
hours and more information

ART & JEWELRY

Genesis Galleries
(808) 886-1770

Maui Divers Jewelry
(808) 886-4817

Lava Light Galleries
(808) 756-0778

Mashka Jewelry
(808) 731-7310

ENTERTAINMENT

Kozy’s Comedy & Magic Show
(808) 430-1957

Waikoloa Luxury Cinemas
(808) 464-3009

FASHION

Blue Ginger Family
(808) 886-0022

Cariloha
(808) 886-2608

Coconut Ave
(808) 731-4024

Crocs™ Shoe Store
(808) 886-0213

Kona Surf N’ Sandals
(808) 886-0898

Mahina
(808) 886-4000

Malibu Shirts
(808) 886-0003

Olivia Clare Boutique
(808) 657-4307

OluKai
(808) 731-4088

Oshima Surf & Skate
(808) 339-7305

Reyn Spooner
(808) 886-1162

Rip Curl
(808) 886-1952

GROCERY

Island Gourmet Markets
(808) 886-3577

REAL ESTATE

Hawai`i Life Real Estate Brokers
(800) 667-5028

Kona Coast Vacations
(808) 329-2140

SERVICES

Hilton Grand Vacations Club
(808) 886-0945

ResorticaHawaii
(808) 881-8222

Skin Factory Tattoo
(808) 661-5511

Vacasa
(855) 861-5757

Waikoloa Dental Clinic
(808) 886-0891

Pacific Skin Institute
(916) 925-7020

SPECIALTY & GIFTS

Claire’s
(808) 886-8905

KoaWood Ranch
(808) 238-0419

SoHa Keki
(808) 909-3888

SoHa Living
(808) 464-4268

Sunglass Hut
(808) 886-0274

SPORT & ACTIVITY

Bike Works Beach & Sports
(808) 886-5000

Snorkel Bob’s
(808) 238-0992



Kings’ Shops

Open Daily | Store hours vary,
please call or visit their websites for
hours and more information

ACCESSORIES

Sunglass Hut
(808) 886-0593

APPAREL

Crazy Shirts
(808) 886-9303

Happy Wahine
(808) 339-7037

Hawaiian Island Creations
(808) 315-8862

Jams World
(808) 796-3182

Kahala
(808) 886-0902

Kona Harley-Davidson
(808) 464-4033

lululemon
(808) 867-8466

Mary Jane’s
(808) 886-2707

melin
(808) 238-0597

Noa Noa
(808) 886-5449

Tori Richard
(808) 886-8308

TravisMathew
(808) 865-2452

ART & JEWELRY

Kohala Coast Fine Art
(808) 886-4240

Nā Hōkū
(808) 886-7599

Manta Jewelry & Gifts
(808) 765-4444

Manta Lux
(808) 765-4444

Royal Gold
(808) 886-7701

SERVICES

Big Island Motorcycle Co.
(808) 886-2011

Hawaii Keiki Museum
(808) 315-8862

**Hawaii Vacation Condos
by Outrigger**
(808) 886-0036

Hilton Grand Vacations
(808) 333-5511

Hulakai
(808) 731-7945

Kings’ Shops Management Office
(808) 886-8811

Kohala Coast Properties
(808) 886-6600

Shell Gas Station
(808) 886-9512

Team Clean
(808) 944-8255, ext. 108

SPORT & ACTIVITY

Virtual Golf Ohana
(808) 229-8191

SPECIALTY & GIFTS

Beach Goddess
(808) 481-1668

CocoNene
(808) 909-9019

Martin & MacArthur
(808) 886-0696

Mauna Modern
(808) 315-7374

Nana’s Clay Flowers
(808) 657-9642

Paint Aloha
(808) 353-4433

Whalers General Store
(808) 886-7057



Waikoloa Beach
Resort Golf Shop

Golf Pro Shop
Open Daily | 6:30 am – 6 pm
(808) 886-7888

Waikoloa Beach
Marriott Resort
& Spa

Travel Traders
(808) 886-8146
Daily | 8 am – 10 pm

Mandara Spa
(808) 886-8191
Daily | 10 am – 5:30 pm

Hilton
Waikoloa Village

**Dancing Dolphins and
Big Island Marketplace**
(808) 886-1234 ext. 1744, 1746

Dolphin Quest
(808) 987-3434

Dolphin Quest Gift Shop
(808) 987-3434

Journey
(808) 756-0926

Kohala Salon
(808) 886-2848

Kohala Spa
(808) 886-2828

Kohala Spa Gift Shop
(808) 886-2838

Nā Hōkū
(808) 886 5019

Things Hawaiian
(808) 895-7757

SPOTLIGHT

TEEING OFF FROM THE KINGS’ SHOPS



Virtual Golf ‘Ohana is open
10 am to 8 pm daily and by appointment.
808-229-8191

There’s a new space to play golf along the
Kohala Coast, and both residents and visitors
are discovering just how much fun it is.

Sprawled across 3,000 square feet of
indoor space, Virtual Golf ‘Ohana is the newest
addition to the Kings’ Shops. Here, golfers can
test their swings on two Golfzon simulators and
a putting green while companions observe from
a comfortable lounge.

Virtual Golf ‘Ohana caters to hardcore
players, those new to the game and everyone in
between. It’s a great option for families, teens
and children too.

“Our goal is to bring people together to
practice, compete or connect,” explains owners
Michael and Sally Paris, who toyed with the
idea of opening the store after looking for a
simulator for their garage.

Golfers can select from more than 300
courses around the world to play virtually,
complete with moving floors to recreate

real-world slopes and breaks, and an auto-tee
and ball retrieval system. Golfzon also provides
swing analysis, launch data and video feedback
for golfers who want to improve their game.

“The simulator provides real-time feedback
on every shot,” explains Michael. “There’s also an
app that captures your form, swing and stance so
you can compare one swing to the next.”

The putting system, Puttview, has a variety
of drills as well as putting games for children.

“We thought of this as a way to give back
to the community and grow the game of golf,”
Michael shares. “One of our focuses is to help
raise money for local causes, specifically junior
golfers at schools.”

The facility can also be reserved for
local events, parties, youth programs and
fundraisers. Clubs are included in the cost of
booking a simulator or players can bring their
own. Accessories and apparel are also available.



MARRIOTT RESORT
WAIKOLOA BEACH

waikoloabeachmarriott.com

SUNSET LŪ`AU

Mondays and Wednesdays | Starting at 5 pm

EXECUTIVE CHEF JAYSON KANEKOA PRESENTS AN AUTHENTIC MENU for the popular Sunset Lū`au with fresh ingredients sourced from Hawai`i Island purveyors. Experience slow roasted kalua pig and savor lū`au favorites including Waipi`o Valley poi, `ahi tuna poke, *hō`i`o* fern shoot salad, *pulehu* steaks and grilled chicken with Hamakua Ali`i mushrooms.

Following dinner take a journey through the South Pacific with song and dance from Tahiti, New Zealand, Hawai`i and Sāmoa. The spellbinding Samoan fire knife dance is a spectacular sight to see!

For reservations visit TheSunsetLuau.com

Cancellations must be received 24 hours before your scheduled Luau. There will be no refund if cancellation is not received 24 hours out.



DINING GUIDE

Restaurants open daily unless noted.



CLOCKWISE
FROM ABOVE:
Roy's Waikoloa Bar
& Grill; Kamuela
Provision Company;
Gypsea Gelato

GOLF COURSE

Tropics Ale House and Restaurant

(808) 886-4287
TropicsAleHouse.com

Lunch and dinner
11 am – 10:30 pm

Mauka Bar and Grill

(808) 886-7600
MaukaBarandGrill.com

Breakfast and lunch
7:30 am – 5 pm

Mauka Steakhouse

(808) 886-7600
MaukaBarandGrill.com

Dinner
5 – 9 pm

LAVA LAVA BEACH CLUB

(808) 769-LAVA (5282)
LavaLavaBeachClub.com

11:30 am – 9 pm

Brunch
(Saturdays and Sundays only)
11 am – 3 pm

Lunch
11:30 am – 3 pm

Dinner
3 – 9 pm



HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE

(808) 886-1234
[HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/
dining](http://HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com/dining)

Breakfast Buffet

A lavish breakfast buffet at Water's Edge overlooking the saltwater lagoon. Kids under 12 eat free with a paid adult staying overnight.

7 – 10 am

KPC – Kamuela Provision Company

KPC offers the Island of Hawai`i's most spectacular sunset views. Locally sourced cuisine, from prime steaks to Hawaiian seafood. Reservations recommended. The Bar at KPC features a bar food menu to pair with drinks while you enjoy the firepits and resort views, no reservation needed.

Tuesday – Saturday.
5 – 9 pm

Nui Italian

Authentic, family-friendly Italian dining including stone-fired pizzas, pastas, salads, and more.

Dinner
5 – 9 pm

Bar & Lounge
5 – 9 pm

Validated parking during your meal with proof of \$50 dining or drink purchase.

Lagoon Grill & Bar

Grab a burger, sandwich, salad, or Hawaiian bowl for lunch or early dinner and watch dolphins playing in the lagoon below.

Grill 11 am – 5 pm
Bar 11 am – 6 pm

Lagoon Chill

Dole Whip, sweet treats, souvenirs. Located next to Lagoon Grill.

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Waikoloa Coffee

6 am – 3 pm MAKAI

6 am – noon Ocean Tower



Kona Tap Room

Pub-style bar menu with *pupus* and shareable plates, plus Kona Brewing Company beers on tap. Located at the Main Lobby.

4:30 pm – 11 pm

Live Music
Thursday – Monday
7 – 10 pm

Orchid Marketplace

Grab and go salads and sandwiches. Made-to-order pizzas. Located at Kona Pool.

11 am – 5 pm

Shaka Cones

Ice cream, sorbets and milkshakes. Located at Kona Pool.

11 am – 5 pm

WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

(808) 886-8165
Marriott.com

Harvest 19 Kitchen & Bar

Breakfast
6:30 – 11 am

Lunch
11 am – 5 pm

Happy Hour
2 – 4 pm

Dinner
5 – 9 pm

TACO TUESDAYS

Enjoy tacos, margaritas, and cerveza specials
5 – 9 pm

FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Featuring some of Hawai`i's local musical artists

Starting at 6 pm

Nalu's Pool Bar

10:30 am – 5:30 pm

Aka`ula Lanai Café

Lobby Level

6:30 – 11 am

KINGS' SHOPS

A-Bay's Island Grill

(808) 209-8494
A-Bays.com

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
8 am – midnight

Foster's Kitchen

(808) 657-4500
FostersKitchen.com

Lunch and dinner
11 am – 10 pm

Gypsea Gelato

(808) 886-1540
GypseaGelato.com

11 am – 8 pm

Island Fish & Chips

(808) 886-0005
[KingsShops.com/
island-fish-chips](http://KingsShops.com/island-fish-chips)

10 am – 8 pm

Ono Loa Grill

(coming soon)

Roy's Waikoloa Bar & Grill

(808) 886-4321
RoysHawaii.com

Dinner
4:30 – 8:30 pm

Island Vintage Coffee

(808) 731-5700

Open daily at 6 am

The Original Big Island Shave Ice Company

(808) 895-6069

Tuesday – Sunday
11:30 am – 6:30 pm,
full menu

6:30 – 7:30 pm,
ice cream menu



(808) 886-1234 | HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com

LEGENDS OF HAWAI`I LŪ`AU — OUR BIG ISLAND STORY

Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays | 6 pm | Kamehameha Court

TREAT YOURSELF TO THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CULTURAL IMMERSION of our *lū`au* at Hilton Waikoloa Village. Brought to you by Tihati Productions, the Legends of Hawai`i Lū`au dinner and show brings to life the ancestral songs and dances that retell the epic stories of Hawai`i Island and her remarkable people, culminating in the spectacular and thrilling fire knife dance. You will have the opportunity to capture photo memories with our *lū`au* performers. The meal includes island favorites such as huliuli chicken, seared island catch-of-the-day, traditional *imu* roasted kālua pork and fresh Hawaiian style desserts including coconut haupia and guava cheesecake. Tropical drink favorites include mai tais, blue Hawaiis and lava flows.

Make reservations in advance at LegendsLuau.com. Book early to get your spot.



DINING GUIDE

Please check with individual restaurants on hours of operation.



Kuleana Rum Shack



Waikoloa Shrimp Company

QUEENS' MARKETPLACE

Full-service restaurants.

Bistro at the Cinemas
(808) 464-3009
HawaiiCinemas.com/
the-bistro

Kuleana Rum Shack
(808) 238-0786
KuleanaRum.com

Gecko Girlz
GeckoGirlz.com

Kona Biscuit Co.
(808) 315-7146
@konabiscuitcompany

Patina
(808) 769-8700
@patina.hawaii

Starbucks Coffee Company
(808) 886-1888
Starbucks.com

Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar & Store
(808) 865-6750



QUEENS' MARKETPLACE FOOD COURT

Grab & go and food court eateries.

Da Ramen Kind
(808) 238-0099

L&L Hawaiian Barbecue
HawaiianBarbecue.com

Pono Pastries
PonoPastries.com

Sushi Hi
SushiHiRollsandBowls.com

Waikoloa Pizza
WaikoloaPizza.com

Waikoloa Shrimp Company
WaikoloaShrimpCo.com



WaikoloaBeachResort.com