



# Planning Your Visit to Hanauma Bay

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## Obtaining a Permit

**City Ordinance requires all groups to obtain a permit prior to visiting Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. The education permit\* includes a 30 min educational orientation.**

- Contact Hanauma Bay Education Program (HBEP) at least two weeks prior to date of requested visit. Call early to guarantee your preferred date.
  - ✓ Phone (808) 397-5840
  - ✓ E-mail: hanauma@hawaii.edu
- Be prepared to give:
  - ✓ Name of group & contact person
  - ✓ Phone, email, and mailing address
  - ✓ Number of individuals in group (45 per permit, maximum)
  - ✓ Age or grade level of group
  - ✓ Date of requested visit
  - ✓ Time of requested visit:  
9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm or 2:30pm
- HBEP will forward your permit request to the City & County Park Office. A permit application will be drawn up and emailed to you. At that time, please review the necessary information, sign, and email or fax back to the park office.
- If approved, the permit will be signed by the park manager and emailed back to you. **Please make sure each driver has a copy of the permit when you visit.**

## On-Site Procedures

- Buses and other commercial vehicles may not park at the bay. Buses/Commercial vehicles may drop-off and pick-up in the commercial lot only. Personal vehicles (cars, vans) may park in the parking lot for a \$1 fee.
- If the parking lot is full, groups with permits will still be admitted to the park. Simply identify yourself to the park staff and show them your permit.
- An HBEP representative will meet the group outside the main entrance to the education center. Groups will not be accommodated earlier than their permitted time. **Please be prepared to present your permit when you meet our staff members.**
- There is a \$7.50 entrance fee for all non-residents 13 years or older. (Admission is free for Hawai'i residents with proper ID). **Please have payment for the entire group together** to expedite entry (cash & credit cards only). The HBEP representative will escort the group leader to the ticket window to pay the fee.
- The HBEP representative will lead the group through the education center for a private, mandatory 30 min. orientation before the group proceeds to the beach.

\* No commercial groups will be permitted.

## **Additional Park Information:**

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### **Directions to Hanauma Bay**

Take Kalaniana`ole Highway(Route 72) heading toward Koko Head (east from leeward O`ahu or south from windward O`ahu). Signs indicate the turnoff into the Hanauma Bay parking area. Commercial vehicles must drop off passengers in the commercial lot only and may only stay for a maximum of 15 minutes. Personal vehicles (cars, vans) may park in the parking lot for a \$1 fee.

### **Hours of Operation** (add one hour to closing for summer hours)\*

**Park:** 6:00am – 6:00pm\* daily (Closed Tuesdays)

**Life Guards on Duty:** 6:30am – 5:30pm \*

**Snorkel Rental:** 7:00am – 5:00pm\*

**Tram:** 6:15am - 5:30pm\*

**Food Concession:** 8:00 am – 4:30pm

**Gift Shop:** 8:00am – 5:00pm\*

### **Facilities Available**

**Education Center Classroom:** equipped with video, audio, DVD, and data projector; can be used for presentations and other educational activities by the Education Program staff.

**Restrooms:** in upper picnic area, in the education center, and on the beach

**Changing Rooms:** in the restrooms on the beach

**Showers:** several locations on the beach

**Drinking Fountains:** near beach showers, gift shop, and snack bar

**Picnic Areas:** picnic tables in the upper park

**Equipment Rentals:** Contact Snorkel Rental Shop 808-396-3483 for information

**Telephones:** near upper picnic area restrooms & next to women's restroom on the beach

### **What to Bring**

**Group Permit:** to present to park staff (a copy for each driver) **\*\*REQUIRED**

**Sun Protection:** sunglasses, hat, rash guard, sunblock

**Rain jacket** (rain is rare at the park, but if it does rain, there is not much shelter)

**Footwear:** athletic sandals are ideal if both walking in sand and along ledges, slippers acceptable if only going in the sand and the water.

**Swimsuit & towel** (if going in the water)

**Personal Lifeguard** (if going in the water)

**Drinking Water:** to avoid multiple trips to the drinking fountains with thirsty students

**First Aid Kit:** for minor bumps and scrapes (lifeguards also have supplies and will assist with first aid)