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**North Shore
Huaka'i**
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*Explore Local. Support Local.
Experience the North Shore.*



Welcome to the North Shore Huaka'i

Mahalo for joining us on this journey through Waialua and Hale'iwa, two communities rich in history, culture, and aloha.

By choosing to spend your day here, you're doing more than visiting the North Shore—you're supporting local families, small businesses, and the communities that help preserve the unique spirit of Hawai'i.

Along the way, you'll discover local stories, meet local entrepreneurs, and experience a side of Hawai'i that many visitors never see. We invite you to explore, connect, and embrace the people, places, and traditions that make the North Shore so special.

We hope you leave with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for the communities that call this place home.

E komo mai, and enjoy your huaka'i.

Passport Challenge & Stamps

► Become a North Shore Ambassador

- ☐ Visit Waialua
- ☐ Visit Hale'iwa
- ☐ Support a local retailer
- ☐ Enjoy a local meal
- ☐ Visit a local coffee shop
- ☐ Learn something new about North Shore history
- ☐ Collect 5 Passport Stamps

► Collect Your Stamps

Collect your Passport Stamps from participating vendors and receive a gift on your ride back.

STAMP HERE

Today's Journey in Waialua

► Stop 1 – Explore Historic Waialua

Your journey begins in Waialua, a community shaped by generations of agriculture, entrepreneurship, and resilience. Once home to one of O'ahu's largest sugar plantations, the historic Waialua Sugar Mill now serves as a gathering place for local businesses, artisans, farmers, and makers who continue the area's tradition of hard work and innovation.

As you explore the mill and surrounding businesses, you'll discover locally crafted products, Hawai'i-grown coffee, small family-owned shops, and unique experiences that reflect the character of the North Shore. Many of the businesses you'll encounter are owned and operated by local residents who have deep ties to the community.



*The Waialua Sugar Mill, formally known as the Chamberlain Plantation, was a sugarcane plantation and historical sugar mill, located in the town of Waialua on the North Shore of O'ahu. It was in operation from 1865 until 1996.
Photo: HaleiwaTown.com*

Historic Waialua Shopping Guide

Tucked between the mountains and the sea, Waialua offers a glimpse into the North Shore's agricultural roots, local entrepreneurship, and small-town charm.

► FOOD & DINING

SURF N SALSA

Authentic Mexican cuisine made with fresh ingredients and considered one of Waialua's local favorites.

WAIALUA GENERAL STORE

A longtime community gathering place serving local and Filipino-style favorites. Don't miss Wednesday's BBQ featuring steak, ribs, and chicken.

NANI'S CAFÉ

A unique blend of vegan offerings, Japanese-inspired bentos, fresh coffee, and healthy meals.

► COFFEE

WAIALUA COFFEE

Locally grown and roasted coffee showcasing the agricultural heritage of the North Shore.

MELE MELE

A cozy stop for coffee, refreshments, and local treats.



Waialua Makers & Wellness

► SHOPPING & LOCAL MAKERS

ISLAND X HAWAIIAN VANILLA

Learn about Hawaiian-grown vanilla and shop locally produced vanilla products and gifts.

THE SOAP FACTORY

Handcrafted soaps, lotions, candles, and locally made gifts located in the historic Sugar Mill district.

BROWN BOTTLES

Unique gifts, home goods, and locally sourced products.

VELZY VINTAGE

Vintage apparel, surf-inspired collectibles, and one-of-a-kind North Shore treasures.

NORTH SHORE FARM STAND

Fresh produce, local snacks, and products sourced from Hawai'i growers and makers.

THE SILOS

A growing collection of local businesses, artisans, and entrepreneurs located within the historic Sugar Mill property.

► WELLNESS

NORTH SHORE LOMI LOMI

Traditional Hawaiian healing and massage rooted in generations of practice.

CAPELLI SALON

Professional hair and beauty services in the heart of Waialua.

STAY SHARP BARBER SHOP

A local barber shop known for classic cuts and community conversation.

Today's Journey in Hale'iwa

► Stop 2 – Explore Historic Hale'iwa

Continue your journey in Hale'iwa, the cultural and commercial heart of O'ahu's North Shore. Browse locally owned shops, discover unique art galleries, enjoy island-inspired cuisine, and experience the charm of this historic plantation town.

From local artisans and entrepreneurs to family-owned restaurants and small businesses, every stop offers an opportunity to connect with the people and stories that make Hale'iwa so special. Take your time, explore, and enjoy all that the North Shore has to offer.



Photo: HaleiwaTown.com

Historic Hale‘iwa Shopping Guide

► Restaurants & Dining

7 BROTHERS

Family-owned restaurant known for island-style burgers.

POKE FOR THE PEOPLE

Fresh poke prepared daily.

FARM TO BARN

Farm-to-table dining featuring ingredients grown on their own farm.

JAX PIZZA

Known for handcrafted pizzas and its famous beet salad.

STORTO'S DELI

Large sandwiches perfect for a beach day.

CHOLO'S HOMESTYLE MEXICAN

A Hale‘iwa institution.

KILLER TACOS

Fresh tacos and island-inspired Mexican cuisine.

SEAFOOD CARTEL

Authentic Mexican flavors paired with fresh seafood.

HI PIE

Handcrafted savory pies and specialty drinks.



Explore Hale‘iwa

► More Restaurants & Dining

THE FIXX

Asian and local-inspired breakfast and lunch favorites.

BEACH HOUSE

Relaxed dining featuring local comfort food.

L&L HAWAIIAN BARBEQUE

Plate lunch favorites and Hawaiian-style comfort food.

GIOVANNI'S SHRIMP TRUCK

Hawai‘i's iconic garlic shrimp destination.

HALE‘IWA SEAFOOD

Fresh seafood and local-style plates.

CRISPY GRINDZ

Popular local comfort food.

► Coffee & Refreshments

BIRD'S NEST

Local favorite coffee stop.

SAILOR'S COFFEE

Great coffee and a welcoming atmosphere.

NALU HEALTH BAR

Smoothies, juices, and healthy refreshments.

HALE‘IWA BOWLS

Acai bowls and healthy treats.

► Shopping

MAUI DIVERS JEWELRY

NORTH SHORE GOODIES

THE UKULELE SITE

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ALOHA GENERAL STORE

BOARDRIDERS

WHALER'S GENERAL STORE

SPLASH HAWAII

GROWING KEIKI



The Stories of Waialua & Hale‘iwa

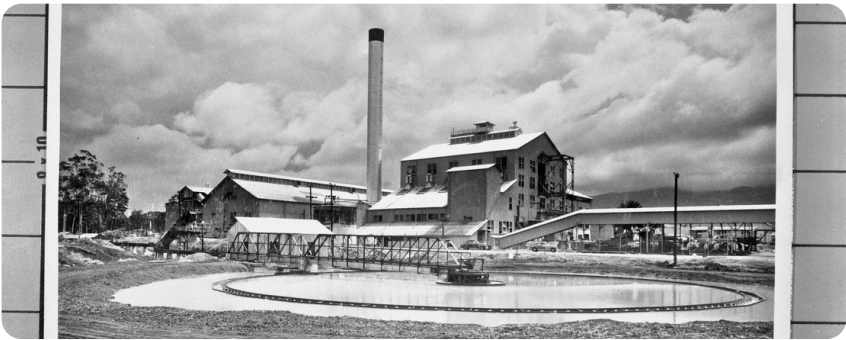
Understanding the place you are visiting

► Waialua – The Land of Two Waters

The name Waialua is commonly translated as "two waters," referring to the area's abundant freshwater resources and the connection between the mountains and sea.

For generations, Waialua was known for its fertile lands, fishponds, and agricultural abundance. The region supported extensive cultivation of *kalo* (taro), *‘uala* (sweet potato), and other crops, while nearshore fisheries helped sustain families living along the coast.

The *moku* (district) of Waialua stretched from the mountains to the sea, creating a balanced system that provided food, water, and resources for the community. Where we now associate Waialua town is in the *ahupua‘a* (land division) of Kamananui. The area's rich soils and reliable water sources made it one of the most productive agricultural regions on O‘ahu.



In the late 1800s, Waialua became one of Hawai‘i's major sugar-producing regions. The Waialua Sugar Plantation transformed the local economy and brought workers from around the world to Hawai‘i. While the plantation era has ended, many of the historic buildings remain and have been reimagined as homes for local businesses, artisans, and entrepreneurs. Today, Waialua continues to be a place where agriculture, small business, and community remain deeply connected.

The Stories of Waialua & Hale‘iwa

Understanding the place you are visiting

► The Story of Hale‘iwa

Located in the ahupua‘a of Pa‘ala‘a, Hale‘iwa is commonly translated as "House of the ‘Iwa Bird," referring to the graceful frigate bird often seen soaring above Hawai‘i's coastlines. In Hawaiian tradition, the *‘iwa* is also a symbol of beauty, leading some to interpret Hale‘iwa as the "home of attractive people."

The name was first associated with the area through the Waialua Female Seminary, a boarding school that operated along the banks of Anahulu Stream in the late 1800s. It later gained wider recognition through the Hale‘iwa Hotel, a seaside resort built by Benjamin Dillingham in 1898 that welcomed visitors arriving by rail from Honolulu. At the time, the name was often translated as "beautiful home."

For generations, Hale‘iwa has served as a gathering place for North Shore communities. Situated near the mouth of Anahulu Stream, it became a center for commerce, recreation, agriculture, and fishing, connecting residents to both the land and sea. The Hale‘iwa Hotel helped establish the area as one of Hawai‘i's earliest visitor destinations, drawing travelers to experience the beaches, fishing, and natural beauty of the North Shore.

Today, Hale‘iwa remains the cultural and commercial heart of the North Shore. While the town has grown and evolved over the years, it continues to retain its historic charm and strong sense of community, shaped by the local businesses, artists, farmers, fishermen, and families who call it home.

► A Living Community

The North Shore is more than a destination. It is home to generations of Native Hawaiian families and local communities whose traditions, stories, and connections to these lands continue today.

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Mālama ‘Āina—Caring for the Land

Mālama ‘āina means caring for and stewarding the land. For Native Hawaiians, the land is more than a resource. It is family, identity, and a source of life. The concept reminds us that when we care for the land, the land cares for us in return.

► Traditional Examples of Mālama ‘Āina

- Maintaining *loko i‘a* (fishponds) to provide food for communities while protecting marine resources.
 - Harvesting plants, fish, and other resources only as needed and allowing them time to replenish.
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► Modern Examples of Mālama ‘Āina

- Participating in beach cleanups and protecting coastal ecosystems.
- Supporting local farmers and purchasing locally grown food.
- Conserving water, reducing waste, and protecting Hawai‘i’s natural resources for future generations.
- Volunteering in community workdays that care for parks, trails, streams, and cultural sites.

Mālama ‘āina is not just a traditional practice. It is a responsibility that continues today, helping ensure Hawai‘i’s lands and waters remain healthy for future generations.

By supporting local businesses, respecting cultural sites, staying on designated trails, and leaving places better than you found them, you too can practice mālama ‘āina during your visit to the North Shore.

Understanding the Land, the People, and the Connection Between Them

The North Shore is more than a collection of towns, beaches, and businesses. For generations, Native Hawaiians have understood this place through a deep relationship with the land, ocean, water, and community.

As you travel through Waialua and Hale'iwa, we invite you to see the North Shore through a Native Hawaiian lens.

► Moku

Moku are traditional land districts that divide an island into larger regions. On O'ahu, the island was traditionally divided into six *moku*: Ko'olauloa, Ko'olaupoko, Kona, 'Ewa, Wai'anae, and Waialua. ***Our huaka'i focuses on the moku of Waialua.***



► Ahupua'a

Mountain to Ocean

Each *moku* (district) was divided into *ahupua'a*—land divisions stretching from the mountains to the sea that provided all resources necessary to sustain life. Native Hawaiians managed these areas not as isolated pieces, but as a single, interconnected living system where the health of the uplands directly impacted the streams, agricultural lands, and ocean.

The Waialua *moku* on the North Shore consists of seven distinct *ahupua'a*: Ka'ena, Keālia, Kawaihāpai, Mokulē'ia, Kamananui, Pa'ala'a, and Kawailoa.

Our journey today will primarily be in Kamananui and Pa'ala'a. As you travel across the North Shore today, take a moment to notice this natural flow of water and life, and how deeply connected the mountains and the ocean remain.

Today's Route Across O'ahu



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