



## Don't change Moloka'i. Let Moloka'i change you.

On an island where most residents are Native Hawaiian, time-honored customs and traditions have shaped life here for generations.

*Aloha ake, aloha maui, Aloha is reciprocal.*



## Visit Responsibly

We encourage you to take care while experiencing the many wonders of Moloka'i. Tours led by local hosts are an excellent way to stay safe and support local businesses while deepening your appreciation for this amazing place. Be careful and alert when visiting, and:

- Stay on paved roads and avoid venturing off the beaten path on your own. Beware of flash floods up *ma uka* (inland), as they can come with very little warning.
- *Kapu* means “keep out,” so do not enter places where you see these signs.
- There are no lifeguards on Moloka'i beaches. Please exercise caution in the water, as strong currents and undertows are often present.
- Take your *'opala* (trash/rubbish) with you. Leave the place better than you found it.
- To prioritize safety and avoid trespassing, stay with your group or local host when visiting. Be conscious of places where visitors may not be welcome, even if you see local residents, and especially if there are no other people present.
- Above all, remain kind and polite. If you think a potential conflict may arise, leave quickly and avoid escalating the situation.



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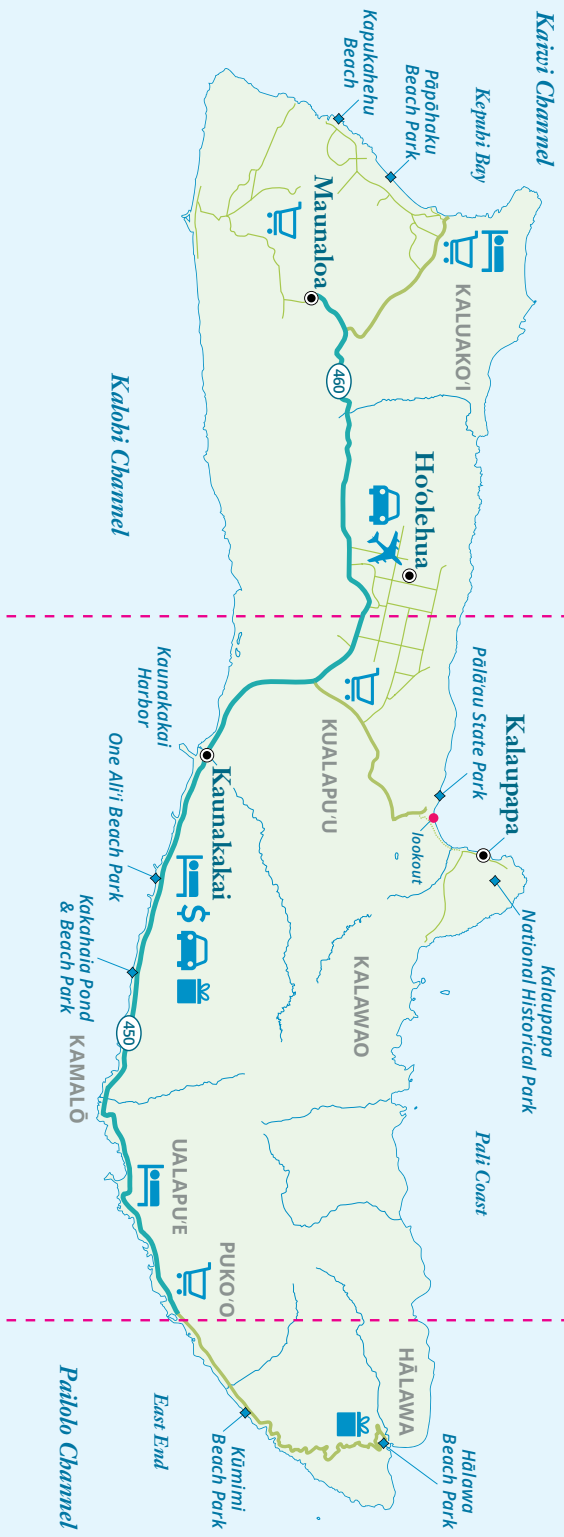
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# Moloka'i

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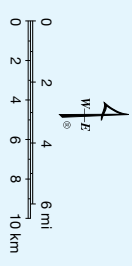




# Molokai'i

## Map Legend


Island Size: 260 square miles  
 Length: 38 miles  
 Width: 10 miles  
 Coastline: 88 miles



## Our 'āina (land). Our home.

One way of understanding our home is to learn the many sayings of Molokai'i that have been given and used throughout the ages. "Molokai'i Pule O'o" reflects the island's strong spiritual connection, translating to "Molokai'i of the potent prayers." "Molokai'i Nui a Hina" honors the island as the offspring of Hina, emphasizing the rich heritage woven into its landscapes. Finally, "Molokai'i 'Aina Mōmona" means "Molokai'i, Land of Abundance," celebrating the island's bounty. Together, these sayings offer a glimpse into the diverse tapestry of Molokai'i's cultural and natural heritage.

We ask all visitors to share in the *kūlema* (responsibility) to preserve the culture and character of Molokai'i. Please be mindful of our laws and traditions during your visit. We invite you to seek out volunteer opportunities to better appreciate our culture and fragile ecosystems.

Many Native Hawaiians have been displaced due to the impacts of outside economic interests and investments. While visiting, we ask that you support locally-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Carefully consider your community impact, especially on future generations.

### LANGUAGE

Molokai'i residents generally omit the use of diacritical marks such as the *ʻokina* (glottal stop) and *kahiko* (macron). Historically, the Hawaiian language was an oral tradition, so diacritical marks were not used. To learn more, including the two ways to pronounce Molokai'i, just ask your local host.



## Kaunakakai Town

### RESOURCES

Resources and supplies are very limited. Most resources are found in the main town of Kaunakakai, including gas stations and banks. Please plan accordingly and reference the maps for information on specific locations.

### BUSINESS HOURS

Most Molokai'i businesses are locally-owned. Be sure to check hours of operation for opening and closing hours. Many also closed on Sundays.

### SAFETY

Please heed all posted rules and safety guidelines and be aware that emergency and medical services are limited. There is only one hospital in Kaunakakai. In case of emergency, call 911.

### DRIVING TIPS

- Go with *aloha!* Be respectful and patient on the road. Drive slowly in school zones, near residential areas and when heading east on our narrower roads.
- Be *maka'ala* (aware and alert) while driving and visiting. Research the area you are visiting and go with a local host.
- Reduce your speed at night and keep an eye out for deer, as many areas do not have street lights.