

## Recreation/Activities

### Activities

See **Maui Revealed**, for an extensive list of activities such as snorkeling, zip lining, surfing, hang gliding, wind surfing, kayaking and many other activities. Contact information is also provided. We have left a copy of this book in the condo, but please do not remove it.

**Concierge Connection: (888-875-9366)** [www.mauiconcierge.com](http://www.mauiconcierge.com)

**Concierge Connection** is a full service concierge agency in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii. They offer complementary vacation planning services to Maui visitors and can assist you with information about activities on Maui including luaus, great beaches, golf tee times (prior to arrival), windsurfing and snorkeling.

**Entertainment:** The Thursday issue of the Maui News provides an entertainment section which is an excellent source of information.

### Golf

**Wailea Blue Course:** (808) 875-5155

**Wailea Gold and Emerald Courses:** (808) 875-7450

Please note: When making a reservation at a Wailea golf course, please advise the golf shop that you are staying at Ekahi to receive a discount.

### Tennis

**Wailea Tennis Courts:** (808) 879-1958. Offers 11 courts and are only a few minutes drive from Ekahi Village.

### Snorkeling and Scuba Diving

**Maui Dive Shop:** (800) 542-3483 is located at 1455 South Kihei Road. It offers rental and sale of snorkel and scuba gear. They can also provide you information on snorkeling/scuba locations and excursions, including boating excursions to Molokini Island. This is the shop where we have consistently received good service. There is a smaller Maui Dive Shop at the Shops at Wailea. There are also many other water sports stores.

#### **Snorkel/Dive Locations:**

1. La Perouse Bay is a favorite snorkeling area. To get to La Pérouse Bay, drive south past Wailea and Makena to the end of Makena Alanui Road. You're almost there when the road narrows and you find yourself inching along a bumpy path through massive lava fields. This alien-esque landscape of jagged black rocks and boulders marks the path where lava flowed during Maui's last volcanic eruption around 1790. At the road's end, you'll find an often-crowded parking lot where you can hop out and explore. Entry can be difficult in this area as it is all lava. Be careful and wear shoes. Look for a spot to the right of shore. While you can walk north over the lava for easier entry, this is private property. The whole

area is great for snorkeling with the best to the right in the lagoon. Be aware of strong currents and swells. This is for more advanced snorkelers as the weather conditions must be right.

2. Ulua Beach. A closer spot which offers a good selection of tropical fish is off the beach at Ulua, which is a 5 minute walk along the beach, going south. It is best to snorkel early in the morning. Good swimming, boogie boarding and excellent beginner to intermediate snorkeling around the rocky outcrop on the north end of the beach. Ulua Beach fronts the Wailea Elua Village condos and is popular with dive instructors, as there is a good beginner level dive at the outer reef

3. 'Ahihi Bay is located 5.3 miles from Wailea Shopping Village, going south on Wailea Alanui, past stone walls and houses. Waiala Cove itself is shallow, and entirely made from large lava rocks often covered with spiny sea urchins. The shallowness of the cove is a main attraction but also poses the main hazard – especially during times when the ocean is particularly rough or waves are coming directly into the cove. Since snorkelers are floating, they're largely at the mercy of the water level and wave action – rough seas here mean you're getting up-close and personal with shallow or partially submerged boulders. Snorkelers should avoid this cove in rough conditions.

4. Molokini Island is a private fish reserve. You may take one of several charters offered, which are half-day or full-day excursions. It is usually fabulous snorkeling and diving. Molokini is a crescent-shaped, partially submerged volcanic crater which forms a small, uninhabited islet located in Alalakeiki Channel between the islands of Maui and Kaho'olawe, within Maui County.

**Beach walk:** A wonderful way to see the Wailea shoreline is along the beach path that goes north and south from Ekahi Village. If you go south, you will walk past several hotels, all with great restaurants/shops. There is a deli/coffee spot in most of the hotels and a great one on the walk near the Marriott Hotel. You can also head north along one of Wailea, Maui's premier beaches, the famous Keawakapu Beach, and one-half mile away is The Five Palms Restaurant, which is situated on the beach and offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Or, dine at the magnificent Sarento's (on the beach) for a great meal overlooking the islands of Molokini, Kahoolawe and Lanai, providing guests with unsurpassed romantic ocean views.

## **Hiking**

**Haleakala:** If you are an early riser, the Haleakala Crater offers a strikingly beautiful sunrise and wonderful hiking opportunities. It is a two hour drive from the condo, and you should dress in layers as it is very cold until the sun comes up. Alternatively, you can arrive later and enjoy breakfast at the Kula Lodge which is on the way. The surface of the crater has been likened to the surface of the moon.

**Hike Maui:** (808) 879-5270 offers guided natural history excursions on foot with half-day and full-day hikes. Maui waterfalls, Haleakala Crater, zip lining, and

other Maui tours...no matter what adventure you desire, Hike Maui will show you safety, information, and fun.

**Oheo Gulch Hike:** The drive is approximately 10 miles from Hana on the beautiful deserted south shore of Maui along the old Pi'ilani Highway to Seven Pools at Kipahula. Take a gradual one to two hour fairly easy hike along Pookeo Stream by several waterfalls and swimming holes, through a guava orchard stopping at a large swimming hole where you can jump from the rocks above anywhere from 10 to 30 feet. Then continue through bamboo forests to Waimoku Falls. These Falls originate out of Mount Haleakala where more than 300 inches of rain falls annually.

**Waihee Valley Hike/Iao Needle Swim:** Approximately a 30 minute drive to the Waihee Valley, then you hike up this remote valley about two miles over Indiana Jones-style swinging bridges to the end where there is a large pool beneath a waterfall and a rope swing you can use to jump out into the middle of the pool. The hike is up hill, but not particularly difficult although there could be rain and mosquitoes as you are going into the wetter part of the Island. The Iao River swim is located nearby and you could drive within five minutes of the Iao River swimming hole for a dip.

**Nakalele Blowhole:** Wear tennis shoes, NOT FLIP FLOPS. Drive left around the remote north side of the Island, approximately one hour, to the Nakalele Blowhole. If the surf is right, this could be an incredible experience. forceful explosion of seawater that erupts on a regular basis—often as frequently as every few minutes when the surf and wind are both up. Set on the island's northwestern coast, Nakalele Blowhole is a natural geyser where seawater trapped in an underwater lava tube is searching for a way to escape. When viewing the Nakalele Blowhole in morning, there is often a rainbow that forms in the mist if you keep the sun toward your back, and whales are often seen leaping in the distance from December all the way through May. Despite the geyser's beauty, however, it's important to remember the blowhole is dangerous and accidents frequently happen—particularly when people stand too close and slip and fall on the rocks.

### **Fitness Centers**

**Valley Isle Fitness:** (808-874-2844) 41 East Lipoa St.  
[info@valleyislefitnesscenter.com](mailto:info@valleyislefitnesscenter.com)

**REPS Training Center:** (808-875-1066) 1847 South Kihei Rd, Unit 202  
[info@respsfitness.com](mailto:info@respsfitness.com)

**South Maui Fitness:** (808-633-4679) 95 E Lipoa St. Kihei. South Maui Fitness is a great alternative to the big gyms. A perfect place to start, low key, casual and comfortable. 24 hour access fits the Maui lifestyle for both locals & visitors.