

Things to Do:

- (1) Mālaekahana State Recreation Area
- (3) Hukilau Park
- (5) Mormon Temple
- (6) Lā'ie Point County Park
- (8) Brigham Young University-Hawai'i (293-3211)
- (11) Kokololio Beach and Pounder's Beach
- (10) Polynesian Cultural Center (293-3333 or 1-800-367-7060)

Places to Eat:

- (4) Hukilau Cafe (293-8616)
- (7) Lā'ie Village Shopping Center, with L&L Drive Inn, Lā'ie Chop Suey, Angel's Ice Cream, Subway and Dominoes Pizza
- (9) McDonald's and Chevron Gas

Places to Stay:

- (1) Mālaekahana State Rec. Area
- (3) Hukilau Park
- (6) Lā'ie Inn (293-9282, or bestinn@hawaii.rr.com)

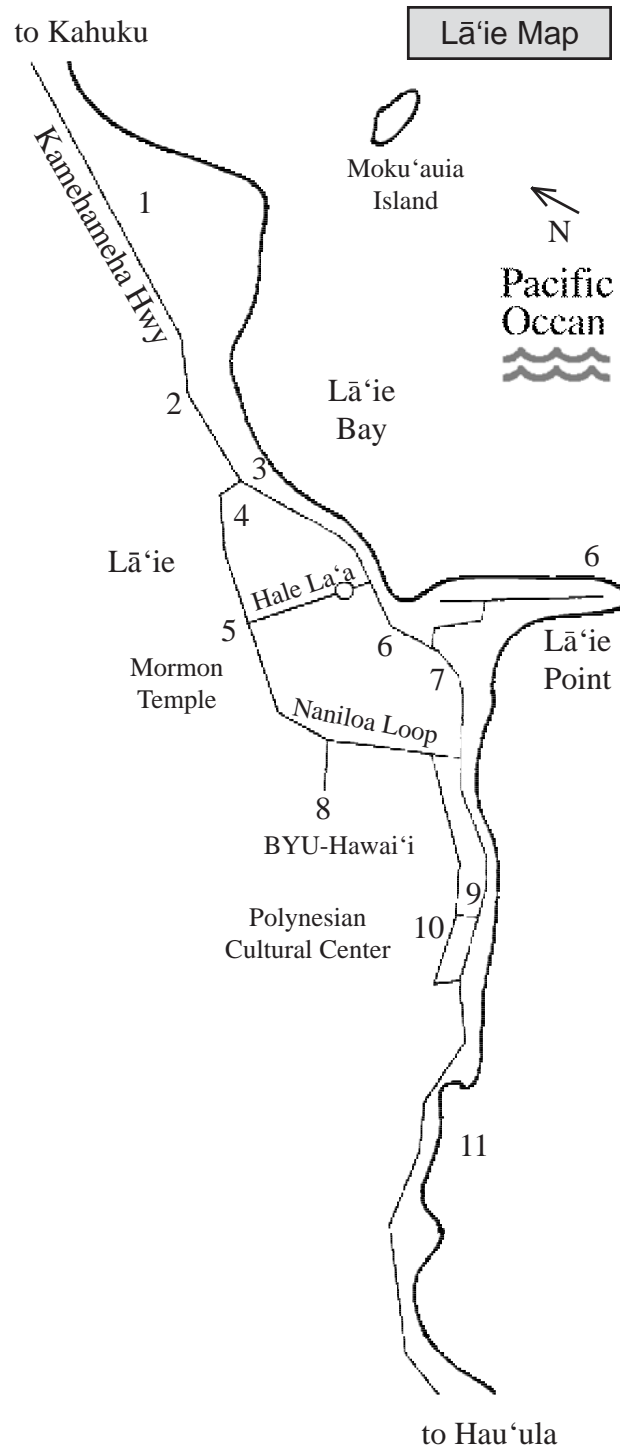
Things to Buy:

- (2) Lā'ie Country Store & Surfer's Paradise
- (7) Lā'ie Village Shopping Center (supermarket, bank, hardware store, theaters, and other services)

Important Phone Numbers:

- ◆ Hawai'i Dept. of Land and Natural Resources (camping permits): 587-0300
- ◆ Honolulu City and County Dept. of Parks and Recreation (camping permits): 523-4525
- ◆ Kahuku Community Hospital: 293-9221
- ◆ The Bus: 848-5555

Please be careful and attentive as you enjoy outdoor activities described in this brochure. The surf can be dangerous and mountain streams can flash flood, so never hike or swim alone, and seek advice if you're not sure about conditions.



Lā'ie



Hawai'i's Original Mormon Settlement

*"The Polynesian Cultural Center brings all of the peoples of the Pacific Islands together in Lā'ie."
(guide, Polynesian Cultural Center)*

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This logo represents the pū hala, or pandanus tree, which was cultivated throughout Hawai'i. The leaves (lau hala) provided weaving material for baskets, mats and other items, while the fruit were used to make lei and kapa-decorating brushes, and the hinano (male flowers) to scent kapa cloth.

Lā'ie, which means “leaf of the ‘ie‘ie vine,” is named for the legendary princess Lā'ieikawai, who was hidden away in a nearby freshwater pool to protect her from mortal men.

Lā'ie is home to the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons), who developed and run the town's largest institutions, including the Hawai'i campus of Brigham Young University (BYUH), the Mormon Temple, and the Polynesian Cultural Center. Other notable features include a regional shopping mall, beaches, Lā'ie Point, and nearby Mālaekahana State Park.

The Mormon community in Lā'ie was founded in 1864, and church members and residents work together to give the town its distinct identity. The Mormon Temple, built in 1919 from local lava rock, is one of the most interesting religious buildings in Hawai'i. Its architecture is quite a contrast to other structures on the windward coast, but your view will be restricted to the outside, as the Temple is open only to members of the Church.

Lā'ie benefits from a community development plan that directs growth and helps preserve parks and open spaces. About 6,000 acres of land owned by the Mormon Church around Lā'ie is managed by Hawai'i Reserves, Inc., the Church's commercial arm. The countryside is dotted with small farms and ranches, and other businesses include a technology park and aquaculture ponds.



Lā'ie's Polynesian Cultural Center is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Hawai'i. Built by Mormon missionaries in 1963, the 42-acre PCC was established to give

Polynesian students at BYUH a chance to share their cultural heritage and gain career skills while working their way through college. The PCC gives visitors an overview of the cultures of Hawai'i, Fiji, Tahiti, Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand, and the Marquesas Islands—and in so doing, helps spread knowledge worldwide about the traditions and social practices of Polynesian peoples.

Each culture is represented in its own village, which features authentic native structures. Presentations include traditional wedding ceremonies and war dances, a canoe pageant, and the famed “Ali'i Lū'au.” Demonstrations of arts and crafts include the making of baskets, nets and bark cloth. Most employees are natives of the cultures they represent, and many are students at BYUH.

The PCC has an IMAX theater and three themed restaurants with abundant food, but is perhaps best known for “Horizons,” described as “the largest revue of Polynesian song and dance in the world.” The show features more than 100 performers dressed in native attire, and is highlighted by the performances of fire walkers and fire knife champions. Admission is charged and the PCC is closed on Sunday. Most people visit on tours, but tickets are available at the gate or over the internet (<http://www.polynesia.com/>).



A more understated source of learning is the Museum of Natural History on the BYUH campus. Open weekdays by appointment, the Museum features a diverse array of preserved animals and skeletons; it is staffed by students and regularly hosts elementary school field trips. Call 293-3816 to arrange a visit. BYUH itself is a four-year college founded in 1955 and operated by the Mormon Church as a branch of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. It hosts about 2,200 undergraduate students primarily from Asia and the Pacific, and offers liberal arts degrees and professional programs in business and education. Campus tours are available weekdays except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the walking tour takes 1 hour. To schedule a visit, call 293-3660.



Lā'ie Point is a favorite photo spot featuring two natural wonders: the arched islet known as Kukuīho'olua, and the rocky point with its crashing waves. Nearby, Hukilau beach was once the site for community net fishing, and Lā'ie Beach Park is the entry to Kokololio Beach and “Pounders” Beach, one of O'ahu's most famous bodysurfing spots. Pounders got its nickname in 1955 from students who enjoyed its crushing shorebreak. The bluff and the small hill at opposite ends of this beach were used by Hawaiian “fish-watchers” to guide fishermen in canoes on the ocean to schools of fish. The beach is still a popular fishing spot, and the remains of a small pier used for interisland shipping can also be seen there. Look for signs and parking lots to locate these beaches, or ask for directions.

Local crafts are sold at the PCC and in bazaars, art fairs and stores. Holiday and seasonal events around the Fourth of July and Christmas feature craft and gift sales. The Lā'ie Shopping Center has 15 stores and restaurants, among them L&L Drive Inn, a popular local chain that offers plate lunches and sandwiches. Chinese food, sub sandwiches, pizza, ice cream and shave ice can also be found, and there is a supermarket in the shopping center. McDonalds recently expanded its menu with local favorites chili-rice and eggs with spam; another local favorite is saimin, a delicious noodle broth introduced by Japanese immigrants to Hawai'i. For a strictly local menu, the Hukilau Café is located on a side street just north of the elementary school. Its menu includes local favorites such as Portuguese sausage, rice and eggs, and various plate lunches, and the cafe is well known as a gathering place for Lā'ie residents.

The Lā'ie Inn offers reasonable room rates, or if you prefer, vacation-home and condo rentals are available: look for signs along the highway. Nearby Māleakahana State Park offers camping, and the adjacent Friends of Māleakahana property offers rustic cabins for rent. Public restrooms and beach facilities are at Hukilau and Lā'ie Beach Parks.