

### Chapter 1 : Can't swim--is snorkeling still possible? - Oahu Forum - TripAdvisor

*Splendid photographs, all taken in Hanauma Bay, show what you might expect to see, and many of them capture the most interesting behaviors of the creatures that live in the bay. Much of this same marine life is found at other Hawaiian reef sites.*

Some of the best Honolulu Things to Do allow visitors to explore the natural beauty of Oahu. About the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve: Of the many Honolulu Things to Do, those that focus on the gorgeous water and marine life in Oahu are some of the most popular. This Oahu Attraction has been a work in progress for many years. The area was once in rough shape, but a revitalization plan has brought about impressive results. Today, guests who come to enjoy this Honolulu Thing to Do will find gorgeous live coral, clear water, species of fish and green sea turtles. Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve is a perfect place for snorkeling – even for those who have never done it before. Equipment such as masks, fins and snorkels are available for rent at this Oahu Attraction. Our guests love how close we are to Waikiki Beach and the fact that we offer some of the best rates in Waikiki. Note that the parking lot tends to fill up quickly, and once it is full, visitors are turned away. Plan to arrive early to secure a spot and so you will have time to fully enjoy the beauty of Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. Monday, Wednesday through Sunday: Spend a day exploring the history of the pineapple in Hawaii while enjoying fun Activities for the whole family at the Dole Plantation – a popular Honolulu Attraction Learn about the history of Japanese people in Hawaii with a visit to this interesting Honolulu Attraction During your next stay at our Honolulu Hotel, come to remember the historic events that took place here. The events of December 7, changed the world forever, and a visit to Pearl Harbor is a chance to learn about and reflect on what happened that day Spend a day exploring the marine life and beautiful exhibits at Sea Life Park Spend an afternoon watching the surfers and enjoying the view at Sunset Beach during your next stay at our Waikiki Hotel. Sunset Beach is the longest Oahu Beach, and it stretches for 2 miles. Winter brings huge waves, and summer brings calmer waters and the chance for swimming and snorkeling Enjoy the big waves in winter or the calmer surf in the summer at Waimea Bay – one of the popular Oahu Beaches on the North Shore The Honolulu Zoo is a fun answer to the question of What to do in Honolulu

### Chapter 2 : Hanauma Bay – Exploring it | The Adventure Travel

*Keep in mind, if snorkeling at Hanauma Bay is on your agenda we offer transportation (and a full set of gear) to our visiting customers staying in Waikiki. ACTIVITIES Oahu is a hot spot for free activities, including beaches and hikes.*

Beaches To me, holidays are all about fun, food, and friends. Memorial Day was no exception. A handful of close friends and I made our way to the most popular snorkeling spot on the island of Oahu – Hanauma Bay. As we were driving to Hanauma, we noticed that a lot of people were climbing up and down the Koko Crater tracks. From a distance, the little humans specks could be seen making their way to the top of the crater. Hanauma Bay was busy as well. Fortunately for us, security re-opened the gates to the parking just as we approached the entrance and quickly closed the entrance off not too long after we entered. Yes, our hunt for fish was on. Photo by Coty Gonzales. Inspecting a shallow reef section. Amongst our friends, Royal Kitchen manapua is required eating whenever snorkeling is to be done at Hanauma. Monette is the friend that has unofficially been assigned as the manapua harvester. With that said, when I reminded her of her manapua duties that morning, I had asked if she in return had any requests. Of course, she had a very specific request of strawberry Diamond Head soda. The Strawberry Diamond Head soda ended up being the first adventure of the day. Before we headed for Hanauma, we made a stop at the new super large Safeway on Beretania for some fresh poke. Hey, Safeway actually has some good poke! We ended up getting some spicy ahi, salmon, and oyster sauce ahi. Yes, we love our raw fish. Since Safeway had none, we decided to check the down the street. No strawberry Diamond Head soda at the either. Third time was a charm though, as we found a six pack at the nearby Foodland. Now our Hanauma Bay adventures could officially begin. Hey, look at that! The much sought after strawberry Diamond Head Soda. It was straight from the parking lot to the bay for us. There was no need to watch the instructional video prior to heading down since we still had about a month left on our one year pass [1]. The first thing that we noticed when we reached the shore was the Hawaiian monk seal that was sunbathing just in front of one of the lifeguard stations. He was huge and definitely a novelty for many of the tourists that were there. I had my hands on a Royal Kitchen manapua a few moments after we chose our spot and spread out our beach towels. My cravings for these manapuas were strong on this day. I scarfed down two baked char siu manapuas before jumping into the water. It was a nice day. Despite the water being a bit choppy, the fish were still there chomping on the coral. We saw a variety of fish, including butterfly fish, parrot fish, damsel fish, surgeon fish, moorish idol, tang, wrasse, cardinal fish, squirrel fish, big eyes, perch, chub, trigger fish, and Humuhumunukunukuapuaa. Unfortunately, Joel did not have a turtle sighting this time around. Joel got a sunburn. We ate good food. And good times were had by all. We spotted a cool eel. Ahnate in search of fish. If this is your first time to Hanauma Bay, then be sure to register your name after watching the instructional video. This will allow you to bypass watching the video the next time that you visit the bay. This will save you up to 45 minutes of wait time. The pass will last for a period of 1 year.

**Chapter 3 : Hanauma Bay State Park – Hanauma Bay Hours, Pricing and Activities**

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Hanauma is one of the most popular tourist destinations on the Island. Hanauma is known for snorkeling and fishing opportunities. Once a place to accommodate huge volume of tourists, Hanauma now has limited daily tourists to avert the ecosystem from getting disrupted and to protect the endemic fish population. The spot is clear and sandy while coral starts a way offshore and are visible in shallow water. Hanauma Bay is a protected marine park today and acts as a buffer to protect the cove from high winds and rough seas. Snorkeling in Hanauma Bay: Snorkelling in Hanauma Bay is a heavenly experience. The crystal blue water here is home to bright and diverse species of fishes, rays and turtles. Snorkelling at Hanauma Bay does not demand any great skill. Even the most inexperienced snorkeler can have a great time swimming with the Hawaiian wildlife here. The sea creatures at Hanauma Bay also do not get afraid when approached by human beings, unlike many other top snorkeling spots. And this factor makes snorkeling at Hanauma all the more exciting and worthy. The bay features over species of colourful tropical fishes like parrotfish as well as octopi, crabs and eels. The snorkeler would do a great favour to himself by carrying an underwater camera to shoot colourful fish and other sea creatures. Spotted Eagles and Green Sea Turtles are found here. How to snorkel in Hanauma Bay: Snorkeling in Hanauma Bay is quite a simple affair. Rental equipments are available on the beach for the tourists if they do not have their own gear. Those who have arrived for the maiden snorkeling trip, they could also receive some brief instructions on how to maneuver around and also to treat the wildlife in water with respect. Snorkeling in Hanauma Bay is shallow and hence is easily accessible without fins. Before entering the Hanauma Bay marine park, the tourists would be shown a safety video to brief them about various guidelines for using the bay and for interacting with the sea creatures. Snorkelling in Hanauma Bay also demands some basic precautions. It is always advised that the visitors must not touch the wildlife or the coral. Touching an animal, particularly if it is swimming with its mother or calves, is strict no no. Also when moving about within the wildlife, it is always advised to make calm and smooth movement. The tourists must not touch the corals while snorkeling. Touching them can cause abrasion from their sharpness as well as spread harmful bacteria that can kill them. Getting to Hanauma Bay: Hanauma Bay is located close to Wakiki. One can drive all through or take a guided tour on a shuttle bus. There is a parking place at the rim of the crater for visitors. However, when the parking place is full, no more car is allowed hence making it inconvenient for the latecomers. One can also take a regular bus to the crater and walk in.

### Chapter 4 : Scott: Exploring Hanauma Bay by Susan Scott

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These provisions help the Hawaiian government protect the natural wildlife and natural area. Even though Hanauma Bay and the surrounding nature preserve are popular, the Hawaiian government has taken measures to limit accessibility. This means that you need to plan your visit to the bay carefully. The beach at Hanauma Bay can be crowded during the morning hours. If you are after a more secluded visit, try visiting in the mid-afternoon. During your stay you can also take a short tram ride for a small fee up to the rim of the crater to view the entire bay. This is a great activity for in between snorkeling sessions. There are also many hiking trails along the ridge and the coastline that are perfect to get a better view of the bay. You can drive to the bay in your own car, or take one of many guided tours on a shuttle bus. There is a parking lot at the rim of the crater for visitors. The only downside to driving is that there is a limit on cars in the parking lot. When that lot becomes full, no more cars are admitted. Some people prefer to take a shuttle because of this policy. You can also opt to take a regular bus to the crater and walk in. The walk is rather steep, but it only takes about ten minutes. If you are planning on visiting the park, you should take measures to arrive early. The parking lot is generally closed by mid-morning. The best times to arrive are either in the early morning or in the mid afternoon after the early visitors leave. If you arrive and the parking lot to the park is full, there are other places in the area to visit in the meantime. The Makapuu point and lighthouse are popular tourist attractions that are nearby. In the video, the visitors learn about the unique wildlife of the area. They are also taught about the rules for the park:

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Approximately 3, people per day, mostly tourists eager to don masks and view colorful fish in the turquoise water, descend on the narrow, 2-foot long sandy beach. But if you think this bay is a tourist trap, reconsider. Since the marine life conservation district implemented plans to protect the bay, such as regulating commercial tours, closing on Tuesdays and charging non-residents of Hawaii an entrance fee, the number of daily visitors dropped from 10, to 3, Snorkeling Once a favorite fishing ground of King Kamehameha V, among other Hawaii royalty, Hanauma Bay has always been teeming with tropical fish. The fish are accustomed to snorkelers, and people are not allowed to collect, hunt or harm fish here, making the fish less afraid. If you plan to do a lot of snorkeling in Hawaii, consider purchasing your own gear. Many Oahu stores sell masks, snorkels and fins. Before snorkeling, you can secure your personal belongings in a locker, and after snorkeling you can enjoy a shower here. The bay also has a snack-stand and a shaded, grassy, picnic area. Under the Water Some of the creatures you may see include the blue-green parrotfish with its fused teeth that create a beak-like appearance. The parrotfish grows to about 10 inches, and is a loner, but many of the fish in the bay, including bright yellow tang, swim in schools. The moray eel has sharp, concave teeth, but it rarely attacks a person, unless a foot or hand comes too close. The eels mainly hunt at dusk and after dark, but you may see the head of one peeking out of a hole in the reef or rocks, its jaws opening and shutting, which looks scary but is just its way of breathing. First-time visitors are required to watch their movie about conservation, preservation and safety. Take the ramp or a trolley down the hill, but first enjoy the view of the bay from above. Early morning is also the best time snorkel because the ocean is usually at its calmest, meaning the water is clearer. When the tradewinds start blowing in the afternoon, the disturbance created in the water swishes the sand up, adding murkiness. People moving about in the water also kick up sand. Most people snorkel in the channel named Keyhole, a swath of sand with nooks and crannies of coral reef to explore. In spite of the abundance of fish you can see near the beach, Hanauma Bay is dangerous. Lifeguards have rescued hundreds here, especially in the channels on east and west ends, where rip currents move to the outer bay, beyond the protective fringe reef. The outer bay has very strong currents, sometimes high surf and depths up to 70 feet. No one but experienced divers should consider venturing out there. While snorkeling is about as safe as it gets near the beach, children should be watched carefully.

## Chapter 6 : Exploring Fun - Review of Hanauma Bay Tours, Honolulu, HI - TripAdvisor

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## Chapter 7 : Snorkeling in Hanauma Bay, Oahu, Hawaii | Getaway USA

*Exploring the Hanauma Bay Wildlife The Bay features an abundance of sea turtles, which are called "honu." In order to protect the honu and the other wildlife, visitors to the area are required to watch a video before entering the park.*

## Chapter 8 : Snorkeling Hanauma Bay | Oahu | Hawaii

*About Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve "Hana" is the Hawaiian word for "Bay" and "uma". refers to the curves of the indigenous canoes. For many years Hawaiian Royalty used Hanauma bay for fishing and recreation.*

## Chapter 9 : Visiting Hanauma Bay

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*Hanauma (or curved bay) Bay is a former volcanic crater that became a protected marine life conservation area in 1960. Since then, it's become an underwater park.*