

ABOUT HAWAII - WHAT LOCALS LIKE

Here's a list of things that AWWA Hawaii Section members recommend for visitors to Hawaii.

ISLAND OF HAWAII

Riley Smith, Section Member:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Visit the Volcano](#)
 - Take a helicopter ride
 - Fluming the ditch in Kohala
 - Horseback riding at Parker Ranch where I work (<http://www.parkerranch.com>) or at [Kahua Ranch](#)
 - Hawaii Forest/Trails Summit Star Gazing
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Merriman's in Waimea](#)
 - Seaside Inn on the Hilo side
 - [Café Pesto in Kawaihae](#)
 - [Mauna Kea Hotel Sunday Brunch](#)
 - Nihon Restaurant in Hilo
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Big Island Candies](#) in Hilo
 - Any macadamia nut candy
 - Punaluu Sweet Bread

Donna Kiyosaki, Past-Chair:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Stay at the Four Seasons Resort at Hualalai (only if you have a LOT of money)
 - Shop at Hilo's Farmers Market on the corner of Front Street and Ponahawai St. on Wednesday and Saturday mornings
 - Akaka Falls
 - Eat malasadas at Tex Drive Inn in Honokaa

* Editor's note – **Donna** moved back to Oahu in 1998 and could only think of 4 things.
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
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* Editor's note – **Donna** moved back to Oahu in 1998 so none of the places she ate at are still open.
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Anything made from Koa or monkeypod wood from the store along Volcano Highway in Mountain View
 - Hawaiian wear from the Sig Zane store in Hilo

* Editor's note – **Donna** moved back to Oahu in 1998 so only shops at Neiman Marcus at the Ala Moana Shopping Center.

ISLAND OF HAWAII (cont.)

Larry Beck, Government Trustee:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to your island?
 - Volcano National Park Crater Rim and Chain of Craters Road
 - Visit City of Refuge
 - Snorkel/Paddle Hilo Bay
 - Tour to top of Mauna Kea – sunset, star gazing and the Mauna Kea Visitor Center at the 9,000 foot elevation
 - Waipio lookout and/or Polulu Lookout
 - Rent a kayak and paddle to the Captain Cook Monument and snorkel

2. What are the top 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Merriman’s in Waimea
 - Ken’s House of Pancake in Hilo –open 24 hours
 - Cronies in Hilo – a sports bar with great burgers
 - Harrington’s in Hilo on the fish pond
 - Maui Tacos – in Hilo at the Prince Kuhio Mall

3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Big Island Candies
 - Koa Bowl
 - Anything at Wal-Mart like 100% Kona Coffee

ISLAND OF KAUAI

Eddie Doi, Membership Chair:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Waimea Canyon](#) – Kokee – Grab one bento and drinks from Ishihara's in Waimea, drive into the mountain, enjoy the lookouts, hiking trails, museum, cool air and on your trip back, stop and have shave ice (snow cones to you non-Hawaiians) at Jo-Jo's in Waimea
 - [Poipu Beach](#) – sun bathing with or without the kids – a nice safe place
 - [Kauai Sea Tours](#) – 826-7254 or 335-5309
 - [Will Squyres Helicopter Tour](#)
 - [Smith's Luau](#) in Wailua

2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Kintaro's in Wailua
 - Hamura's Saimin in Lihue
 - [Bull Shed](#) in Kapaa
 - Garden Island BBQ in Lihue
 - Keoki's in Poipu
 - McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell

- * Editor's note – **Eddie's** an engineer so he doesn't count very well

3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Kauai made products
 - Books about Kauai
 - The gift of Aloha!
 - Red Dirt
 - Black Sand
 - Sugar Cane

* Editor's note – **Eddie's** an engineer so he doesn't count very well

ISLAND OF MAUI

Jeff Pearson, Operators Training Chair:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Go to Makena Beach and watch the sunset with a bottle of wine (or many beers)
 - [Golf](#), many good golf courses
 - Go holo holo up country. Stop in Makawao at Pali's for lunch or dinner
 - Have a cocktail at Lelanis in Kaanapali
 - Snorkel, Black rock is safe and simple
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Mama's Fish House](#)
 - [Roy's](#), In Kihei
 - [Sansei](#), Kapalua or Kihei
 - Rasta Pasta and Pizza, in Kihei, good cheese steak sandwiches
 - Lunch at [Da Kitchen](#), huge helpings, good food, fast. In Kahului on Hana Hwy by Dairy road
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Golf balls for Jeff, Pro V1
 - Coffee and Mac nuts, Malasadas
 - Send Protea back to the mainland, go to swap meet or craft fairs and look for local made stuffs...

Paul Seitz, Past-Chair:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Haleakala Crater](#) – drive or take a bike tour, be sure to visit the winery in Ulupalakua on the way down if you drive
 - Drive the road to Hana and go to the beach at Hamoa
 - [Maui Aquarium](#) in Maalaea
 - Take a walking tour of Old Lahaina town
 - Take a snorkeling trip to Molokini
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Da Kitchen](#) in Kahului (Local and Hawaiian Food)
 - Asian Star in the Mill Yard (Vietnamese)
 - [Mama's Fish House](#) in Paia (Seafood, pricey)
 - [Roy's](#) in Kihei (Hawaiian Fusion)
 - Pacific Café in Kihei
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - A gift of black or pink coral from the Black Coral Factory at 804
 - Keolani Place by the Kahului Airport
 - Scrimshaw from Whalers Locker on Front Street in Lahaina
 - Blown Glass from Hot Island Glass Shop in Makawao

ISLAND OF MAUI (cont.)

Eric Yamashige, Water Utility Trustee:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to your island?
 - Drive up Haleakala to see the sun rise
 - Drive to Hana
 - Dinner at Plantation Restaurant in Kapalua at sunset
 - Relax on the South Shore Sand Beach to watch the sunset
 - Ulalena show or the dinner show in Lahaina
2. What are the top 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Tokyo Tei (Japanese food)
 - Asian Starr (Vietnamese food)
 - Koho’s (American food)
 - Maui Taco (Mexican food)
 - Mama’s Fish House (seafood)
3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Case of pineapple
 - Chocolate covered Macadamia Nuts
 - “I Survived the Road to Hana” T-shirt

Roy Silva, At-Large Trustee:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to your island?
 - Haleakala crater
 - Bike down a volcano
 - Old Lahaina Luau
 - Jet Ski off Lahaina
 - Visit Hana town
2. What are the top 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Tokyo Tei (Japanese food)
 - Roy’s in Lahaina
 - Roby’s in Kahului
 - Old Lahaina Luau
3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Case of pineapple
 - Guri Guri from Maui Mall

ISLAND OF OAHU

Susan Uyesugi, Director:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Hike [Diamond Head Crater](#)
 - Shop at the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet
 - Drive around the island, especially if there is big surf on the north shore
 - [Pali Lookout](#)
 - [Arizona Memorial](#)
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Alan Wong's](#) (pricey)
 - [3660 on the Rise](#) (pricey)
 - [Zippy's](#) or Spot's Drive-inn for local food i.e. plate lunches
 - [Kincaid's](#) at Ward Warehouse
 - Ono's Authentic Hawaiian Food
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - [Hawaiian Host](#) Macadamia Nut Candy
 - [Wholesale Unlimited](#) for local snacks
 - AWWA Hawaii Section Aloha Shirts – so cheap at \$30

Elsou Gushiken, Vice-Chair:

1. What are the top 6 "must do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Visit Punchbowl National Memorial of the Pacific
 - [Iolani Palace](#) tour
 - Visit [Bishop Museum](#)
 - Take [Island Seaplane Service's](#) one-hour narrated seaplane aerial tour of Oahu (located at 85 Lagoon Drive, ph. 836-6273)
 - Gliding at Dillingham Airfield on the North Shore
 - [Dole Plantation](#) Visitor Center and Maze
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Cafe Haleiwa (breakfast and lunch)
 - Kua Aina Sandwich Shop (Haleiwa) - Great Burgers and Fries!!
 - [Haleiwa Joes](#) (lunch and dinner)
 - [Matsumoto Shave Ice](#) (it's an experience - not a restaurant)
 - Cholos Homestyle Mexican Restaurant (Haleiwa)
3. What are the top 4 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - T&C T-Shirts
 - Bags of Kona Coffee Blends
 - Fresh Pre-packaged Pineapple
 - Rubbah Slippas (aka "rubber slippers")

[ISLAND OF OAHU \(cont.\)](#)

Donna Kiyosaki, Past-Chair:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Swim at [Hanauma Bay](#) or [Sandy's](#) on the east side of the island
 - Swim at Waimea Bay on the north side
 - Don't swim on the west side unless you're staying at the [Ko Olina](#) resort
 - Hike into Manoa Falls if it's open
 - Don't drive on the H-1 Freeway during rush hour which is Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 9:00 am or from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Akasaka near Ala Moana Shopping Center (Japanese food, sushi)
 - [Legends Restaurant](#) at the Chinese Cultural Plaza (Chinese, dim sum)
 - [Pineapple Room](#) operated by Alan Wong at Macy's at Ala Moana Shopping Center (Pacific Cuisine)

* Editor's note – **Donna** only had 3 because she eats at her mom's house most of the time
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Hawaiian gifts from the Island's Best at Ala Moana Shopping Center
 - Hawaiian gifts from [The Ukulele House](#) at Ala Moana Shopping Center
 - Koa wood gifts from [Martin & MacArthur](#) at Ala Moana Shopping Center

Lauren Ishima, Young Professionals Co-Chair:

1. What are the top 5 "must-do" things you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Hike [Diamond Head](#)
 - Eat [Matsumoto shave ice](#) in North Shore
 - Visit Waimea Bay
 - Take surfing lessons at Waikiki
 - Attend a luau
2. What are the top 5 "must eat at" restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Rainbows Drive-In
 - [Yama's Fishmarket](#)
 - W&M Burger
 - Longhi's
 - [Alan Wong's](#)
3. What are the top 3 "gifts to buy" you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Macadamia Nuts
 - Koa bowl
 - hawaiian jewelry

ISLAND OF OAHU (cont.)

Woodie Muirhead, Past Trustee:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to your island?
 - Honolulu Academy of Arts
 - Doris Duke’s Shangri-La
 - Hike Diamond Head to the Top!
 - Circle Island Tour – do it by car, not by bus
 - Giovanni’s Shrimp Wagon in Kahuku
 - Bonus tip – visit Chinatown in downtown Honolulu

2. What are the top 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Spices in Moiliili
 - Kit ‘n Kitchen in Moiliili across from Puck’s Alley
 - Yamagen – next to Long’s Drugs near King Street and McCully Street
 - Mariana’s Yacht Club – Sand Island Access Road
 - Ono’s Authentic Hawaiian Food on Kapahulu Avenue
 - Bonus tip – Big City Diner for breakfast – have Ani’s Cinammon Bread French Toast

3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Chocolate Covered Macadamia Nuts
 - Mail a coconut home
 - Take a nice lei to your best friend(s) but make sure to ask the lei seller which lei can go out of state or they will confiscate it at the airport.

Daryl Hiromoto, BWS Trustee:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to your island?
 - Arizona Memorial
 - Hanauma Bay
 - Manoa Falls
 - Waimea Bay on the North Shore
 - I don’t get out much so that’s all I have

2. What are the top 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Roy’s
 - Sansei
 - Waiola Shave Ice (snow cones to you mainland people)
 - Sam Choy’s on Kapahulu
 - I don’t get out much so that’s all I have

3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - I don’t shop so I have nothing here

ISLAND OF OAHU (cont.)

Mike Street, Water Re-Use Co Chair:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to your island?
 - Visit Pearl harbor
 - Snorkel at Hanauma Bay
 - Hike up Diamond Head Crater
 - See Susan Uyesugi’s Office
 - Waikiki Aquarium and Honolulu Zoo which are very close to each other in Waikiki
 - And because number 4 doesn’t really count, I did 6 things - Sea Life Park
2. What are the top 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - L’Uraku on Kapiolani
 - Murphy’s in downtown Honolulu
 - Indigo in downtown Honolulu
 - Big City Diner
 - E & O Trading Co. in the Ward Center
3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to your island?
 - Macadamia Nuts
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Kevin Baughman , Small Systems Chair:

1. What are the top 5 things “must-do” things you would recommend a visitor to Hawaii?
 - Visit Volcano National Park (Big Island)
 - Visit Haleakala National Park (Maui)
 - Visit Arizona Memorial (Oahu)
 - Go on a sail boat ride, submarine ride, fishing trip, or whale watching tour
 - See the north shore of Oahu, go shrimp fishing,
 - * - Editor’s note – **Kevin** travels so much for his job, he’s not sure what island he lives on.
2. What are the 5 “must eat at” restaurants you would recommend to a visitor to Hawaii?
 - Maui Ozukya Deli in Honokawai
 - Ken’s Pancake House in Hilo on the Big Island
 - Brick Oven Pizza on Kauai
 - Soon’s in Salt Lake on Oahu
 - Molokai Bakery on Molokai
3. What are the top 3 “gifts to buy” you would recommend to a visitor to Hawaii?
 - Li Hing Mui or Dri Mango
 - Sugar in the Raw
 - Coffee – pick an island