

Maui County encompasses four (4) of the eight (8) islands in the island chain that makes up the State of Hawaii. These include; the island of Maui (Valley Isle), island of Molokai (Friendly Isle), island of Lanai (Pineapple Isle) and the uninhabited island of Kahoolawe.

MISSION:

“Providing Safe, Satisfying and Cost Effective Recreation Opportunities for the Residents and Visitors to Maui County.”



The County of Maui Department of Parks and Recreation manages 115 parks and recreation facilities on three islands providing some unique challenges. The day to day operations of parks and facilities is divided into 7 districts or areas.

The island of Molokai and the island of Lanai are each their own district. The 5 remaining districts divide the island of Maui.

- ◆ Central District maintains all of the parks and recreation facilities located in the Kahului, Wailuku and the surrounding communities. The major sports facilities are located in this district and are home to the majority of major activities and special events that take place in Maui County.
- ◆ East District maintains all parks and recreation facilities located on the East-side of the island and in the upcountry area.
- ◆ Hana Park District includes all parks and recreation facility located in Hana and surrounding areas.
- ◆ South District encompasses the South Maui region stretching from Maalaea to Makena.

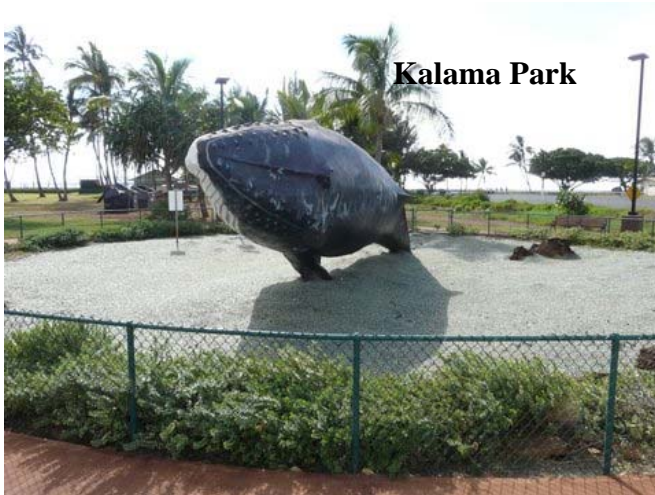
- ◆ West District consist all of the West Side on the island of Maui and includes some of the more popular tourist areas of Lahaina, Kahana, Napili and Kapalua.

Maui County’s excellent year round weather offers year round athletic and recreation opportunities is one of the reasons people are attracted to Maui where you can play golf, softball and many other sports all year round.

Some of the facilities that are maintain and operated by the County of Maui;

- ◆ 18 hole PGA rated – Par 72 Waiehu Golf Course that allows golfers to play 363 days out of the year at very affordable rates. The course is closed Christmas and New Years Day.
- ◆ War Memorial Football Stadium is the venue for most High School Football, Soccer and Track and Field events. It has been the home of the Hula Bowl, NCAA All Star Game and several other collegiate football games.
- ◆ Iron Maehara Baseball Stadium is the venue for baseball of all calibers including a Semi-Professional league. Maui has been the training center for several Major League Ball Clubs from Japan.
- ◆ The Lahaina Civic Center the crown jewel on the west side is home of the Annual EA—Chaminade Maui Basketball Classic televised on ESPN.

The department provides opportunities for various motor sports enthusiast through partnerships to operate a NHRA approved and sanctioned drag strip, Moto-Cross Dirt Bike Track, a Go-Kart Track and a Remote Control Aircraft Field. All these activities take place at what was once an Army Air Corp field during World War II.



For water sports enthusiasts, Maui beaches are one of the major reasons why tourist and locals alike flock on a daily basis to enjoy the sun, sand and waves. County of Maui provides Ocean Safety services at eight (8) of the more popular beaches by highly trained and skilled Ocean Safety Officers. County of Maui is the first county in the state to have Ocean Safety Operations linked to the 911 emergency services system.

Hookipa Beach Park is world famous for surfing and sail boarding and is the host site for numerous national and international surfing and sail boarding events.

County of Maui is proud to have the Kihei Aquatic Center and the Lahaina Aquatic Center to have been chosen on numerous occasions to host national and international aquatic events. It should be noted, it doesn’t matter if the swimmer is local or a tourist,

swimmers are allowed to swim at no cost at all of the swimming pools operated by the County.

Top level management of the department consists of a Director and a Deputy Director who is appointed at will by the Mayor who is in office at the time. The department's funding for the 27 million dollar operations is supported by the general fund, which has allowed the public to use the numerous facilities at no cost to the user.

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