

# Mahana House Country Inn

29-3825 Pueo 'Ihi Road

Hakalau, Hawaii

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Owned and operated by  
Alison and Randy Simpson

## About your Room:

Your room key is hanging on the back wall of the closet tower or near the kitchen counter in the cottages. . The front lanai door and the back lanai (entrance) door can be locked from the inside. The key is for the back lanai door.

Antenna based wifi is complimentary throughout Mahana House. Speed can be affected by weather. Let us know if you have any difficulty.

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Wifi : username: mahanahouseguest or mhcottages  
password: 1234567890  
Netflix contact us for the password it is not already logged in

Beds are Sleep Number beds (remote is on bedside table). Each side of the bed is adjustable from 1-100 with 1the most soft and 100 the most firm.

Ceiling fan switch is on wall beside bed, pull string on fan to adjust speed.

Hairdryer and mini first aid kit in bathroom vanity. Blanket and hamper on the closet shelf. Help yourself to extra towels and paper products in the laundry room. Each lanai has a retractable clothesline and clothespins.

Coffee, tea & sugar provided. Kettle and toaster in kitchen cupboard.

There is a rechargeable flashlight plugged in beside the bed which will automatically come on if the power goes out.

## About Mahana House:

The kitchen, great room, front lanai and laundry room are always open and available for any guest to use. The bbq is on the main lanai.

No open flames indoors please. \_\_\_\_\_

There are three parking spots near the end of the house but please pull directly up to your room to load or unload.

Please be mindful of electricity use. There is plenty of exterior lighting (on until around midnight) so no need to leave lights on while you're away. They also attract insects.

Additional garbage and recycling bins located outside in cupboard underneath kitchen window.

### In the Great Room

Guest book and guide books

Games and puzzles

Books and magazines

### On the Main Lanai

Dining table and lounge

BBQ

### In the Kitchen

ice and ice maker

freezer packs for coolers

cooking oils, spices and staples

sauces, condiments

Campfire forks, bbq utensils

Help yourself to anything not labelled in the fridge or

cupboards

### In the Laundry room

Beach Chairs, and towels

Coolers

Iron and Ironing board

First aid kit

Sunscreen and bug spray.

## About the Farm:

Mahana House is part of an 11.5 acre farm consisting of a lychee and longan orchard, bamboo forest with natural gulch. Depending on the season, there are bananas, avocados, lychee and longan available for guests to enjoy. Please feel free to wander any or all of the farm day or night (running shoes are the best choice of footwear, bring a flashlight after dark).

There is a campfire pit and picnic table near the big tree on the side lawn. We especially love a fire on clear nights around the time of the full moon.

Randy and Alison live in a small house slightly uphill from the main house. A few friendly cats roam the farm. They are happy to be petted should you encounter them (perhaps on your lanai...) but are definitely not allowed inside the main house or guest rooms.

## About Us:

Randy and Alison moved to the Big Island from Ontario, Canada in 2013. After visiting for the first time in 2008, the Big Island became a bit of an obsession and on subsequent trips we felt sure our most favorite area was the Hamakua Coast. We were able to sell our hotel and restaurant businesses in our hometown of Stratford and make the dream of Mahana House a reality.

It is our most sincere wish to provide our guests with a quiet, comfortable and relaxing accommodation. The incredible natural beauty and climate of Hawaii is something we appreciate every day and

## In the Neighborhood:

Hilo is about 30 minutes south of Mahana House and has everything you might need in terms of groceries, restaurants and shopping.

Our favorite restaurants in Hilo are Hilo Bay Cafe (make reservations for an outside table with views of the bay), Cafe Pesto, Jackie Reys, Pineapples, Hilo Burger Joint, Ebisuya Sushi.

There are not many restaurants closer than Hilo for meals out are Surf break cafe and Hilo Sharks (just coffee) in Honomu (on the way to Akaka Falls) and What's Shakin' on the 4 mile scenic route near Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. None are open after 3pm.

On Tuesday evenings the Wailea Foodshare Market has produce, ready-made meals, treats and some souvenirs. Live music as well. Has a friendly neighborhood vibe. From 3-6pm. Head up Chin Chuck about a mile and a half.

A note about rain: The Hamakua Coast so incredibly green and lush because of the amount of precipitation on the windward side of the Big Island. It rains most often after dark or in the early morning and is usually light and misty. A light sweater or rain jacket is a good thing to have with you.

## BIG ISLAND (EAST) DAY TRIP IDEAS:

There are so many amazing things to see and do on the East side of the Big Island! Here are a few of our favorites! Let us know if we can print or email any of these pages for you and of course borrow a copy of Big Island Revealed for your Big Island adventures.

For the sake of clarity, the following day trip ideas begin at Mahana House.

1. Waterfalls and Gardens Nearby
2. Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
3. Hilo Town
4. Hamakua Coast to Waipi'o Valley
5. Mauna Kea Summit and Stargazing
6. Pahoia and Puna
7. Rainy Day Ideas
8. Stay at Home of the Farm
9. Further Afield: Exploring Kohala (North point)
10. Further Afield: Exploring Ka'u (South point)

Thank you very much  
for choosing  
Mahana House for  
your Hawaiian holiday.

We hope you enjoy your stay!

Alison and Randy  
Simpson

Ahūi hou!

## Waterfalls and Gardens Nearby:

- Hakalau Bay is the closest access to the ocean from Mahaha House  
Continue across the Hwy and follow road down to the ocean. You'll notice former sugar plantation buildings and the Manager's House
- at the Hwy continue South (ocean on left). Turn right at the Kolekole Beach Park sign. The Kolekole stream (which falls over Akaka Falls) flows into the ocean here. Too rough for most swimmers and is technically closed, but you can still visit.
- back at the Hwy, turn right toward Honomu & Akaka Falls
- Surf Break Cafe (breakfast, lunch, smoothies) is at the end of a small stretch of cute souvenir shops in Honomu. There are several fruit stands on the way up to Akaka Falls
- Akaka Falls is 420 feet high! Can easily walk the path in 1 hour
- back on the Hwy, continue south & turn left at the 4 mile scenic route • along this lush and winding road is a great lunch or early dinner spot  
called What's Shakin', excellent smoothies, wraps, salads & fruit
- Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden is "a garden in a valley on the ocean." It is beyond lush and beautiful and is an absolute must see. Gorgeous views of Onomea Bay. Can easily spend a couple of hours surrounded

driving time to Akaka Falls: 10 min.

driving time to Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Garden: 15 min.



## Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park:

- start out heading South on the Hwy and continue past Hilo
- some of the best hiking on the island is in the Park
- pack some snacks or lunch and start with a picnic near the Kilauea Visitor Center
- hiking options are almost unlimited (Kilueaua Iki Crater hike is a must!) Walk counterclockwise, take some water and sunscreen
- check out the Pu 'u Loa Petroglyph Trail and the Holei Sea Arch near the end of Chain of Craters Road
- just outside the Park is Volcano Village. Thai Thai restaurant is great for dinner. A few other good options in the village as well.

driving time to park and village: 60

## Hilo Town:

- turn right at the Hwy heading South
- Hilo Farmer's Market (to the left of the main bayfront block) is open daily for produce. On Wednesdays and Saturdays craft vendors have many locally made clothes, food and souvenirs
- the bayfront area of Kamehameha St. and Keawe St. have a wide variety of shops. The ones we like the most are Basically Books, ONE Gallery and The Most Irresistible Shop
- Rainbow Falls is an easy drive slightly up mountain from the bay front • explore Hilo Bay from Banyan Drive, Lili'uokalani Gardens and Coconut Island
- rent a kayak or stand-up-paddle for Hilo Bay or the Wailoa River. Hula Kai has lots of surfboards, SUP boards, kayak and snorkel rentals
- Richardson Ocean Park (the last of several beaches and parks along Kalaniana'ole Ave) has picturesque lagoons and often resting sea turtles

The following things to do in Hilo also appear under Rainy Day

Ideas: • visit the Lyman Mueseum and take a tour of an original mission house • if you think stars are out of this world, the 'Imiloa Astrononmy Center

- has a planetarium and detailed exhibits about Hawaiian navigation
- Kaumana Caves Park in Hilo is similar to Thurston Lave Tube only dark and deserted (we have head lamps to borrow)
- enjoy some shortbread and chocolate samples from Big Island Candies, plenty of gift boxes to bring home
- catch a movie or live show at the Hilo Palace theater. Built in 1925, not much has changed since and that's what why we like it so much!

## Hamakua Coast to Waipi'o Valley:

- the drive North (left on the Hwy) along the coast is one of the most beautiful on the island with multiple waterfalls, gulches & big ocean views
- a couple miles from the farm is the Umauma Experience (three tiered falls, zipline and swimming)
- continuing North, there is a scenic lookout over Laupohoe Point
- the point itself has amazing waves over lava rock. There is also a small tsunami memorial overlooking the pier
- at the Hwy is the last remaining train platform on the island as well as the Laupahoe Train Museum
- nearby in Papa'aloa is the Papa'aloa Country Store (a former general store) which has a small grocery, bakery and made to order meals
- book lunch, tea or a tour of The Hawaiian Vanilla Co. Fantastic lunch & gift shop. Lots to learn from a very passionate vanilla orchid grower
- a little further along and slightly up mountain from the Hwy is Kalopa State Recreation Area. Quiet with a nice shaded hike among strangler figs (banyan trees). Good place for a picnic
- the little town of Honoka'a is a great place for low key shopping and restaurants. We especially like the old theater and cafe.
- don't forget to treat yourself to a malasada (fruit filled doughnut) from Tex's Drive-In. Sweet, delicious and made fresh daily
- follow the signs to Waipi'o Valley (9 miles from Honoka'a). The view from the Lookout is absolutely stunning. Going down to the valley requires a 4WD, an organized tour or a steep walk. Horseback riding tour is great.
- some very ambitious overnight hikes start from the valley floor

## Mauna Kea Summit and Stargazing:

- a 4WD vehicle is strongly recommended to drive to the summit (13 000 plus feet!)
- pack some snacks, water and some warm clothes for the evening
- drive the Saddle Road from Hilo and continue West, turn right on Mauna Kea Access Road
- stop at the Onizuka Visitor Center to acclimate to the thinner atmosphere and change into warmer clothes if heading to the summit
- stay at the peak for sunset above the clouds, great photo spot!
- free stargazing nightly at the Visitor Center
- the drive home is definitely dark and can be foggy so take your time
- stop at Ken's House of Pancakes for a classic Hilo experience

driving time to Onizuka Visitor Center: 90

## Pahoa and Puna:

- head South past Hilo, follow signs for left turn to Pahoa
- if you're not put off by barefoot patrons or dreadlocks enthusiasts, the Tin Shack Bakery in Pahoa can be very fun. Veggie and vegan options and even better people watching
- nearby is Lava Tree State Park, worth a quick walk around but has sustained some hurricane damage
- bring your swimsuit for the new black sand beach at Issac Hale beach park
- head to the end of the road (former village of Kalapana)
- take a quick diversion to the Star of the Sea Church which has twice been moved away from lava flows
- take a short walk over a lava field to New Kailua Black Sand Beach, pretty coconut palms and cool sound of pebbles in the waves
- get some dinner at the market or back in Pahoa (Kaleo's is casual fine) or in Hilo

driving time to Pahoa: 45  
min. from Kalapana: 60 min.

## Rainy Day Ideas:

- sleep in
- go to the beach (Hapuna, Puako and Mauna Kea are some of the best on the island and only about 75 minutes away from Mahana House)
- go for a road trip, chances are its clear elsewhere so go exploring
- visit the Lyman Mueseum or 'Imiloa Astrononmy Center (both in Hilo)
- Kaumana Caves Park in Hilo is similar to Thurston Lave Tube only dark and deserted (we have head lamps to borrow)
- enjoy some shortbread and chocolate samples from Big Island Candies, plenty of gift boxes to bring home
- catch a movie at the Hilo Palace theater. Built in 1925, not much has changed since and that's why we like it so much
- go for a nice dinner at Hilo Bay Cafe or Cafe Pesto (Hilo)

## Stay Home on the Farm:

- watch the sunrise over the ocean from your lanai
- enjoy some farm fresh bananas with breakfast
- go for a walk around the farm, pick some avocado or passionfruit
- from the top of the farm take a look at Mauna Kea and the observatories (clouds permitting)
- say hello to the neighboring goats (goats permitting)
- take a nap
- play some games or catch up on some reading
- soak up some rays in the afternoon sun as it sets over the mountain
- watch the cruise ships sail by and the planes fly overhead
- have a campfire at sunset and watch the moon and stars come out
- fantastic stargazing on clear nights

## Further Afield: Exploring Kohala (North point):

- Parker Square in Waimea is a good place to stretch your legs and shop at Waimea General Store and Gallery of Great Things. The Waimea Coffee Co. is there too, breakfast, lunch and takeaway
- take the Kohala Mountain Road heading toward Hawi and stop at the scenic turnout for a big view of the Kona coast and mountains. The little towns of Hawi and Kapa'au are very similar to each other (arty and foodie). Our picks for lunch or dinner are Sushi Rock, Gill's Lanai and Bamboo House. The Kohala Coffee Mill has several flavors of excellent, island made Topical Dreams ice cream
- Keokea Beach Park is a little off the beaten path but very pretty, has picnic table and facilities
- if you're up for a hike, continue to the end of the Hwy and walk down to Pololu Valley, best photos op is halfway down
- If you have a 4WD vehicle you can do some serious off-roading to Mo'okini Heiau (temple complex famous for human sacrifices)
- drive home along the coast, sunset is a nice time of day
- stop for dinner in Kawaihae (Blue Dragon) or in Waimea (Pau, Red Water Cafe)

driving time to Waimea: 60 min.

direct to Hawi: 90 min.

## Further Afield: Exploring Ka 'u (South Point):

- continue South on Hwy 1 past Hilo and Volcano Park
- take a quick diversion to Whittington Beach Park and pier (out of order), picnic tables with wave watching
- Punaluu Black Sand Beach almost always has resting seas turtles
- stop for lunch or a slice of pie at Hana Hou restaurant in Nahale'hu
- drive down to South Point and have a look around, it's windy!  
Often fisherman and sometimes cliff jumpers
- Green Sands Beach requires a 4WD of your own or you can pay a small fee to entrepreneurial locals and have them drive you out to the beach
- heading back North on the Hwy you'll pass Volcano Village and Hilo for dining options

driving time to Whittington Beach Park: 90 min  
direct to South Point: 2 hrs.