

E pili mai...

Using the map as your guide, your walking tour could begin most anywhere. Chronologically, the tour begins on the Bay View Lawn at the storyboard and the cultural preserve area.

You may walk down the stairs to the bottom level or take the elevator to the ground floor. Make your way to the large stage using the walkway, behind the stage you will see the storyboard to start your journey of discovery and learning.

Then continue on the walking path that surrounds the property to learn of the variety of plants that reside here. Signs will guide you along the way.

Experience....enjoy....connect to history.

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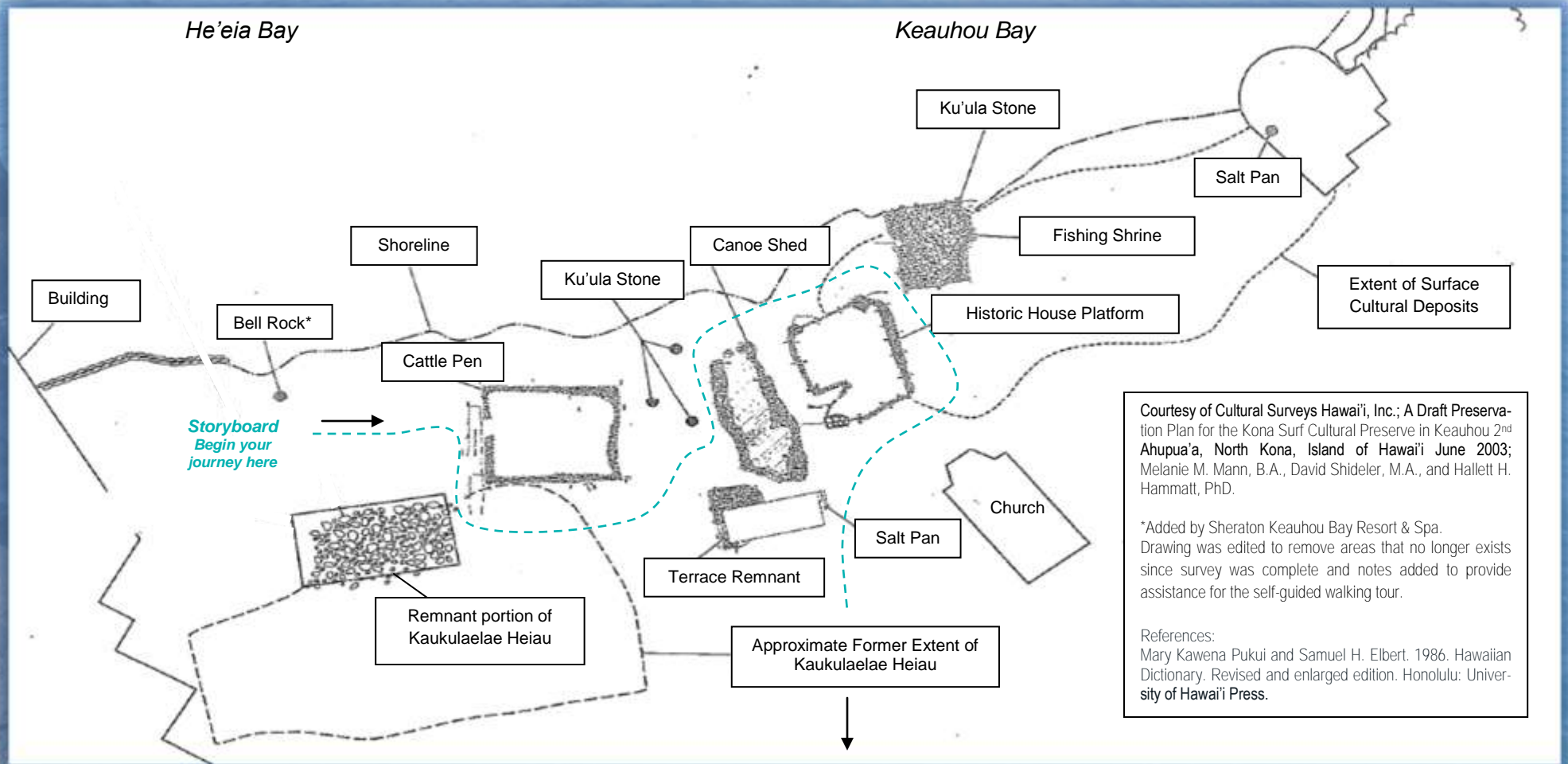
Connect and feel Keauhou

Keauhou's historic legacy is that of a truly Hawaiian place. From remnants of long-ago dwellings to landscaping that truly celebrates the flora of Hawaii, there is much to see. Through our self-guided walking tours, we share some of what can be discovered within steps of Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa.

Please visit the cultural preserve area.

Enjoy your journey...





Heiau - Pre-Christian place of worship, shrine; some heiau were elaborately constructed stone platforms, others simple earth terraces. Many are preserved today.

Heiau Kaukulaelae - Kaukulaelae means "highest point of the forehead." It is thought that the promontory may have been one of the highest elevation points in Keauhou. Today, only a few features associated with Heiau Kaukulaelae remain, including a cattle pen, canoe shed and terrace.

Fishing Shrine, Kanikanika'ula Heiau - This platform site was most likely a Hawaiian fishing shrine used as a place of worship for fisherman. Offerings probably placed on the fishing shrine to help attract marine resources into Keauhou Bay.

Ku'ula Stone - Any stone god used to attract fish, whether tiny or enormous, carved or natural, named for the god of fishermen; heiau near the sea for worship of fish gods.

Salt (Pa'akai) Pans - Sea water would gather in the indentation of the rock, once dried, the salt was gathered and used. Salt is also used for cleansing and healing.

House Platform - A modern house platform built on a probable prehistoric habitation terrace.

Bell Rock - When hit in just the right spot with a sort of baton it would send off a sound that could be heard throughout the village.

He'eia Bay - Was a favorite surfing spot by the Ali'i or Royalty.

Salt Pans - Sea water would gather in the indentation of the rock, once dried, the salt was gathered and used. Salt is used for healing and cleansing, commonly used in Hawaiian blessings.

Holua Slide - A National Historic Landmark, located mauka or upland of Ali'i Drive above the Resort. Contestants of chiefly rank would participate in sled races that would end near Keauhou Bay. It was treated as an "Olympic game" of that time. The portion that remains is possibly over 1,000 feet long, originally the slide may have been up to 4,000 feet or longer. Kamehameha the Great had this slide built for his son Kauikeaouli, King Kamehameha III.