

**How to obtain a kayak or vessel landing permit for Ka'awaloa Flat, Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park.**

Aloha and mahalo for your desire to obtain kayak or vessel landing permit for Ka'awaloa Flat in the historic Kealakekua Bay. This permit comes with special conditions you must read and that are intended to educate and provide guidance to protect natural resources and cultural sites. Persons who do not plan to land do not need a permit to remain in waters of the bay.

A separate permit is required for each vessel, and each permit is valid for only one day. **The maximum number of noncommercial general public landing permits per day is 10.**

**Noncommercial landing permits are available at: Division of State Parks, Hawai'i District Office, 75 Aupuni St., Room 204, Hilo, HI. 96729; telephone (808) 974-6200.**

Online permit applications, once filled out and signed, may be either:

- 1) emailed to: **Dean.H.Takebayashi@hawaii.gov**,
- 2) mailed to the State Parks Hawai'i District Office (include a self addressed stamped envelope or pick up at our Hilo office) or,
- 3) faxed to (808) 974-6222. (Call the Hilo office at (808) 974-6200 for information.)

Permit applications will be processed and upon approval, can be either emailed as a pdf, mailed (include a self addressed stamped envelope) or faxed back to the respective applicant.

***Please allow for up to 5 working days for electronic applications and 10 working days for regular mail applications.***

The DLNR Hawai'i Division of Conservation and Enforcement will be sent copies of the noncommercial permits upon approval. Any person beaching or launching a kayak or other vessel along the Ka'awaloa shoreline or mooring at the wharf adjacent to the Cook Monument, without a permit from the DLNR will be subject to civil penalty, and the kayak or vessel may be subject to confiscation.

**For your information:** there are two permitted vendors that are authorized to provide kayak tours in Kealakekua Bay and land at Ka'awaloa Flat: **Hawaii Pack and Paddle, and Adventures in Paradise.**



DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of State Parks

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) APPLICATION**

**SUP TYPE:** Landing a vessel \*

**Island:** Hawaii

**\* A separate permit is required for each vessel and each permit is only valid for one day. Use is limited to sunrise to sunset.**

**Authority:** §13-146-13, Hawaii Administrative Rules

**Park Site / Location:** Ka'awaloa Flat, Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park

**Requested Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

**Approximate duration:** From: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm To: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

**Permittee Information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Name Cellular phone # Residence phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: Fax #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Person Phone #

**Type and color of vessel:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hawaii District Superintendent Date

This application, when signed by an authorized DLNR agent, shall serve as the official permit - along with any additional special conditions (see attached) Permittee shall waive any and all claims they may have against the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents, and employees, to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents, and employees from any suits, actions, and claims arising out of or in anyway connected with the activities permitted under this Permit.

# SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## Permitted Vessel Landings at Ka‘awaloa, Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park

**Ka‘awaloa is a historically and culturally significant place with an abundance of fragile and important archaeological sites. When visiting Ka‘awaloa, your respect for the land and the cultural resources is required and will help to insure that these valuable resources are protected and preserved for the future.**

**Permittee shall:**

1. Beach permitted vessels, such as kayaks and canoes, at Awili only (see attached map). Vessels should be lifted over the rocky shoreline and parked on the sand at the end of the dirt road.
2. Only temporarily moor a vessel at the wharf adjacent to the Captain Cook Monument. Mooring should not interfere with public’s ingress and egress into the water at Ka‘awaloa Cove.
3. Stay on the designated path from Awili to the Captain Cook Monument. Do not move rocks or disturb the stacked rock walls, archaeological sites, and ground surface.
4. Carry and use portable sanitary devices - all your waste shall be removed and properly disposed of. Pack out all rubbish that is generated during your excursion.
5. Observe and comply with all safety signs, including rockfall hazard signs
6. Comply with all State laws, rules, and regulations, including State Parks and Aquatic Resources rules (§13-146 and §13-29-2) and State Historic Preservation laws (Chapter 6E HRS). The following are strictly prohibited:
  - a. Camping or erection of any structures, tarps or tents (§13-146-14).
  - b. Fires (§13-146-20).
  - c. Removal of rocks; removal or cutting of plants; disturbance of the ground surface (§13-146-23).
  - d. Littering (§13-146-35), consumption of alcohol (§13-146-25) and pets (§13-146-10).
7. Not sell, assign, convey or otherwise transfer **and/or** dispose of this permit to another individual.
8. Have a copy of this permit when landing at Ka‘awaloa and produce it upon request.
9. Not conduct any financial transactions or sales activities on the premises,
10. Understand and herby acknowledge that there may or may not be dangerous conditions existing on the premises and in the areas addressed in the Permit. Permittee agrees to assume the risk of any personal injury, property damage, or loss of life or property resulting from or in any way connected with the Permittee’s activities under this Permit.
11. Not hold **DLNR** responsible or liable for any vandalism or damage to vessel and personal belongings.
12. Comply with other conditions that may be imposed by the Chairperson, Board, or Department of Land and Natural Resources.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hawaii District Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(Refer to the attached map for permitted areas of use)**

