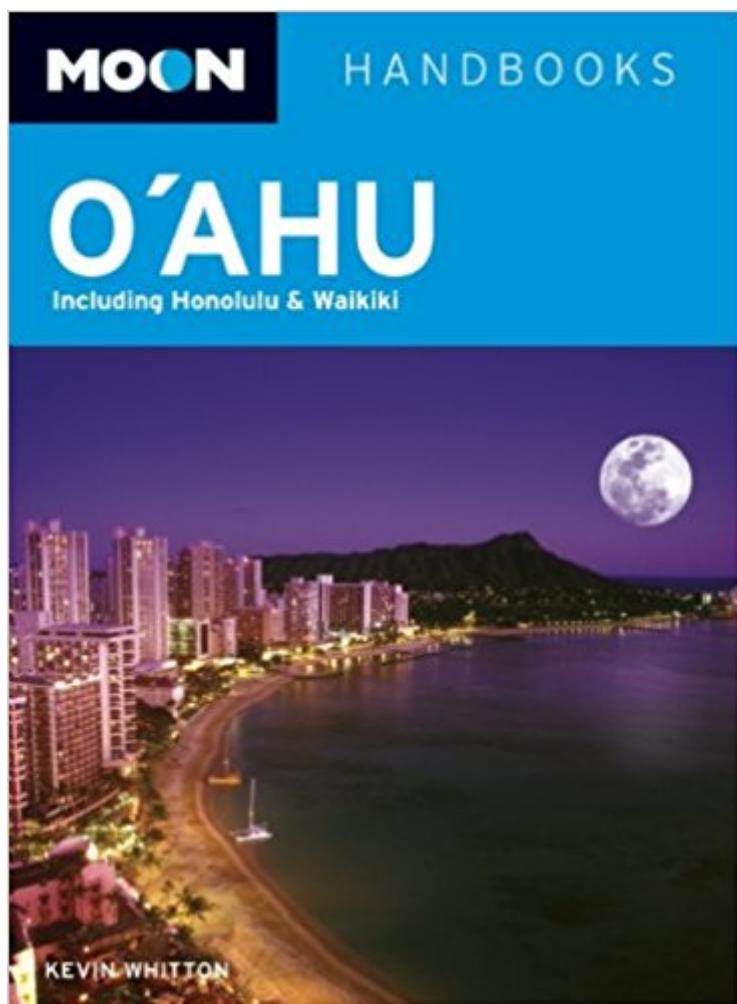


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# Moon O'ahu: Including Honolulu & Waikiki (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

O'ahu resident Kevin Whitton provides a fresh look at one of America's most beloved vacation spots in Moon O'ahu. Whitton knows the best way to experience the island, from taking surf lessons at Kuhio Beach to bird-watching in Kawainui Marsh. He includes trip ideas like Best of O'ahu in Seven Days, as well as helpful information on dining, transportation, and accommodations for a wide range of travel budgets. Complete with details on visiting Pearl Harbor and hiking to the top of the Koko Crater Railway Trail, Moon O'ahu gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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Avid surfer and nature-lover Kevin Whitton has traveled extensively throughout Mexico, Indonesia, and Australia. He's volunteered as a trail guide in a private Costa Rican rain forest preserve and as a snowmobile guide in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. When confronted with the choice between living in the mountains and visiting the beach, or living at the beach and visiting the mountains, Kevin refused to choose, deciding to call O'ahu home instead. Now when he waits for a wave at one of his favorite windward or North Shore surf breaks, he can gaze at the verdant mountains and revel in the best of both worlds. Kevin is the author of the award-winning *Green Hawai'i: A Guide to a Sustainable and Energy Efficient Home* and *A Pocket Guide to Hawai'i's Botanical Gardens*. He writes for Hawai'i's most notable regional publications, is active in the islands' surf media, and is the co-founder and editor of GREEN:

**Best Beaches** Tropical island destinations are often defined by the quality of their beaches. Luckily for O'ahu, the beaches are beautiful and varied from coast to coast. Different beaches have different types of sand, and combined with what's on the ocean floor, the water color glistens from deep blue to sparkling turquoise. Whether you're looking for recreation, isolation, or convenience, there's a beach that's just right for you, and these O'ahu spots are unmatched no matter what category they fall into.

**Waikiki Beach and Kuhio Beach Park** Side by side in the middle of Waikiki's legendary shoreline, these two beaches present the essence of Waikiki: white sand framed by Diamond Head, historic hotels, and the sparkling blue Pacific. Queen's and Canoes surf breaks are just off the shore, catamarans and outrigger canoes line the beach, and sunbathers stretch out in all directions.

**Waimea Bay Beach Park** This marine protected area framed by rocks and boulders on both sides sees pods of spinner dolphins gracing the bay in the summer when the water is calm and perfect for swimming and snorkeling. Don't forget to leap off Jump Rock.

**Sunset Beach** This is the quintessential North Shore beach. The coarse sand made of tiny bits of coral and shells stretches out in both directions and is thick with tropical vegetation along the dune. Walk north to the point for an unspoiled view of the Waianae Mountains.

**Sandy Beach Park** Set along the dramatic volcanic southeast coast next to Halona Blowhole, Sandy Beach is a popular sunbathing locale with an infamous pounding shorebreak and the best bodysurfing on the island.

**Makapu'u Beach Park** On the southeastern tip of the island, Makapu'u offers a fine white sand beach and amazing views of the predominant headland, Ko'olau cliffs, and offshore islands. There is great snorkeling along the headland, tidepools, and whale-watching during the winter.

**Kailua Beach Park** Fine white sand gently arcing up the coast for four miles; crystal clear water with a sandy bottom that's perfect for swimming, stand-up paddling, and kayaking; a grassy and shady park; rental outfitters and dining across the street—what isn't to love about Kailua Beach Park?

**Moku Nui, Mokulua Islands** Sometimes it's not about size, but perspective. This small sandy beach is on the leeward side of Moku Nui, the larger of the Mokulua Islands, just a quick kayak jaunt off the Lanikai shoreline. Witness amazing views of mainland O'ahu, spanning Makapu'u to Kane'ohe, from a vantage point not many others will see.

**Kahana Bay Beach Park** Set in a deep bay, the natural scenery here is breathtaking, the water is shallow and calm, and the peace and tranquility are tangible. It's perfect for families looking to escape the crowds.

**Makaha Beach Park** A classic venue on the leeward coast for taking in the sunset, Makaha has a wide beach, great wave, and is soaked in sun. When the water is calm, the area has a reef for snorkelers to explore.

and is great for swimming.

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