

Kaka‘ako Waterfront Park and Kaka‘ako Makai Gateway Park

The Kaka‘ako Waterfront Park and Kaka‘ako Makai Gateway Park provide over 36 acres of public park areas for the enjoyment of Hawaii’s residents and visitors.

Opened in 1992, the Kaka‘ako Waterfront Park—developed on what was once a massive landfill mound on the seaward reach of the Kaka‘ako Peninsula — is unlike any of Hawaii’s parks. The park’s 30 acres consists of contoured, rolling landscaped mounds, a breathtaking pedestrian promenade with comfort stations and picnic areas, an amphitheater, and observation areas that contribute to the public’s enjoyment of the spectacular ocean and mountain views.

The Kaka‘ako Makai Gateway Park is an attractive six-acre park that serves as a visible “gateway” to the Kaka‘ako Waterfront Park. Kaka‘ako Makai Gateway Park forms a dramatic view corridor along the well-traveled Ala Moana Boulevard that connects the Central Business District to Waikiki. Large landscaped lawns and festival grounds provide space for recreation and social activities. Gateway Park includes a two-acre passive park and a four-acre playing field with a comfort station.



(1) Pu‘u Kaka‘ako Park Lookout (2) Amphitheater (3) Waterfront Promenade
 (4) ‘Lahui’ Sculpture (5) Observation Areas (6) Ehime Maru Memorial (7) MADD Memorial

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Under the direction of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), a State of Hawaii redevelopment agency, the Kaka‘ako District is being invigorated and revitalized as a dynamic urban neighborhood, one which offers a variety of housing and recreational opportunities in a safe and attractive environment, with first-class facilities for shopping, recreation, entertainment, education, culture, and social activities. Adjacent uses to the Kaka‘ako Waterfront and Gateway parks reinforce HCDA’s vision of mixed-use community where people can live, work, learn, and play. These include the \$150 million University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine complex, which opened in 2005 and provides jobs and education in research and medical fields; a planned life sciences development by Kamehameha Schools; and the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center. www.HCDAweb.org

Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center



The Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center provides a world-class, interactive, participatory learning environment designed to inspire the young to new heights of learning and discovery. Visited by over 80,000 families and children a year, the Center provides an environment that encourages children to use their senses of touch, sight, hearing, and smell to gain a better understanding of the world around them. www.DiscoveryCenterHawaii.org

