TRY LOCAL
A guide to Anaina Hou's locally-crafted activities.
Anaina Hou Community Park is a lush, 15-acre community space on the North Shore of Kaua‘i where residents and visitors enjoy a variety of events from concerts, farmers market, and botanical mini golf, to cultural events and more.

What is Try Local?

The Try Local series at Anaina Hou represents the best of Kaua‘i, including culinary exploration, storytelling, art, and other place-based activities. Meet members of our Native Hawaiian community as they share their traditions and ‘ōlelo (language), as well as other artisans and farmers who make up Anaina Hou Community Park’s ‘ohana (family).
Journey through Hawaiian culture and history with fire dancing, storytelling, and the exhilarating beat of Polynesian drumming. Fun and educational, but most of all... authentic! Limited VIP seating is available to enhance your evening.

Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm
Join Native Hawaiian artist and Kumu Hula, Kehaulani Kekua, as she introduces you to the wahi pana (celebrated places of Kauai's cultural traditions) she has selected for the night as inspiration for your own masterpiece. As you paint and sip, Kumu Kehaulani will talk story (tell you stories) about Native Hawaiian culture and history. Culture to Canvas is a collaborative experience and perfect to enjoy solo or with a group of friends!

Thursdays at 5:30 pm
Karina Hou’s Farmers Market on Saturday mornings features over 40 vendors offering Kaua’i grown produce, along with locally-made items such as freshly baked bread, jams, local chocolate, fresh fish, and Kaua’i-made crafts. Our friendly farmers will be happy to tell you about the interesting fruit and vegetables you may not have seen before and if you’re one of the lucky ones, you might get a little taste! During the summer, shop to the sounds of local musicians.

Saturdays at 9 am
LOCALLY GROWN CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Join Chef Amy at Anina Hou’s Farmers Market to shop, chop, and sample some of the best produce on the island. You will participate in making several plant-based recipes to highlight Kaua‘i’s current growing season, as well as make a special gift for yourself to take home. Chef Amy will send you home with recipes, memories, and a craving to come back again. The Locally Grown Culinary Experience is a great way to enjoy Kaua‘i’s abundance with your partner, your kids, yourself or the whole family!

Saturdays at 10 am
THE PORTER PAVILION

The Porter Pavilion Complex is Kaua‘i’s premier event space. The 4,000 square foot pavilion reflects the surrounding natural beauty, while the massive barn doors on three sides welcome the breeze. Porter Pavilion’s front doors are graced by a stunning stained glass rendering of Kaua‘i sugarcane, “Kilauea Cane,” by local artists Evelyn DeBuhr and Frank Rothschild.

The Porter Pavilion provides visitors and residents with a myriad of entertainment options from concerts, plays, and films, to holiday-inspired events and educational opportunities.

The Porter Pavilion and accompanying complex are available for rent and offer state-of-the-art Audio Visual equipment, a commercial kitchen, multi-stall restrooms, and large lawn, all of which are perfect options for weddings and private special events.
This one-of-a-kind miniature golf course is 18-holes of pure fun surrounded by a Hawaiian Botanical Garden. Journey through the evolution of the Hawaiian Islands from volcanic eruption to learning about the introduction of different cultures, and the infamous “canoe plants.” Navigate the water hazards, pipe shots and other obstacles to get a hole in one and spin the wheel for a prize!

After your game, relax, enjoy the view, or visit Ally’s Cocina for superb Venezuelan cuisine. The ultimate treat? Try a keiki-style or adult-style shave ice at the cafe.

Open Wednesday - Sunday
10 am - 4 pm
The Anaina Hou Playground was designed to reflect the history of Kilauea, Kaua‘i and Hawaiian culture as a whole. It features a stunning mosaic wall created by local volunteer artists that depicts native sea birds and marine life, some indigenous and some endangered. The playground is suitable for all ages and highlights a volcano, double-hull canoe, and a sugarcane train that will keep your keiki fully entertained. An environmental note of distinction is that special construction materials were used that diverted 707,544 plastic milk jugs from landfills.

Open Daily
OUR MISSION

Anaina Hou Community Park is a community-gathering place on Kaua‘i’s North Shore that is rooted in our diverse history and where we honor the culture of these islands that calls us to Malama (care for) the land & sea, ourselves, and each other. To this end, we dedicate ourselves to developing public and private partnerships that benefit our greater island community through education, health and public safety, environmental stewardship, and quality entertainment.

OUR VISION

The vision of Anaina Hou Community Park is to enrich the lives of our Kaua‘i ‘ohana and our visitors from around the world.

SUPPORT

Anaina Hou Community Park is a registered 501c (3) nonprofit and relies on the generosity of those who enjoy the campus. Please consider making a gift today to ensure the future of our special park.