



Welcome to Rott's Manor

Pete & Mary Clukey

Maui 2004 Trip Report

Sat - 7/17/04

13:00 - 14:27 DL 253 ATL - LAX

15:25 - 17:43 DL 541 LAX - OGG

After claiming our luggage at the Maui airport, we got on Budget Car Rental's shuttle bus. Once at the counter we were easily talked into upgrading to a Mustang convertible. It took Pete a while to stuff our luggage into the car. Then we were off to [Blue Horizons B&B](#) in Lahaina. Our hostess Beverly, suggested some close restaurants for a quick bite. We decided to go to the grocery store to pick up a few supplies and dinner.

Sun - 7/18/04

We started the day off with an early morning Helo ride from [Blue Hawaiian Helicopters](#) in Kahalui. The 1 hour "Complete Island Tour" was awesome. As repeat guest we were given the video tape of our tour for free!

Mary had a coupon for the Aloha Grill in Kahalui, but the location (in the food court of a mall) didn't appeal to us. So back to Lahaina for a quick bite before we take off for an afternoon exploration drive.

Fist stop Dragons Teeth located just off of Office Road. From Highway 30 turn left onto Office Road just past Mile Marker #29. Parking is located on the right where the Office Road meets Lower Honoapiilani Road. A short hike along the edge of the golf course lead us to this spectacular site.

The next stop was awesome. The Blow Hole found near Mile Marker #38 Highway 30 (Honoapi'ilani Highway) north from Kapalua. We parked in the small dirt pullout along the side of the road. From there we followed the trail to the blowhole. It was going pretty good and Mary got a neat shot of Pete with it in the background.

Next we found the Bell Stone on highway 340 located just before Mile Marker #16 on the right side of the road. This thing is supposed to ring like a bell. After many attempts banging it with other rock we were not impressed.

Our final stop before we had to return to Lahaina for dinner was at the Olivine Pools. We hiked the dirt road ocean side just after the Bell Stone. Pete took a nice little swim.

Tonight we have dinner reservations at [David Paul's Lahaina Grill](#). The food was really good and the service was excellent!

Mon - 7/19/04

We got up in the wee hours of the morning to drive to Haleakala to see the sunrise. www.nps.gov/hale As we were approaching the base of the volcano we could see that the sun would be up before we made it to the top. So we found a nice place to pull off the road and watch the sun rise in complete privacy. Much nicer than spending it with the hoards of people at the top.

After the sun rose, we got back into the car and drove to the top of the crater. We popped into the visitor center and snapped lots of pictures. Then we ate our picnic breakfast of bagels & cheese, before we drove down to starting point for our 9am-morning hike through the Waikamoi Preserve on the Bird Loop Trail.

www.nps.gov/hale/pages/tier_two/programs.htm. This was an interesting hike. Our guide pointed out the poor & distressed condition of introduced conifer trees. Mary spent a lot of time trying to video some of the native birds.

We had lunch at [Casanova Italian Restaurant](#) in Makawao. This was a neat little town. We spent a couple hours just browsing in the shops. One of our favorites was [Hot Island Glass](#). They make these amazing glass

jelly fish things right there in the shop while you watch. Pete really studied the whole process.

Then we took the back road down to Paia where we watched the windsurfer's demonstrating their skills. By this time the sun was already setting and we made our way back to Lahaina.

Tue - 7/20/04

This morning we were off for a morning snorkel to Molokini aboard the [Four Winds II](#). It was really cool that they motored around to the back of Molokini and explained the holes in the side that we were seeing were caused by the military using the island for target practice. Today Molokini is a bird & marine sanctuary. The spot that we anchored was really full of life. We had a video-photographer on board filming the whole trip. After watching the video Mary couldn't resist and bought the DVD of our actual snorkel. The only thing that we didn't like about the trip was the 60's music... We were more in the mood for some "island" music.

After our morning snorkel, we visited the [Maui Ocean Center](#). It was a really awesome place - worth the stop, even Pete agreed. Mary had only allotted an hour and a half here but we actually spent two hours and we rushed through most of it.

Tonight we Luau! We picked up Ann and George, checked into the Luau but we were really early so off to do some shopping at the Cannery Mall. We needed to get George properly dressed. We found just the perfect low keyed Hawaiian shirt for him. The Luau at the [Old Lahaina Luau](#) was excellent. When we were escorted to our seats, our guide took Mary's camera and began filming the whole thing... or so we thought. He actually hit the pause button at the beginning, oh well, he tried. The staff provided excellent service. The drinks were strong. The dancing was just the right amount. Some times Luau's can seem to go on forever.

Wed - 7/21/04

This was going to be a long day. We picked up Ann & George at 6am. We were scheduled for a 12 mile horseback ride with [Pony Express Tours](#). They call it their Kapaloa Cabin Ride. This was an awesome

adventure. The horses were great (for trail riding stable horses). The scenery was amazing. The trail was dusty and we really could have used some more breaks for water. But all in all it was the best way to see the crater.

After our marathon ride we stopped at the [Kula Lodge](#) for a snack. Mary was completely wiped out and exhausted. By the time we got back to Lahaina we all called it a night!

Thur - 7/22/04

This morning we were on our own. Ann & George were going diving. We decided to drive to La Perouse Bay for a morning snorkel. The drive to La Perouse was probably Mary's favorite on all of Maui. When we got there the water was kind of murky but the variety of fish was really nice.

We were in a hurry to get back to Lahaina to see if we could catch Ann & George at the dock when they returned from their morning dive. But we were just a few minutes too late. However, we did get to see the Banyon tree in Lahaina. After a quick bite to eat at the Aloha Mixed Plate, we returned to the B&B to clean up.

Ann picked us up at Blue Horizons. Then we went to Dragons Teeth. Pete's camera had an unfortunate swim.

Then we drove onto Paia to pick up picnic & tour cd from Maui Momba formally PicNics. The sandwich was expensive and the sandwiches were not exceptionally great. We drove the road to Hana and didn't make any stops. We were trying to beat the sunset to find our B&B in Hana before dark. We found Hana Maui Botanical Gardens B&B [Hana Maui Botanical Gardens B&B](#) just before dark. The rather large palmetto bug that scurried across the floor surprised Ann. George made friends with the dogs. Then we grabbed our flashlights and explored the gardens just a little. Once back at our "cabin" we grabbed our picnic and chowed down by solar powered light.

Fri - 7/23/04

Today we drove the Road to Hana in reverse. We started with a hike to the red sand pocket beach. Ann lost her phone briefly but George

tracked it down. Then we were off for a morning swim at the 7 sacred pools. We stopped at Lynbergs grave. And we hiked to several waterfalls on the way back to Lahaina.

It was another late day. Ann & George had laundry to do before they packed so we went our separate ways for dinner. Pete and Mary found a great little at pizzeria near the Blue Horizons B&B.

Sat - 7/24/04

We got up early to say goodbye to Ann & George ...and to pick up my cell phone that I left in Ann's rental car (oops).

The early morning meant that we could get in some extra snorkeling. We spent about a half an hour at Mokule'ia (Slaughterhouse) Beach, Hwy 30 around Mile Marker #33. It had a pretty nice sandy beach, and plenty of colorful fish. Mary almost swam into a sea turtle. Then we went onto Honolua Bay, located just a little further up the road. The beach was rocky but the fish were amazing... even visible from the shoreling. But what we saw further out at the point was just awesome. The most vibrant coral gardens we think that we've ever seen.

Our morning snorkeling had worked up our appetite. Mary was looking forward to Macadamia nut pancakes at The Gazebo. It was a place that several locals had recommended to us. So, we found The Gazebo and the hour plus line around 9:30 in the morning. Since, we needed to get back to the B&B and shower before we checked out by 11 am, we decided to go to McDonalds for breakfast. Don't worry, Mary still got a "Hawaii-type" breakfast... she ordered hotcakes with a side of SPAM. SPAM is some kind of Hawaiian phenomenon. They love it in Hawaii. Mary decided that this would be here SPAM quota for at least a year.

Unfortunately the time came to check out of the Blue Horizons B&B.

We drove into the lao valley and walked the "trail". That took all of 15 minutes. But now it was lunch time. So we found Cafe O'Lei behind the [Hawaii Nature Center](#). What a nice little find this was. Mary even loved her sandwich.

After lunch, we decided to check out a mall. Boy, did we get lucky. There was a local Hula show going on. It was really cute to watch the kids up

on stage. We had an ice cream and shopped until, well, until we had to leave to go find some dinner.

[Mama's Fish House](#) in Paia was highly recommended to us. Well, when we pulled into the parking lot and saw the sign for complimentary valet parking, Mary wondered if she wasn't too under dressed. The vallet assured us that this is Maui, so just relax and come as you are. The service here is outstanding. We were treated like millionaires, though we were dressed like bums. Excellent food - 1st class all the way.

After dinner we returned the rental car, checked our luggage, and boarded our flight...

21:15 - 5:11 DL 292 OGG-LAX

Sun - 7/25/04

7:20 - 14:35 DL 292 LAX-ATL

Back to reality. Another excellent vacation adventure came to a close.