

97 Kaupo Back in Business

It took a pair of earthquakes to shutter the vintage Kaupo General Store, but it's open again thanks to completion of a highway project that, after two years, has reconnected the store to civilization.

The store, built in 1925, is just outside Kaupo, a tiny fishing village on Maui's rugged and picturesque south shore. Driving west along Highway 31, the store is located just outside of town at Mile Marker 35. In the middle of nowhere, the store caters to passing visitor traffic ready to take a break from driving.

Snacks and soft drinks co-mingle with a collection of antiques. Rummage through the antiques and sit a spell on the porch before you head down the road again.



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98 Shop at the Saturday Swap

Maui's growing reputation as a trendy vacation spot gets a little incoherent when you factor in the immense popularity of its Saturday morning Swap Meet. The swap has been operating for more than 15 years at a location near the Post Office in Kahului where it consistently attracts both residents and visitors.

Why? Maybe it's the festival-like atmosphere or the sheer volume of goods. Maui-grown produce like vegetables, fresh taro, flowers, ethnic foods, crafts and household items are certainly a draw. Good deals on things that would cost more in island shops are another incentive. So is the possibility that somewhere in all that stuff there's something you've been looking for forever.

December is a good time to show up at the swap meet. After Thanksgiving and through the end of the year, booths mushroom into the hundreds and the energy reaches a fever pitch. The Swap Meet opens at 7 a.m. and continues until noon. Go early if you want to get a sneak preview. But you're still going to pay 50 cents to get in.

99 Own a Timeshare

Purchasing a week or two at a timeshare property in Hawai'i is a popular option for many visitors. Listening to a sales pitch will cost you nothing. In fact, you're likely to be rewarded for attending the presentation with tickets to activities or attractions, a meal at a quality restaurant or other incentives.

Timeshare buyers have the option of selecting a floating or fixed vacation period. A floating week allows a timeshare owner to select a vacation week from varying weeks each year, while a fixed week assures the owner of the same interval week each year.

There is an option to exchange your week on one island for another island, or even a wide range of vacation destinations across the globe. However, Hawaiian properties are high on the request list for timeshare exchange and buyers like to visit the island of their choice.



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100 Go to a Farmers Market

Garden-fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers draw many shoppers to Maui's farmers markets. Reminiscent of open-air markets in the South Pacific, the local outdoor markets are available most every day of the week in one location or the other throughout the island.

Wandering through the markets is a lesson in tropical agriculture with a taste of local culture. Talk to the vendors. You'll be surprised what you can learn. Alongside ripe and green papayas, hands of bananas, lettuce and cherry tomatoes, you'll find signature Maui products like Kula onions and strawberries, Moloka'i sweet potatoes, field-fresh pineapples, coffee, flowers and Chinese cabbage.

Though the markets are similar, each has its own identity and you may find a special tropical fruit at one, but not at another. Make sure you get to market early. Most sell out quickly as demand for locally grown products grows. To save time and hassle bring your own bag and plenty of \$1 bills.

The Aloha Friday Farmers Market, from noon to 6 p.m. at Maui Community College, is known for its produce and special events. Two farmers markets, one in South Kihei, the other near the Ka'anapali Resort, operate Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The South Kihei market in the old Suda Store parking lot, runs from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The other, across from Honokowai Park, is open from 7 to 11 a.m.

Hana Farmers & Crafters Market, set up in the lot next to the old Hasegawa Gas Station in Hana, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Ke'anae Open Market, on the road to Hana, operates the second Saturday of each month. The Wailuku Farmers Market runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.. The market at the Kahului Shopping Center operates on Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. And on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. you can catch a market at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center. Maui Mall is the location of another Friday market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

101 Get a Chico Bag

They're called Chico Bags and everybody ought to have one or more. They're reusable. They're made of a lightweight nylon material and fold up small enough to carry in your pocket or purse. They make saying 'no' to plastic bags easy, and they'll help reduce your trash footprint with practically no effort.

Maui is the first county in Hawaii to ban stores from providing plastic shopping bags. The law goes into effect in 2011.

Chico Bags are available at Pacific Whale Foundation's Ocean Stores at 312 Front St., Lahaina, or at the Harbor Shops at Ma'alaea, as well as Mana Foods in Pa'ia and Down to Earth in Kahului.

They fold up into their own little stuff sack, which is easy to whip out whenever a plastic bag is in sight. Reusable cups and water bottles are other convenient ways to reduce your trash impact.

Finding a way to use left over groceries that you can't take home isn't that difficult. Find a Snorkel Bob's store and drop them off. The store's staff will see to it that food gets to the Maui Food Bank, which is having a difficult time meeting demand.