Welcome to Lyon Arboretum

The Harold L. Lyon Arboretum occupies 193 acres of tropical rainforest. There are more than 8,000 taxa of plants throughout the grounds, over 7 miles of hiking trails, and an elevation gradient from 450 to 1,850 feet above sea level. In addition to the Living Collection, we support education, research, and conservation in all Arboretum Departments.

Rules and Safety Guidelines

• Trails may be narrow, slippery, and uneven. Wear appropriate footwear with good traction.
• Insect repellant is recommended.
• Beware of falling branches.
• Avoid entering streams or ponds, especially if you have open cuts or wounds. Leptospirosis and other harmful bacteria may be present in the water or soil.
• Do not drink stream water or eat any plant material.
• Picking or removal of plant material is prohibited.
• Destruction, disturbance, or pollution of the watershed and Arboretum grounds are prohibited.
• Introduction of outside plants or animals is prohibited.
• Pets are prohibited. Service animals must have service permits and be on leash and under control.
• Smoking is prohibited.
• The use of drones is prohibited.

Arboretum admission is free; however, a suggested donation of $5 - 10 is appreciated. Mahalo.

Hours:
Monday through Friday 8 am - 4 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm
Closed Sundays and Holidays

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Celebrating 102 Years of Science and Research
1918-2020

Lower Arboretum Grounds Points of Interest
1. Rain Shelter & Walking Buddha Statue - Find relief from the rain next to a Sukhothai-style, cast bronze statue and bodhi tree like the one under which Buddha attained enlightenment
2. Hawaiian Ethnobotanical Garden - Important plants in traditional Hawaiian culture, including the Canoe Plants brought to Hawaiʻi by the Polynesians who settled here around 1,000 A.D.
3. Native Hawaiian Garden and Overlook - Scenic views and a variety of indigenous and endemic plants that existed in Hawaiʻi prior to human settlement
4. Young Memorial Garden - Relax by the lily pond and fountain, or rest under the gazebo
5. Herb and Spice Garden - Exotic, edible and medicinal plants including nutmeg, clove, cola, and more
6. Garden of Remembrance - A tranquil place for quiet reflection

Great Lawn
Great Lawn Loop Trail (0.3 mi / 0.5 km)
Awa Garden
Awa Stream
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"Ahuadane Stream"
1. 'Aihualama Falls - Flows best when it rains
2. Vanilla Valley - Look on the trees to find this culinary orchid
3. "Haunted" Seismograph Station - Decommissioned in 1974 and a little spooky!
4. Economic Garden - Economically important plants
5. Haukulu Restoration Forest - Plants native to Hawai‘i
6. Royal Palms - An impressive grove designated as Exceptional Trees
7. Harold L. Lyon Memorial - Memorial to the Arboretum’s founder
8. Cycad Forest - Are those palms? No, the ancestors of these unique cone-bearing plants thrived among dinosaurs
9. Inspiration Point - Scenic overlook of Mānoa Valley
10. Ginger Collection - Beehives, dancing ladies, shells, and torches, see these seasonal blooms from May to September
11. Bromeliad Garden - Pineapple is a member of this plant family

Please Note:
**Not all trails are well marked or maintained, and not all trails are depicted on this map.**

*Inset area enlarged on Lower Arboretum Grounds map on reverse*

Wildlife of the Arboretum:
Keep your eyes and ears open to observe these exotic animals that are not native to Hawai‘i. For more information on invasive species in Hawai‘i, please visit the O‘ahu Invasive Species Committee website.