

Lanikai.

Widely regarded as one of the best beaches in the world, Lanikai on the island of Oahu is a family friendly stretch of sand with almost no waves but the kind of scenery that makes postcards jealous. On the Sunday before Memorial Day we decided to take the thirty minute drive over the Pali from our home in Honolulu for a day at the beach.

The traffic and parking in the affluent neighborhood bordering Lanikai is notoriously difficult. Fortunately, the parking fairy was smiling and we found a spot a block from the beach access. With a baby and eight year old in tow, getting a prime place to park is worth noting. I'm sure anyone can relate.

When you arrive on the beach, you are greeted with soft white sugar sand that's so fine it makes your feet look like powdered malasadas. Finding a soft place to set up camp is easy. No rocks, no debris, just sand and gentle surf.











In conclusion, a day at Lanikai is a family friendly way to unwind and recharge before returning to the routine of the workweek. Yes, we have those in Hawaii too. Traffic, deadlines, getting the kids ready for school; all the trappings of modern life are here. Yet, magical beaches help us remember we live on the edge of a liquid planet.



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