

Road to Hana sites from mile marker 0 to Oheo Gulch

List of attractions Heading to Oheo Gulch

Mile Marker 0 (approx. 10 miles to Paia)

When highway 36 turns into highway 360 reset your odometer to 0. There is a mile marker 0 sign once turn on to highway 360.

Heading in this direction it is best to view the waterfalls, since most are to the right. You can stop for attractions and ocean views on the way back.

1. Twin Falls (Just past mm2 heading east)

is the first waterfall you can explore. It is on the private property of Wailele Farms who run the Twin Falls farm stand and operate the tours to the waterfall. You can view the waterfall for free with donations accepted. There are better falls that are free to view, so you can pass this one, if you desire.

2. Painted Trees (3/4 mile past mm6 heading east)

About 3/4 mile past MM6 keep an eye out for painted eucalyptus trees. There isn't a place to pull over so slow down for a quick picture or view. If you miss them try again, on the way back

3. Waikamoi Nature Trail (1/2 mile past mm9 heading east)

A little over half-mile past mile marker 9 on the Hana Highway keep your eyes open for the parking lot (mauka) to the Waikamoi Ridge Forest Trail and Overlook. It is easy to miss due to the fact it's around a bend in the road. After parking in the often crowded lot, head up to the open area to your left to a small overlook with picnic shelters and the Waikamoi trail head.

4. Waikamoi Falls (Just before mm10 heading east)

You will notice a small waterfall visible from the turnout. If there has been heavy rainfall you can view a more spectacular waterfall by hiking up the trail. Be careful as the trail is muddy.

5. Garden of Eden

This is a nice botanical garden with a good bit of walking. There are great views of lower and upper Puohokamoa falls not visible from the road. The park doesn't open until 9am so, try it on the way back if you go early.

6. Lower Puahokamoa Falls (Just before mm11 heading east)

There is a small trail that will take you to the falls. Garden of Eden has blocked access to the upper falls.

7. Haipua'ena Falls (5/10s of a mile from mm11 heading east)

Haipua'ena Falls is located below the road. You can find the path which is easy to navigate as long as it is not muddy.

8. Halfway to Hana (Between mm17 and mm18)

Small market with drinks and goodies. This is the halfway point to Hana.

9. Upper Waikani Falls (About half way between mm19 and mm20 heading east)

A very popular fall located close to the road. Park at the turnout and walk down the spot that many people just snap a quick picture passing by, and do not stop to explore.

10. Puaa Kaa State Wayside (Between mm22 and mm23)

Puaa Kaa State Wayside is a nice rest area with rest rooms. Across from the parking lot is a large pretty park with exotic flowers and Puaa Kaa waterfall. This a nice spot for a picnic.

11. Upper Hanawi Falls (Just past mm23 heading east)

This is one of many falls that feed from the Hanawi Stream as it flows to the ocean. The best view of the falls is from the bridge. Upper Hanawi Falls run even in dry months and can get really dramatic after heavy rains.

12. Nahiku Market Place (between mm28 and mm29)

Nahiku Market Place is an interesting marketplace built in a heavily forested area. There is a cafe, and a few gift shops filled with some unusual local merchandise.

13. Wailua Falls

is located about 8 miles south of Hana. It is easy to spot. There will be a parking lot and usually people in the street taking pictures (unless you get there real early). Stop and enjoy the falls. The next 2 miles to Oheo Gulch is very curvy and narrow, yes, even more than you have already encountered.

14. Oheo Gulch

Oheo Gulch is located at Mount Haleakala State Park. It is a short hike to the pools and waterfalls. Take a dip in the pool and hike around the area. If you got up early you won't be fighting the hundreds of tourists that will arrive shortly. For more fun take the Pipiwai Trail up to Waiamoku Falls (see below)

15. Pipiwai Trail and Waiamoku Falls (trail starts at Oheo Gulch)

The Pipiwai Trail starts at the left side of the pools. the 5-mile hike (round trip) follows the stream passing through a bamboo forest and ending at the 500ft. high Waiamoku Falls. The hike is pretty easy on a mostly even trail, crossing the stream twice. Wear hiking boots or water shoes as it can get muddy and slippery.

16. Lindbergh Grave

If the road is open you may opt to drive another mile down to Lindbergh's Grave. You can drive south all the way around the island, but most rental agency's frown on this. If you do get stuck on this road you are on your own.