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Hawaii Flying Preferred Scenic Routes, ATC, UNICOM for Pilots not flying with a local CFI. **NORMAL TRADE WINDS - CIRRUS 993AD**

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All Pilots must read and familiarize themselves with Hawaii Airports Flying Guide published by the DOT <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1033/ML103340574.pdf>

**PREFERRED LOW ALTITUDE ROUTES 1,000' WESTBOUND, 1,500' EASTBOUND**

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**Molokai + West Maui Scenic Flight**

CLASS C airspace: Obtain clearance on 120.6. Request a NorthWest Departure "with services"

Remain 2 miles offshore, maintain 1,000' contact HCF departure on 120.2. Squawk 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Upon receiving a 1200 VFR handoff, in between the channel you should be monitoring and communication with Kapalua UNICOM 122.7 and report position.

Upon reaching "Elephant Rock" tell Kapalua you are switching frequencies.

Switch to 121.95 MOLOKAI NORTH SHORE UNICOM and report north of Elephant Rock to the Cliffs. Then report "Papalua waterfall" at 1,000'. Then report "Pelekunu".

If you are landing at Kalaupapa (PHLU) you then switch to 122.90 and report "Makapu rocks". You may enter either overhead at 1,500' or if not busy enter the Crosswind from RWY 5. Most of the time winds favor RWY 5.

You can then fly "topside" to Molokai, contact PHMK on 125.70 upon reaching 1,000' on the climb out, remaining East of the Field, head for the small hill/reservoir at 2,000'. Winds can be gusty on the transition from Windward to Leeward side of the island.

Head to the Pier. You may fly alongside the coral reef at 1,500'

Upon leaving the CLASS D, go to 121.95 and report Kaunakaki. Next waypoint is Kamalo buoy. Careful to watch for helicopters there. After that, contact Kapalua on 122.70 and report Kamalo to Nakelele if you decide to come back, or towards Lahaina and Kaanapali.

During normal windy conditions (25G35) we recommend avoiding flying past Lahaina as there is moderate to extreme turbulence near the windmills and could result in loss of control at times. Furthermore HCF Approach will make you hold in the worst places and your passengers will not be happy. There are sick sacks in the seat backs. Remain on the north side of the islands is usually calm.

Get the ATIS for PHOG on 128.60 prior to entering CLASS C. Contact HCF Approach on 120.20 and report Nakelele. Caution for helicopters at that area and coming down the hill. Remain along the coastline. Head to the Harbor for a left base for RWY 5.

You will be handed off to PHOG Tower 118.70

You will most likely be told to taxi off to RIGHT ON ALPHA, LEFT ON FOXTROT and HOLD SHORT RWY 2 AT FOXTROT.

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## **MOLOKAI LANAI WEST MAUI**

SAME AS ABOVE.

During gusty conditions Lanai can be turbulent at Kaena Point.  
UNICOM is 122.90 and AWOS is 118.375  
HCF is 119.30

Proceed to enter a left downwind for RWY 3.  
GATE CODE FOR LANAI IS 2345 BUT YOU MUST HOLD THE 2/3 TOGETHER AND THEN THE 4/5 TOGETHER

Upon returning to PHOG, please read above. We recommend taking the West Maui route back to the North Shore for efficiency and smoothness.

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## **MOLOKAI HONOLULU**

Please watch the FAA YouTube video prior on HNL <https://youtu.be/OzwZvJPcGls>

As per above. Upon receiving a frequency change from Molokai, contact approach on 124.1 at "ILIO POINT" climb to at least 2,000'. It's possible you may either get a handoff or 1200 code. Get the ATIS on 127.90 and listen carefully. If you do not understand anything tell ATC. If you are unable to comply with a request due to unfamiliarity say "unable, not familiar".

If no handoff, contact HCF on 119.1 or 118.3 or 124.8 prior to entering CLASS B airspace.

Proceed direct to Coco Head CKH VOR at 2,000' for the Freeway arrival. Follow the Freeway and stay slightly to the right side of it. There will be traffic outbound at 1,500'.

At the PUNCHBOWL (a hill next to downtown) you will be told to contact Tower 118.1. If you hear ATC say "CONTINUE" you may follow the setup for the left downwind to 4R or 4L HOWEVER you are NOT allowed to descend.

If you are told "Cleared to Land" now you can descend to 1,000'. Start your base PRIOR to the turquoise triangular lagoon.

Do NOT overfly the taxi way of RWY 8R. If the wind is blowing you towards that runway you must tell the control, UNABLE to remain outside of taxiway RB.

Taxi off at DELTA or ECHO. NOT FOX.

If you are proceeding to Transient, contact ground on 121.90 and request taxi to the T HANGARS. Park on the outer most row. Walk to the security gate. You can contact UBER etc.

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## **HANA and BIG ISLAND VOLCANO**

Request a clearance on 120.6 for a North East Departure with Services.  
Remain offshore, follow the shoreline maintain 1,500' contact HCF Departure on 120.20  
Squawk 17\_\_ \_\_

Upon 1200 code, contact Maui Traffic UNICOM 120.65

Keep your eyes open for helicopter traffic.

5 miles from Hana PHHN contact Unicom 122.90

If landing in Hana, note the terrain on final slopes up, which may cause you to remain high.  
There is no VASI.

If proceeding to the Big Island then, after leaving Hana airspace contact HCF approach on 126.00 climb to appropriate VFR altitude. Upon 1200, contact UNICOM on 127.05 until OKALA, get the ATIS on 126.40 and contact Hilo approach on 119.70

Recommended route: WAPIO-TIGAH-OKALA-shoreline then PHTO (Hilo).

If landing on RWY 8, you will get taxi instructions to DELTA ALPHA CHARLIE Cross Runway 3 to parking. Park at transient. Order fuel from Air Service Hawaii at 808-960-5146  
You can walk to lunch (10 minute walk) to Coconut Grill.

After departing PHTO, they will give you 1200 and you can contact UNICOM on 122.85

If you wish to fly over the Volcano, be EXTREMELY cautious of helicopter and low clouds. Left hand turns are preferred. Report the Northern Tree Line to the Vent. Then report orbiting the vent. Remain wide if a helicopter is orbiting. Give them room.

Weather at the Volcano can turn IFR at anytime. Turn back. Always give yourself an out. If caught in unexpected IFR conditions, turn toward the coastline and climb immediately.

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## **KAUAI**

Same as Molokai, then stay on the north side of Oahu, contact Kaneohe Marine Corp Air Station on 120.70. Request transition to the West. Upon leaving the Class D, then use Oahu traffic on 122.85.

Beware of parachute jumpers using Dillingham (PHDH), contact them at 123.00  
Upon reaching Kaena Point, climb to 6,500' or 8,500' and contact HCF approach on 126.50

Proceed towards Lihue PHLI. If you want to fly along the Napali coastline, contact UNICOM at 127.05 fly 1000' west bound, turn around prior to restricted area and climb to 1,500'. DO NOT LAND AT PRINCEVILLE. It is a private airport.

Contact Lihue tower 15 miles out on 118.90

Park next to tower. Walk to Air Service. Order fuel. Call the Marriot shuttle 808-245-5050 and proceed to baggage claim. Have lunch at Duke's.