

The Botanical Gardens On the North Shore of Kauaiin Hawaii, other attractions and Iraivan Temple (இறைவன் கோயில்).

Kauai is a verdant oasis in the middle of the ocean. Photos by Veeraswamy Krishnaraj November 12-15, 2011, Kauai, Hawaii



A fellow attendee, Sagar Krishnaraj, V.Krishnaraj at the Gardens. Nov, 15, 2011.



Here is pictorial tribute to its lush vegetation. The founders of Na 'Āina Kai developed their extraordinary artistic and horticultural vision based upon their strong love for the land and the people of the tropics.

Today, the mission of this not-for-profit organization continues to be multifaceted, strengthening the firm foundation upon which the gardens were conceived.

Na 'Āina Kai strives to...

Ensure its future sustainability through investment in forestry.

Practice natural resource conservation based on sound scientific principles.

Make possible educational and research opportunities in tropical horticulture, forestry, and agriculture.

Offer enchanting venues for private, corporate, and cultural events.

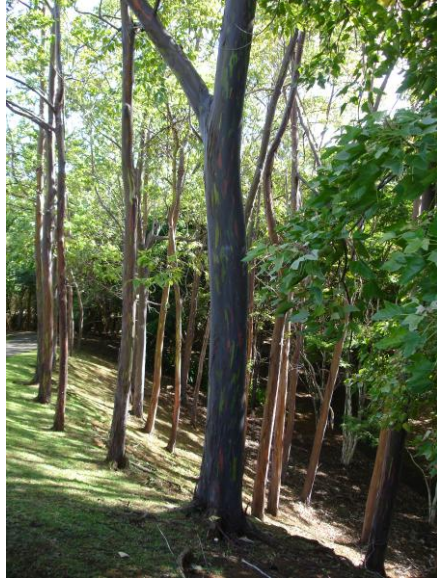
Provide an ever-evolving array of natural wonders and human-crafted artistic creations.

Preserve the land and natural resources for future generations of visitors from the Hawaiian Islands and around the world. <http://www.naainakai.org/about.html>

Photos by Veeraswamy Krishnaraj on a tour of the Botanical Gardens with the guide and seven others in November 15, 2011 in the Island of Kauai.



The guide in the Botanical Gardens of Na 'Āina Kai. Noni Fruit, marketed as drink.



Rows of trees. Exquisite variegated colors of tree trunk.



A view of the ocean and the edible Jack Fruit of the tropics in the gardens.



Bronze sculptures of tree and children. Awe and wonder.



Awe and Wonder. Boy tries to retrieve the cat on the tree.



Rows of trees. The boy repairing the fishing nylon thread.



The Shepherd boy tending the goats.



Boy delivering newspaper.



Navajo girl with a lamb.





Tryst under a tree and a private moment.



A girl with floral and leaf decorations on the head, wrists and ankles.



Five Petal flower. Name?



The tree with five petal flowers. Name?



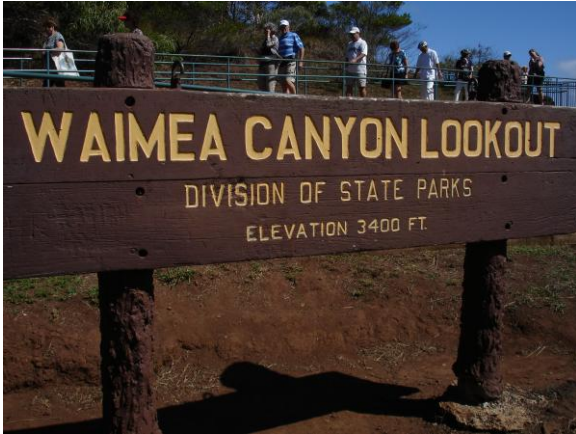
The boy playing in the sun and sand (mud). All photos by Veeraswamy Krishnaraj



Twin flowers. Name?



The feral chickens on the parking lot of Walmart store in Kauai.



One view of Waimea Canyon.



Waimea Canyon, rugged beauty.



Kalalau Lookout.



Waimea Plantation Cottages grounds: a common site for weddings.



Himalayan Academy Iraivan Temple under construction in Kauai.

The 353-acre sanctuary on this tropical isle is a theological seminary, publishing center, home of Iraivan Siva temple, and a destination for Hindus who come on pilgrimage from around the world.



On the way to Iraivan Temple. The statue of Ganesa. The Lord of beginnings and the first son of Siva and



Our group proceed to the Iraivan Temple under construction on 11-12-2011.
In the background are the Rudraksha trees, whose nuts are worn around the neck by Siva Devotees.



Behind the temple under construction is Dakshinamurthy with his disciples. All statues and temple Structures are carved in stone in South India and transported to Kauai for assembly by Indian artisans.



Dakshinamurthy is an aspect of Siva as Guru with all kinds of knowledge.
Photo taken by Veeraswamy Krishnaraj November 12, 2011.



The front of the temple guarded by mythical beings. Photo taken by V. Krishnaraj



Siva kills the demon, a symbol for evil in men.



A portrayal of Saivite and Vishnavite. See the Sectarian Marks on their foreheads.



An ornate look of one corner of the Iraivan Temple (இறைவன் கோயில்).



Dakshinamurthy under a tree.



A photo of V. Krishnaraj with a resident monk.



A couple (Uma and Michael) received blessings and shawl from Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami Nov 12, 2011.