



TAKE OUR

self-guided TOUR

An enjoyable way to explore this remote sanctuary is to venture out on our short self-guided tour, available from 9 am to noon every day. Please read the steps below before beginning your tour.

Step 1: Basic Guidelines

- Guests to our monastery are requested to wear elegant clothing. If you are wearing shorts above knees, a short dress or small tank top, cover-up sarongs may be borrowed from the gazebo behind you.
- You are welcome to take photos of anything except the inside of Kadavul Temple (see map on reverse).
- Be safe; don't leave valuables in your car.
- Please do not smoke.

Step 2: "All About Kauai's Hindu Monastery" booklet

- Please take one of these booklets with you. If they are out of stock, general information about our monastery is on a large poster in the gazebo behind you. You are also welcome to a free copy of our magazine *Hinduism Today* in the giftshop ahead.

Step 3: Self-Guided Tour Map

- Please turn over this page to see the map that will guide you through our front monastery grounds. We request that you stay on the designated paths. Enjoy!



Kauai's Hindu Monastery was founded in 1970 by Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami (inset), affectionately known as Gurudeva. He created this sacred place for meditation, worship, training of his monks and as a religious resource for the Hindu world. Before his passing in November, 2001, he chose as his successor Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, who is now the spiritual leader of the monastery and its ancient lineage.





HOW TO USE THIS MAP. This self-guided tour starts at the Pua Kenikeni Mandapam (entrance gazebo) located at the bottom left of this map. Follow the numbers and it will take you through the various points of interest. You may keep this map as a souvenir.

6. ENTRY WALL & GATE Enter through this gate to be in the more sanctified milieu of our monastery temple.

7. TEMPLE TANK This sacred pool has a statue of the child saint Sambandar dancing joyously on a lotus. The sacred “Om” in the Tamil language is painted on the bottom of the pool.

8. VIEWING LOOKOUT Here you will see the Wailua River with its Nani Kaua (“beautiful rain”) pond and waterfall. You can view Mount Waialeale and Iraivan Temple in the distance. Your next stop is Kadavul Temple, back the way you came.



5. BANYAN MANDAPAM Explore our guru lineage, spiritual artwork, the monastery’s mission, some basics of Hinduism and the making of Iraivan Temple. When you are done, head back out to the path and proceed to the right.



4. LORD SHANMUGA Under this giant banyan tree you will find a granite sculpture of the six-faced Deity. He guides the transformation of the instinctive into divine wisdom through the practice of yoga.

3. INDIAN BANYAN TREE Take the winding path to the banyan tree. The six flat rocks are for meditation.



2. NEPALESE GANESHA Remover of Obstacles and God of Good Timing. He blesses all visitors to the temple. Sound His bell to announce your arrival.

START

1. PUA KENIKENI MANDAPAM Areas 1 & 2 are open from 6am to 6pm. There is an urn in the six-sided pavilion where, if inspired, you can write down and burn your problems.



9. KADAVUL TEMPLE At the entry of this structure sits a 16-ton, black granite Nandi Bull, who worships Lord Siva. Please do not use footwear around Nandi the bull or in front of the temple. Inside, a worship ceremony, puja, takes place from 9am to about 10:45. (Entry is by advance reservation only, whether to attend puja or briefly worship/meditate in late morning. Contact puja@hindu.org to inquire. No same day reservations.) Next, return down the path to our Mini Mela Library. Restrooms are there.

10. MINIMELA LIBRARY & VISITOR CENTER Graphically rich books on Hinduism, published by the monastery, are available here, along with a collection of exotic Indian artifacts and sacred items.

No photography
 No entry

Aloha!

If you enjoyed your tour and would like to make a contribution, a donation box is available at our front entrance (station #1). You can also see a exquisite Lord Hanuman statue from a distance at our rudraksha tree grove further up the main road— 7345 Kuamoo.

For a daily chronicle of our monastery, please visit www.gurudeva.org

