



Explore Kauai's Hindu Monastery on Your Own **SELF-GUIDED TOUR**

One of the most enjoyable ways to discover this special part of paradise is to venture out on a self-guided tour of the front grounds. Please read all the steps below before starting your excursion.

Step 1: Basic Guidelines

- As a guest to our monastery, you are requested to wear modest clothing.
- If you are wearing shorts, a short dress, t-shirt or tank top, please put on a wrap-around (sarong). You will find a selection in the entrance gazebo. Polo shirts are okay.
- You are welcome to take photos anywhere except inside Kadavul Temple (see map on reverse).
- Do not leave valuables in your car.
- The monastery is open from 9am to noon every day.



Step 2: "All About Kauai's



Hindu Monastery" booklet

Please take one of these booklets with you. It gives detailed information about the monastery.

Step 3: Self-guided Tour Map

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

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.



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A Virtual Tour
Of the Monastery





How to Use This Map. This self-guided tour starts at the Pua Kenikeni Mandapam (gazebo). Please see bottom left of this map. Following the numbers will take you through the various points of interest. You may keep this map as a souvenir.

Nine Destinations On Your Self-Guided Tour

5. Banyan Mandapam. This gallery shares our lineage of gurus, the monastery work, some basics of Hinduism and images of our hand-carved Iraivan Temple. After you've explored the panels, head back out to the path and proceed to the temple tank.

4. Lord Shanmuga. Under the banyan tree stands the six-faced God of yoga. This is Lord Murugan, Siva's son, the Deity of kundalini, mystic contemplation and healing. Meditation pads invite you to go within.



3. Indian Banyan Tree. Take the narrow, winding path to the ancient banyan tree, a living symbol of Hinduism's great strength, breadth and endurance.

2. Nepalese Ganesha. Remover of Obstacles and God of Beginnings, He blesses all visitors to the temple. Sound His bell before you proceed up the path.



START

1. Pua Kenikeni Mandapam. There is a rose granite urn and paper in the six-sided pavilion where, if inspired, you can write down and burn your problems. Sarongs are available there, too, if you need one to meet our dress code.

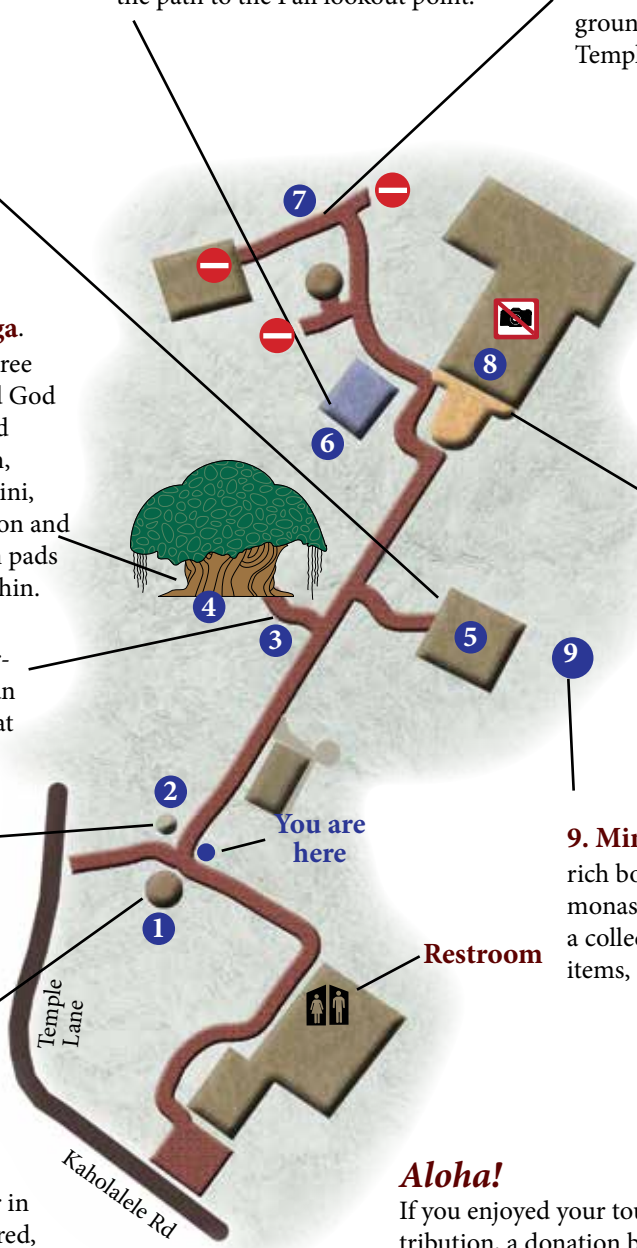
6. Temple Tank. This sacred pool has a statue of the child saint Sambandar dancing, and the sacred "Om" painted on the bottom in the Tamil language. From here, follow the path to the Pali lookout point.

7. Pali Lookout. From here you can see the Wailua River flowing through our property with its Nani Kaua pond and waterfall. You can view Iraivan Temple in the distance to the right, and Mount Waialeale in the far background. Your next stop is Kadavul Temple, back the way you came.



8. Kadavul Temple. At the entry sits a 16-ton, black granite Nandi the Bull, the perpetual worshiper of Lord Siva. Inside the temple, an hour-long traditional worship ceremony, puja, begins daily at 9am. A reservation is required for the puja. Please enter for worship and meditation only. No footwear, please, on the tan tile in front of the temple.

9. Mini Mela Gift Store. Graphically rich books on Hinduism, published by the monastery, are available here, along with a collection of Indian artifacts and sacred items, including Rudrakshas grown here.



No photography
 No entry

Aloha!

If you enjoyed your tour and would like to make a contribution, a donation box is near Ganesha (station #2). Remember to return the sarongs to the pavilion (station #1) before you head home. Drive safely. Mahalo!

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

