



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 modest clothing. If you are wearing shorts, a short dress or tank top, please put on a sarong. You will find these in the entrance gazebo behind you. Polo shirts are okay.
- You are welcome to take photos anywhere except inside Kadavul Temple. (please see map on reverse)
- Be safe; don't leave valuables in your car.
- Please do not smoke.
- Different sections of the monastery are open during different hours. See the back of this sheet for details.

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

- Please take one of these booklets with you. It gives details of the monastery's life and service.

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.



We Also Have Guided Tours

A guided, group tour of the private area of the grounds and the currently being constructed, hand-carved, granite stone Iraivan Temple takes place about once a week for approximately 90 minutes. The tour begins sharp at 9am in the gazebo at the entrance of 107 Kaholalele Road. The tour is free, however the monastery welcomes love offerings.

Donations from visitors help us to continue building Iraivan Temple and the sacred gardens of this sanctuary. Parking is limited, therefore reservations are required. Please call toll-free 1-888-735-1619 for upcoming tour dates and to reserve your parking space. Reservations are not required if you arrive by taxi and the taxi does not stay. Aloha!



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 at 9am if you are coming to worship in the temple. Enter only after 10:30am if you are just exploring.

7. TEMPLE TANK Areas 7, 8 & 9 are open from 10:30am to noon. 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 (try the scope) Mount Waialeale and Iraivan Temple in the distance. To visit this temple, please come on a tour day. 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.

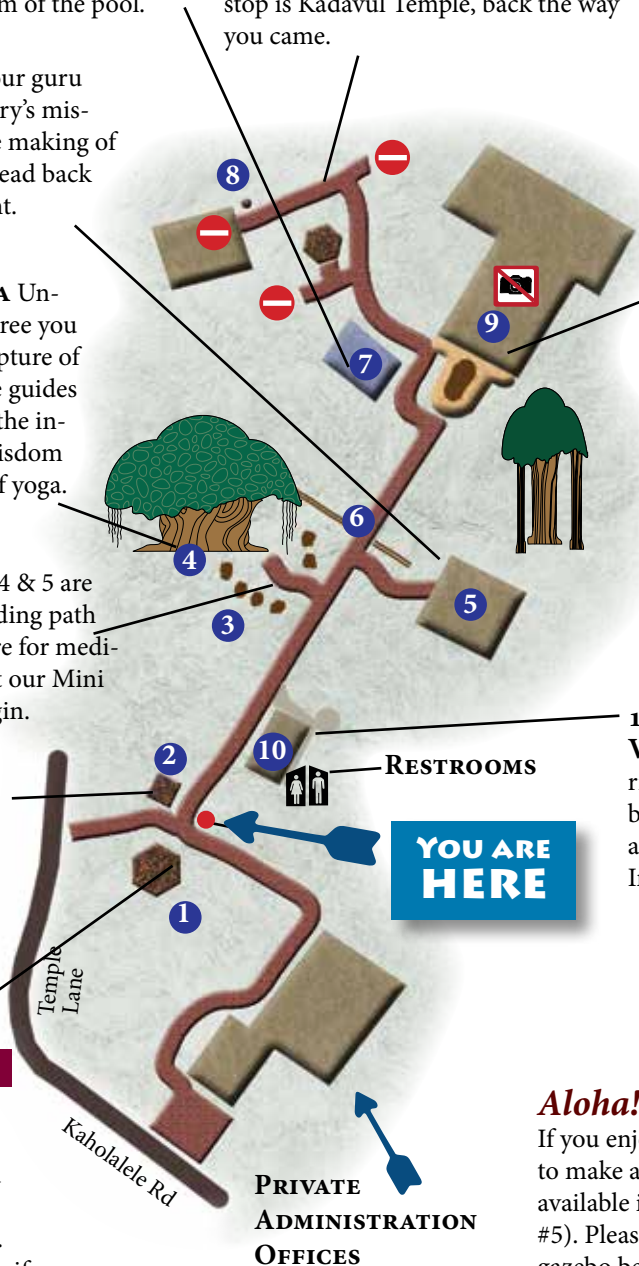


4. LORD SHANMUGA Under this giant banyan tree you will find a granite sculpture of the six-faced Deity. He guides the transformation of the instinctive into divine wisdom through the practice of yoga.

3. INDIAN BANYAN TREE. Areas 3, 4 & 5 are open from 9am to noon. Take the winding path to the banyan tree. The six flat rocks are for meditation. We recommend you check in at our Mini Mela visitor (10) center before you begin.



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.



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 10:30. Please enter for worship and meditation only. Inside you can also sign our guest book. By doing so, you will get an email invitation to receive our free monastery e-newsletter. 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.

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. Wrap-arounds (sarongs) are available if you need one to meet our dress code.

 No photography
 No entry

Aloha!

If you enjoyed your tour and would like to make a contribution, a donation box is available in the Banyan Mandapam (station #5). Please return the sarongs to the entrance gazebo before you head home. Mahalo!

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

