

# Makawao

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Archaeological sites provide evidence that ancient Hawaiians once lived in this locale 1,500 feet up Haleakalā. Sugar plantation workers and homesteading ranchers followed later. Paniolo still occasionally ride their horses in and tie 'em up to the hitching posts on Baldwin Avenue. Mostly, though, you're more likely to smell gentrified air in this quaint little town.



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**SHOP** The Christmas tree at **Designing Wāhine Emporium** stays up all year. The spacious shop has a well-stocked children's section and is chock-full of eclectic goodies. 3640 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 573-0990; [designingwahine.com](http://designingwahine.com). "Chef Kev" has been mixing spice blends for 25 years. Now he sells them, along with hot sauces, seasoning oils, and more, at his **Volcano Spice Company** 1 store. 3621 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 572-7729; [volcano-spicecompany.com](http://volcano-spicecompany.com). **Collections** has been around since 1975 with high-quality clothing, accessories, and gifts—plus a fab reading-glasses selection. 3677 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 572-0781; [collectionsmauiinc.com](http://collectionsmauiinc.com).

**EAT** Two words: *chile chicken*. **Pukalani Superette** is a beloved 60-plus-year-old, family-owned grocery that's grown with the times. Fill your cooler with its prepared foods for a picnic. 15 Makawao Avenue. (808) 572-7616; [pukalanisuperette.com](http://pukalanisuperette.com). Two words: *stick doughnuts*. Two more: *long johns*. Both are sold at **T. Komoda Store and Bakery** 2, which marks 101 years in business this year. 3674 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 572-7261. Espresso and pastry in the morning give way to sushi in the afternoon and evening at **Makawao Sushi and Deli**. Don't overlook baked mussels and 'ahi poke. 3647 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 573-9044.

**DO** Stroll the lush 25 landscaped acres of the **Hui No'oeau Visual Arts Center** 3, then step inside the 1917 historic home called Kaluanui and enjoy the art show. 2841 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 572-6560; [huinoeau.com](http://huinoeau.com). Cultural roots reach deep at **Ho'omana Spa**. Three miles up from town, the pastoral spot is ideal for a truly Hawaiian experience that is both luxurious and restorative. 1550 Pi'iholo Road. (808) 573-8256; [hoomanaspamaui.com](http://hoomanaspamaui.com). Local artists create everything at **Viewpoints Gallery**, from paintings and sculpture to ceramics, jewelry, and elegant wood vessels. 3620 Baldwin Avenue. (808) 572-5979; [viewpointsgallerymaui.com](http://viewpointsgallerymaui.com).

Call to confirm hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit.  
Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink alcohol.