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Madison Le claimed medalist honors.

HOW THE WEST WAS WON

Cal Poly pulls away in the final round to capture the conference title on the Royal Course



Maline Kraus led Hawai'i with a top-10 finish.



Sarah Yoo was Cal Poly's top finisher.

The Royal Kā'anapali Course once again took center stage in collegiate golf when it hosted the 2026 Big West Women's Golf Championship April 19-21, welcoming nine conference teams to Maui for three days of competition with a conference title and NCAA Regional berth on the line.

When the final putt dropped, it was

Cal Poly that emerged as team champion, posting a three-round total of 866 (+2) to secure a six-shot victory and claim the program's fifth Big West title. The Mustangs entered the final round holding a two-shot lead before pulling away with their best round of the championship, a 3-under-par 285.

General Manager Karl Reul said events like the Big West Championship continue to highlight what makes the Royal Course such a respected tournament venue.

"These tournaments allow Kā'anapali to showcase the beauty, strategy and competitiveness of the Royal Course," he said. "Showing how Kā'anapali is 'Where the World Comes to Play.'"

Cal Poly was led by junior Sarah Yoo, who finished at 1-under par for the tournament. UC Davis placed second, followed by defending champion Cal State Fullerton in third.

The individual championship featured an exciting finish as Long Beach State senior Madison Le held off a late charge



Cal Poly captured the 2026 Big West Women's Golf Championship on Maui.

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from Cal State Fullerton's Davina Xanh to earn medalist honors. Le opened with a stunning 9-under 63 and went on to capture the title by a single stroke at 8-under 208.

Reul said Cal Poly's consistency throughout the week was particularly evident in several key areas of the game.

"Their ball striking and course management, particularly 150 yards and in, was really impressive," he said.

This year's championship also marked the end of an era for the University of Hawai'i, which competed in its final Big West Women's Golf Championship before transitioning to the Mountain West Conference. The Rainbow Wahine were led by Maline Kraus, who finished among the top 10 at 2-over par.

Following the tournament, Head Rules Official Bob Livingstone sent a letter to Director of Golf Sherrie Golden praising both the championship and the efforts of the Kā'anapali team. Livingstone noted the professionalism of the staff, the condition of the golf course and the overall experience provided to players, coaches and officials throughout championship week.

The tournament also served as a reminder of the caliber of golf being played at the collegiate level today.

"Today's best players are fearless," Reul said. "Their high risk vs. high reward strategy often allows them to score more frequently."

Cal Poly advanced to NCAA Regional competition following its conference title, while the 2026 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship was ultimately won by Stanford, which defeated USC in the national championship match to capture the Cardinal program's fourth NCAA title.



Cal Poly celebrates its fifth Big West Women's Golf Championship.

CHANNELING ALOHA

YouTube's Good Good Girls brought energy, competition and island spirit to Kā'anapali Golf Courses



The Good Good Girls match was decided on the Royal Course's scenic 10th hole.

The cameras were rolling and the competition stayed close until the very end when the Good Good Girls brought their popular YouTube golf series to Kā'anapali Golf Courses for a spirited match alongside Maui junior standout Coco Arnds.

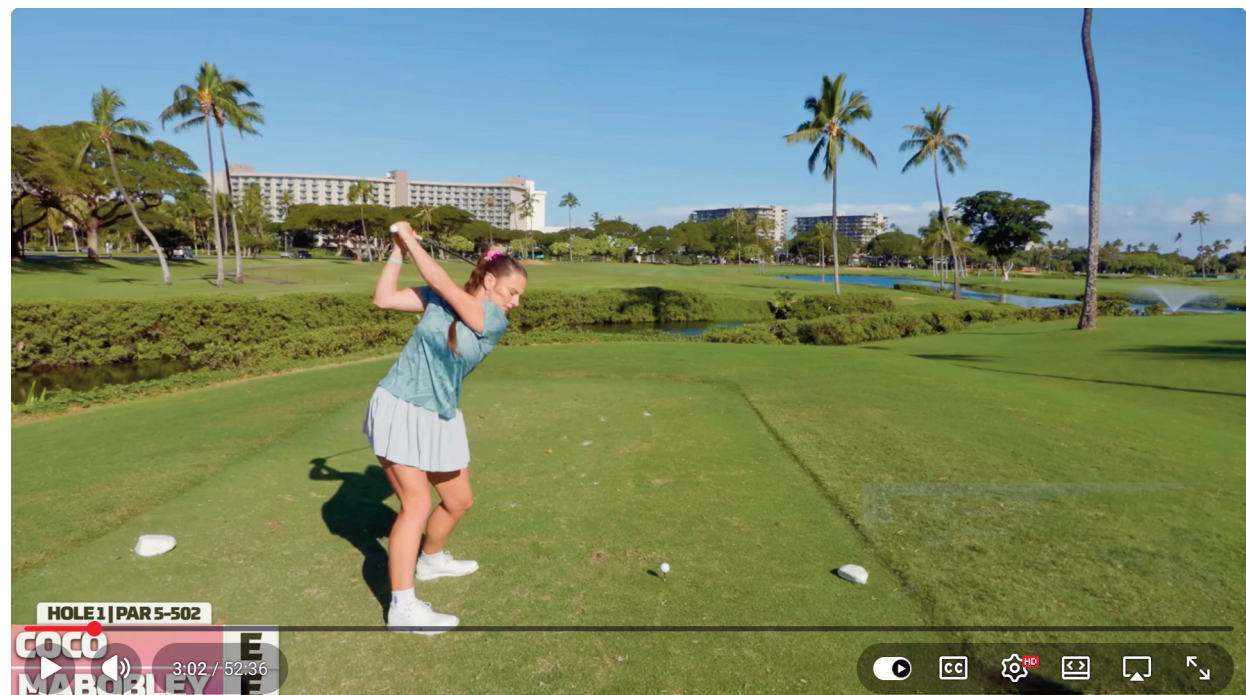
Set against the Royal Course's ocean views, palm trees, and rolling fairways, the video blended entertaining competition with the relaxed atmosphere that has long made Kā'anapali one of Hawai'i's most recognizable golf destinations.

For Director of Sales & Marketing Susan Havens, the collaboration was a natural fit for the property and the evolving world of golf media.

"Their enthusiasm and love of the game brought a fresh excitement to Kā'anapali," Havens said. "They really embraced the spirit of Aloha throughout their visit."

The Good Good brand has become one of golf's most influential digital media platforms, attracting millions of viewers through personality-driven matches, travel content, and approachable golf entertainment. The Good Good Girls series has continued that momentum by introducing a younger and more diverse audience to the game through casual competition and destination golf.

Kā'anapali provided an ideal setting for that style of content. Havens noted that the courses



combine championship-caliber conditions with a welcoming atmosphere that appeals to players of all skill levels.

"Competitive layouts that are genuinely fun aren't as easy to find as one may initially think," she said. "Kā'anapali's strong shot values and ocean views offered an ideal setting to showcase their respective personalities."

Adding to the Maui flavor of the match was the inclusion of Arnds.

"It was inspiring to see a young Maui golfer confidently sharing the spotlight with such a well-known group," Havens said. "She is a positive representation of the future of golf in Hawai'i."

VIDEO EXTRA!

Good Good Girls recently partnered with rising Maui junior golfer Coco Arnds for a friendly 3-vs.-3 scramble challenge at the Royal Course. The group tested their skills across several holes in the competitive and team-spirited round. The match came down to a playoff on the 10th hole, where the group settled things with a Closest-to-the-Pin challenge. Watch the full Good Good Girls video to see who came out on top.



SCENIC TEST

No. 10 on the Royal Course pairs panoramic Pacific Ocean views with a memorable challenge

Some holes leave an impression before golfers ever swing the club. The 10th hole on the Royal Course at Kā'anapali Golf Courses is one of them.

From the elevated tee box, golfers are greeted by towering Cook pines, panoramic Pacific Ocean views, and distant sights of Lāna'i stretching across

< A flyover of the Royal Course's 10th hole showcases the elevation changes, ocean views, and strategic design that make the par 4 a memorable test.

the horizon. It's one of the most photographed spots on the course and a hole that blends Maui scenery with a demanding test of golf.

"It's a moment that naturally makes you pause and appreciate the beauty of the āina (land)," said General Manager Karl Reul.

The 454-yard, par 4 offers a birdie opportunity for players who position the ball properly off the tee, but the hole can quickly turn into a scramble for par with one loose swing. Out of bounds runs along the left side, while trade winds often force golfers to rethink how aggressively they want to attack the fairway.

Reul said the hole rewards players who stay disciplined rather than trying to overpower it.

"Many first-time guests find OB left," he said. "When trade winds are stirring, sacrifice distance if needed to ensure you hit the right or center of the fairway."

The downhill drive leads into an uphill

approach to a large green with subtle contours. Fairway bunkers can catch errant tee shots, while greenside bunkers add another layer of challenge around the putting surface. The elevation change can also make club selection tricky, especially when trying to play approach shots close to tucked pins.

That challenge recently became part of the spotlight when the Good Good Girls finished a match at Kā'anapali with a playoff on No. 10. The popular YouTube group settled the competition with a Closest-to-the-Pin challenge on the approach shot, showcasing the precision the hole requires.

"Elevated greens require approach shots with precise trajectories and distance control," Reul said. "It offered a great challenge to conclude with."

Like many memorable holes on the Royal Course, the 10th combines scenery and strategy in equal measure. It may appear inviting from the tee, but it has a way of testing golfers all the way to the green.

SUMMER ESCAPE

From family golf to ocean-view rounds, Kā'anapali offers a Maui experience worth the trip

Summer on Maui often brings families, couples and golfers looking to slow down, spend time outdoors and enjoy everything the island has to offer. At Kā'anapali Golf Courses, that can mean anything from a family round on the Kai Course to a honeymoon tee time overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

With two 18-hole layouts, junior-friendly options, FootGolf, instruction programs and ocean views stretching toward Lāna'i and Moloka'i, the resort continues to offer experiences that go beyond a traditional day on the golf course.

The Kā'anapali Kai Course has become especially popular with families thanks to its junior "keiki" tees, which create a more approachable and enjoyable experience for golfers of different ages and skill levels. Junior rates on the Kai Course start at \$25 for ages 7-12, while the historic Royal Kā'anapali Course offers junior rates beginning at \$49.

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Golfers enjoy a round at Kā'anapali, where a variety of on-course experiences help define a Maui getaway.

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Families can also book group lessons together, allowing parents and children to share the game while taking in views of the West Maui Mountains throughout the property.

For visitors looking for something a little different, FootGolf continues to grow in popularity on the Kai Course. Played after 4 p.m., the game combines soccer and golf as players kick a soccer ball through a dedicated nine-hole loop.

Beyond families, Kā'anapali is also a memorable setting for couples visiting Maui for honeymoons, anniversaries and milestone trips. A morning round overlooking the ocean or a relaxed twilight tee time can easily become part of the vacation experience.

"We have 13 places to stay, 45 dining options, and two shopping centers, yet Kā'anapali Golf Courses play a critically important role in offering outdoor recreation and fun that our guests keep coming back to," said Shelley Kekuna, Executive Director of the Kā'anapali Beach Resort Association. "As authentic experiences and eco-conscious travel continues to rise, our golf courses are primed to successfully serve kama'āina, residents and guests for decades to come."

General Manager Karl Reul said the resort's location and variety of golf experiences continue to make it appealing throughout the summer months.

"Take the time to come play our amazing Royal Kā'anapali Golf Course and Kā'anapali Kai," Reul said. "You'll be glad you did."



FootGolf, the family-friendly Kai Course, and Pacific Ocean views highlight some of the experiences available at Kā'anapali.

TROPICAL RETREAT

The Bungalows at Royal Lahaina combine beachfront relaxation and easy access to Kā'anapali Golf Courses

With tropical gardens, ocean views and newly renovated accommodations just minutes from Kā'anapali Golf Courses, The Bungalows at Royal Lahaina Resort & Bungalows offer a relaxed home base for a Maui golf trip.

Located along Kā'anapali Beach, the bungalows blend a quiet setting with spacious accommodations designed for couples, families and golf groups. Surrounded by tropical gardens, the rooms feature a

more residential layout than a traditional hotel space, with options that include kitchens, living areas, oversized lanais and multi-bedroom configurations.

The redesign embraces a mid-century Hawai'i aesthetic with natural textures, soft neutral tones and indoor-outdoor living areas that reflect the relaxed atmosphere of West Maui. The bungalows are available in several layouts, including options designed for intimate getaways, small family trips and larger golf groups.

For golfers, the location provides easy access to Kā'anapali Golf Courses while still allowing visitors to enjoy beachfront relaxation before and after rounds. Guests can spend mornings on the course and return to ocean views, beach walks, and resort amenities throughout the day.

The resort also recently introduced its **Golf in Paradise package**. The package includes discounted rounds at Kā'anapali Golf Courses along with the convenience of arranging rounds directly through Royal Lahaina Resort & Bungalows. Guests can choose the Royal or Kai course, number of players, and the time they'd like to tee off.

In addition to golf access, bungalow guests receive several exclusive amenities, including a daily breakfast buffet for two, a beach activity credit, a chocolate amenity from Kūhiō Chocolate, and a charcuterie board at The Branches.

With its beachfront setting, updated accommodations and close proximity to Kā'anapali Golf Courses, The Bungalows at Royal Lahaina provide another appealing option for golfers looking to combine Maui relaxation with time on the fairways.

[CLICK HERE](#) for additional information, reservations, and more.



The Bungalows at Royal Lahaina offer a relaxed setting just minutes from the courses.

WELCOMING SPIRIT

Amy Richards helps create the relaxed, guest-friendly atmosphere that keeps golfers returning



For many visitors arriving at Kā'anapali Golf Courses, one of the first friendly faces they meet belongs to Amy Richards.

Whether she's helping golfers check in for a round, booking tee times, assisting tournament groups or answering questions about the Royal and Kai courses, Richards plays a key role in helping guests settle into the relaxed atmosphere that has made Kā'anapali a favorite Maui golf destination for decades.

Richards has worked at Kā'anapali Golf Courses for a little more than a year, but her connection to Maui goes back much further.

Originally from Arizona, she moved to the island nearly 25 years ago while looking

for a different pace of life.

"I wanted to move to an environment that offered a calmer atmosphere, less hectic, rich in history, culture, community, people and a healthier lifestyle," Richards said.

Her day-to-day responsibilities in the golf shop can vary widely depending on the season and the needs of guests.

On any given day, she may help organize tournament requests, assist wedding groups, stock merchandise or help visitors decide which course best fits their game and vacation plans.

She also enjoys seeing the wide range of golfers who experience Kā'anapali.

"There are so many people to meet – visitors and locals that live here and some return every year," Richards said. "I've really learned so much about golf from a player point of view and administrative angle."

"I love that it's always a challenge. No one shot is the same no matter how many times I play."

– Amy Richards, on what she enjoys most about the game

Golf itself became a major part of Richards' life in the early 2020s, when she first learned the game and quickly became hooked.

"I love that it's always a challenge," she said. "No one shot is the same no matter how many times I play."

When she does get out to play, Richards has favorite spots on both courses.

On the Royal Course, she enjoys the scenic and demanding 10th hole lined by towering Cook pines, while the Kai Course's ninth hole stands out for its dramatic ocean views and blind-shot element over a hill.

Away from work, Richards still spends much of her free time around golf, though she also enjoys Maui's restaurants, live music, shopping and sunset cruises with friends.

Richards believes the combination of Maui, the West Maui setting and the welcoming culture at Kā'anapali continues to bring visitors back year after year.

"The Royal and the Kai have had an amazing following since they opened," Richards said. "People love golfing here."

CLICK HERE to book tee times on the Royal or Kai courses.



SUMMER SURFACES TAKING SHAPE

Summer conditions are returning to both Kā'anapali Golf Courses following the completion of seasonal aeration work on the Royal and Kai. The Royal Course underwent aeration May 12-15, while the Kai Course followed June 2-5 as part of the property's annual turf maintenance program.

Aeration plays an important role in maintaining healthy playing surfaces throughout the year by improving airflow, water movement and root development beneath the turf. The process also helps promote strong course conditions while preparing both courses for the summer season.

Summer rounds at Kā'anapali will once again feature the firm fairways, smooth putting surfaces and ocean-view golf that have made both courses longtime Maui favorites.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book tee times.



ELYTE RENTALS NOW AVAILABLE

Golfers visiting Kā'anapali Golf Courses this summer can now experience Callaway's Elyte rental sets during their rounds on the Royal and Kai courses.

The premium rental clubs feature Callaway Elyte technology designed to deliver forgiveness, ball speed, distance and consistency throughout the bag. Available for players traveling without clubs, the Elyte sets provide a convenient way to enjoy modern equipment while taking in Ka'anapali's ocean views and championship layouts.

The rental sets include Elyte woods, irons and wedges and are paired with an Odyssey putter.

CALL the golf shop staff at (808) 661-3691 for additional rental information.



SHARE THE GIFT OF GOLF WITH DAD

Looking for a Father's Day gift idea for the golfer in your life? Kā'anapali Golf Courses offers virtual gift cards that can be used for golf on both the Royal and Kai courses as well as merchandise inside the golf shop.

Available online in multiple denominations, the gift cards provide a flexible option for golfers planning a Maui trip or those looking to add new apparel, accessories or equipment to their collection. From ocean-view rounds on the Royal Course to logoed golf shop merchandise, the cards can be used across a variety of golf experiences at Kā'anapali.

With Father's Day arriving June 21, virtual gift cards also make an easy last-minute option that can be purchased online and delivered electronically.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase online.



After a day on the course, golfers can find dining, drinks and entertainment nearby at Happy Fish Maui.

ISLAND HANGOUT

Happy Fish Maui blends sports, island flavors and a lively atmosphere just minutes from Kā'anapali Golf Courses

Whether it's catching a game after a round of golf, grabbing dinner with family or relaxing with friends after a day on the island, Happy Fish Maui has quickly become a popular gathering spot just minutes from Kā'anapali Golf Courses.

Located at the Fairway Shops, the lively sports bar and kitchen combines island atmosphere with a wide-ranging menu, tropical cocktails and more than 20 TV screens throughout the restaurant.

The menu blends sports bar favorites with island-inspired flavors and local ingredients. Starters range from Saigon Wings tossed in chili garlic and sambal to Hurricane Brussels finished with sriracha mayo and furikake. The restaurant's Lava Fries, Truffle Fries and loaded carne asada fries have also become popular shareable options for groups stopping in after golf.

Happy Fish Maui also features a strong lineup of sandwiches, tacos and rice bowls. Favorites include the Seared Ahi BLT,

Smash Burger, Grilled Mahi Sandwich and Kalua Pork Sliders served on King's Hawaiian rolls. Guests looking for lighter island-style dishes can choose from selections such as the Tropical Mahi Rice Bowl, Seared Ahi Rice Bowl or the Happy House Salad.

Families visiting Kā'anapali will also find a keiki menu available, making the restaurant a convenient option for groups of all ages.

Beyond the food, Happy Fish Maui keeps a full entertainment schedule throughout the week with Black Light Bingo Wednesdays, Trivia Thursdays and Karaoke Fridays adding to the energetic atmosphere. Daily happy hour specials and a rotating selection of local beers and handcrafted cocktails continue to make it a go-to stop for both visitors and Maui residents.

With its location near Kā'anapali Golf Courses, Happy Fish Maui offers another fun option for golfers and families spending time in the area.

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[CLICK HERE](#) to visit Happy Fish Maui.

TRADE SECRETS

Lower ball flights and smoother swings can help golfers handle windy conditions at Kā'anapali

JUNIOR CLINICS & GROUP LESSONS

Teaching professionals Ben Hongo, PGA and Jon Tempest are planning three junior golf clinics this summer at Kā'anapali Golf Courses, including one session in June and two more in July. Details and registration information will be announced soon.

In the meantime, Tempest will continue offering group lessons for juniors and adults throughout summer.

[CLICK HERE](#) for inquiries and to learn more about golf lessons.



Trade winds can influence ball flight, making control especially important off the tee.

As Hawai'i transitions from the wetter Ho'oilō season into the drier Kau season, golfers at Kā'anapali often notice the return of more consistent trade winds across the property.

According to Teaching Professional Jon Tempest, windy conditions can intimidate golfers, but the solution usually isn't swinging harder.

"When playing in the wind, we must remember that swinging hard isn't the answer," Tempest said. "That will just exacerbate the spin on the golf ball and cause you to lose even more control over where it goes."

Instead, Tempest recommends making a few simple adjustments to keep the ball flight lower and more manageable. Taking an extra club or two, gripping slightly lower on the club and making a smooth three-quarter swing can help golfers maintain better control in breezy conditions.

"This will lower ball flight and make it much easier to control," Tempest said. "I think you will also find you hit more solid shots."

With Maui's trade winds often becoming part of the challenge during summer rounds, Tempest says learning to stay smooth and controlled can help golfers avoid costly mistakes and keep big numbers off the scorecard.

DRESS THE PART

Celebrate Women's Golf Month with stylish apparel built for Maui rounds and beyond

June is Women's Golf Month, making it a great time to refresh your golf wardrobe with apparel designed for comfort, performance and Maui style. The online golf shop features a wide selection of women's logoed clothing, outerwear and accessories from many of golf's top brands. Whether you're planning your next Maui golf trip or looking for something new for summer rounds back home, the online shop offers styles built for both the course and everyday wear.



Straight Down Hestia Vest

The Straight Down Hestia Vest offers lightweight warmth for cooler mornings and breezy evenings. Featuring ultralight insulation with a quilted front and stretchy knit back, the vest provides comfort and flexibility without restricting movement during the swing. Zippered hand pockets add convenience, while the streamlined fit layers easily over polos and pullovers.

[SHOP HERE](#)



AndersonOrd Women's Gamer Sleeveless Polo

Designed for warm-weather rounds, the AndersonOrd Women's Gamer Sleeveless Polo combines lightweight comfort with performance-focused technology. Made with the company's soft Butter Fabric, the polo offers four-way stretch, moisture-wicking capabilities and UPF 50 protection. The sleeveless design and two-button placket create a clean, athletic look, while Sky Heather, Black Heather and Navy Heather color options pair easily with a variety of golf outfits. [SHOP HERE](#)



Greyson Clothiers Short Sleeve Halley II Quarter Zip

The Greyson Clothiers Halley II Quarter Zip delivers a sporty layer that works both on and off the course. Constructed with a breathable Italian fabric blend, the short-sleeve quarter zip offers lightweight comfort, stretch and UPF 50 sun protection. Its slim athletic fit makes it easy to wear during breezy Maui mornings or cooler evening rounds. Available in Maltese Blue, Shepherd and Arctic, it adds a polished look while maintaining flexibility and comfort. [SHOP HERE](#)



Zero Restriction Summer Sleeveless Polo

A classic summer golf staple, the Zero Restriction Summer Sleeveless Polo is designed to keep golfers cool and comfortable during sunny rounds. The stretch nylon-spandex fabric is breathable, moisture-wicking and designed for easy movement on the course. UPF 50+ sun protection and a cooling feel provide added comfort during warm afternoons, while the four-button collar and subtle contrast details create a timeless golf look. The polo transitions easily from the course to post-round activities around Maui. [SHOP HERE](#)

SCENIC ROUTE

The Kapalua Coastal Trail offers a relaxing way to experience West Maui's shoreline



For visitors planning a golf trip to Kā'anapali Golf Courses, the nearby Kapalua Coastal Trail offers another memorable way to experience the beauty of West Maui.

Located just north of Kā'anapali, the scenic trail stretches approximately 1.75 miles along the shoreline between Kapalua Bay and D.T. Fleming Beach Park.

The paved and natural-surface walking path winds past lava rock formations, sandy beaches, tide pools and panoramic Pacific Ocean views, creating one of Maui's most well-known outdoor activities for visitors and residents.

The trail is especially popular in the morning and late afternoon when cooler temperatures and softer lighting make for comfortable walking conditions and excellent photo opportunities. During winter months, the coastline also becomes a prime location for spotting migrating humpback whales offshore.

Along the route, walkers pass several well-known West Maui beaches, including Kapalua Bay, Oneloa Bay and Fleming Beach, while also enjoying views of neighboring islands and dramatic shoreline cliffs shaped by lava rock and ocean surf.

One of the appealing aspects of the Kapalua Coastal Trail is its accessibility.



The Kapalua Coastal Trail combines shoreline paths, tropical scenery and Pacific Ocean views.

Visitors can enjoy a short portion of the trail at an easy-going pace or complete the full walk while stopping along the way for beach breaks, snorkeling or sightseeing. The path's relatively gentle terrain makes it approachable for families, couples and golfers looking for a lighter activity away from the course.

For many guests visiting Kā'anapali Golf Courses, the trail also fits naturally into a Maui golf vacation itinerary. A morning walk along the coastline or an evening stroll after

a round offers another opportunity to slow down and take in the island's scenery beyond the fairways.

Like golf in Kā'anapali, the Kapalua Coastal Trail combines ocean views, outdoor recreation and the relaxed atmosphere that continues to make West Maui a favorite destination for travelers from around the world.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Kapalua Coastal Trail.