

Hello fellow adventurers!

Today I'd like to start out with a picture... A picture that forces us to think of our dreary lives.. Slaves to "the system"... Working for "the man, every night and day"... A picture of a guy who shuns all of the above, who is FREE and lives every second in a euphoric state...



Hey, sounds like me! Oops, I digress...

Today's story is **South Point**, the southern-most point in the U.S. The low-rocks in the above-right part of the pic is the actual "south point".

On the access road was a windmill farm, none working (very weird, the wind was howling).



South Point is a craggy cliff, dropping off to the Point itself. Look at the clarity of the water!



Fishermen were catching lots of small fish 2-4 pounds as (I was told) “the big fish don’t bite when it’s windy”. Still, I was impressed...



Catch-box...



Pic from South Point, looking back at the cliff's...



Totally neat blow-hole in the rocks...



Hawaii is very big on “sacred burial sites” and here’s one of them at South Point (no info on the sacred-dead)...



Technical-note: I have a problem integrating portrait-mode (“vertical”) shots taken at 640x480 resolution with an 8.5”x11” page. Hence one-pic-per-page. The answer is to shoot larger-pics and make a mostly-picture (by area) story. Oh well, “next time”...

Nearby is this Unknown Joe, evidently not-so-sacred...



Heading north-east up the coast is Jeep-trail, that's my little black econo-car (the Jeep would have been neat). This beachfront drive is 10 miles long and you can return via different trails, so this is a 20-mile-loop (not do-able with a car; Jeep-only).



On the drive out I was playing w/my digicam... Do you get the idea the "wind howls" around here? Black & White...



Sepia...



Lots of deserted buildings like this dot Hawaii...



Hawksbill turtles are protected, and are making a strong comeback...



Note that Hawksbill turtles are not **BLUE** except when you screw-up the color-balance on your digicam...



Note these guys will lie there for **days** sometimes, and a bigish problem is people “helping them get back into the water”. He wants to lie there! For days! And yes (honest) I shot via telephoto to stay the legal 15’ away. And wow these guys are **big** this guy was at least 3’ long (not counting tail).

General Hawaii info...

Kudzu is an imported weed that has already destroyed large parts of the southeastern U.S. and somehow got into Hawaii. In our lifetime, it will eat the state...

Kudzu looks like this “while eating”...



And like this after being sprayed...



Terrible. More info here <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kudzu>

Many fruit/veggie stands on the roads; superb quality and very low price 😊



The ubiquitous flag of Hawaii (traces back to the “Union Jack”)...



Fabulous rainbow!



Ocean catamarans, able to sail at high-speeds yet carry many people, and land on-the-beach... Awesome! This is a 50' boat...



The latest beach-toy contraption... Water bike!



Driveline...



Price-list...

Beach Rentals ビーチ・レンタル		Rates (Taxes not included)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snorkel Gear ノーケル・セット Mask/Snorkel/Fins マスク&スノーケル・フィン 		\$ 7/ Hour	\$ 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boogie Boards 		\$25/ Day	\$ 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayaks カイヤック 		\$ 5/ Hour	\$ 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Single Kayak レギュラー・シングル・カイヤック Regular Double Kayak レギュラー・ダブル・カイヤック Triple Kayak 		30 Minutes	60
		\$ 12	
		\$ 15	
		\$ 20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrobikes ハイドロ・バイク (水上自転車) 		30 Minutes	60 M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single シングル 		\$ 25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Sports Individual Plan: オーシャン・スポーツ個人プラン 	\$40 / day	\$80 /	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Sports Family Plan: オーシャン・スポーツ・ファミリー・プラン 	\$250 4 Pax /	\$100 / Day	\$140 / 2
<small>Only includes the above listed beach toys (no windsurfing or sailing)</small>			

The beach resort-hotel (sorry forgot the name) where I sunned and where all the boats/toys were located (sharp sand! Beach-booties/sandals required!).



Another view...



\$400/day although resort beach-use is unrestricted so anybody can use them



...although you can rent **really nice** timeshare condo's for \$70/day if you plan ahead (this is my place)...



Here's what a typical backyard Kona Coffee plantation looks like...



Signing off with the old/new... 200-year-old church (Hilo) and...



Next trip... **Volcano's!**

Paul P.