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# Snorkel Hawaii The Big Island Guide To The Beaches And Snorkeling Of Hawaii, 4th Edition



## Synopsis

Snorkel Hawaii The Big Island (4th edition) is the one and only guidebook exclusively devoted to snorkeling on the Big Island. No other guide comes close to the level of snorkeling detail provided here. Take SHTBI, along with a good general guidebook of your choice, and you'll have all the details you need for a great vacation! Now revised and expanded, with full color maps, as well as beach and fish pictures! From a colorful cover to 39 accurate maps and details on 60 snorkeling sites, and pictures of 64 of the best beaches, SHTBI draws you into the fascinating underwater world that shouldn't be missed by anyone touring the Big Island. As Dave Barry says: When you finally see what goes on underwater, you realize that you've been missing the whole point of the ocean--it's like going to the circus and staring at the outside of the tent. An award-winning book designer contributed a sophisticated, yet readable style to the cover and interior. It's worth going to the Big Island just to swim and snorkel, and Snorkel Hawaii The Big Island is the snorkeling buddy you want to have along.

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## Customer Reviews

I had previously used the 1996 edition of Snorkel Hawaii and was quite happy to see the improvements to this edition. Color pictures of locations and entry points. Some very nice pictures of reef fish as well. The snorkeling sites that I have visited are described accurately; Kealakeakua Bay, 2-Step, Kauna'oa Beach, White Sands, Wai'alea Beach, Kailua Pier. This is a very good book for sorting out Big Island beaches. If you are just looking for a protected beach for the kids or some deep water this is the definitive book to have. BTW, The author describes Kekaha Kai Park as a

"VERY bumpy access road". The condition of this road varies from nearly drivable (after it has been freshly graded by the county) to nearly impossible. I have seen lost auto parts and pools of oil on this route, so use caution. A great guide!

My wife and I love to snorkel but always have difficulty finding and safely accessing good spots. We have been thinking about visiting Hawaii next year and purchased this book to get ready for the trip. The book contains everything we needed to pick out the best spots for our abilities and interests. It also contains many helpful hints on equipment and techniques. We have snorkeled the Caribbean islands and Bermuda quite a bit and have never found a guide that was even close to this. Can't wait to go!

My spouse and I have used the Malinowskis' snorkel guides for both Hawaii and Maui. To us, these guide books are invaluable. Snorkel sites are not "created equal." The Malinowskis tell you which sites are best in terms of what's to see and ease of entry. They also give you insight about best times to visit the site, and safety issues to be aware of. Snorkel Hawaii and their other guides are **MUSTS** for those who want to experience the beautiful under-water side of the Hawaiian Islands, and do so safely.

I generally do not like to buy a book that I have not been able to thumb through and/or read or skim through a few pages. Doing so gives me a feel for how readable a book is, how it is laid out etc. I made an exception in the case of the Malinowskis' Snorkel Hawaii firstly because I had not previously come across a guide book that covered snorkel sites of the Big Island, and secondly because this book had so many good reviews - I bought the book unseen just based on its description and positive reviews. I was not disappointed. The book is very well laid out and easy to read. Someone who is just starting out or who has relatively little snorkling experience will likely benefit from introductory information in the book on how to choose snorkel gear, safety tips etc. More experienced snorklers can easily skip through this material or skim through it if they like. The priceless info contained in the book however is detailed, honest and accurate yet concise descriptions of each potential snorkel site on the Big Island, how to get to each site, which parts of such sites are best bets for the best snorkling, entry points into the water (in locations where it may not be entirely straight forward on how to get into the water safely), suggestions on which sites and which areas of snorkel sites are suitable for beginners versus experienced snorklers (and explanations why), water conditions at the various sites and locations within the sites. There is also

typically a description of how suitable each site is for swimming - this can be useful in selecting snorkel sites/beaches to visit if you snorkel but someone you are traveling with doesn't. A picture or two of each site is typically included, which is certainly a large contributing factor to the book's readability. I am looking forward to purchasing and using the other books in this series for the other Hawaiian islands. Bravo Judy and Mel Malinowski!

I bought an earlier version of this book when I came to the Big Island on vacation and just bought the newest edition since moving to the island. My husband and I don't try a new beach without consulting this book. Each write-up tells me everything I need to know as a fairly timid snorkeler - best times to go, easiest entries and other salient points. We also appreciate knowing how far we'll need to walk to the beach and what's nearby. A wonderful book.

I'm so glad Hubby found this book. I have spent the week reading through it and planning some new places to try snorkeling next week. We always do Two Step and Beach 69, but there are now several other places we are hoping to check out. I love the authors humor throughout the book! Like the fact that putting your hand in a reef crevice is a great way to spend an afternoon getting stitches! Very nice book. Would thoroughly recommend buying if you are heading to the Big Island and like to snorkel.

I just returned from a trip to The Big Island, and this book was a fantastic resource. The detail in the book is exactly what you'll experience. Since beaches are tricky to find on The Big Island, the detailed instructions on how to get to them, what the water is like, the hazards, the different fish, even the sized of the fish, is a great time-saver. Definitely bring this book if you are visiting.

I have owned three copies of this book. It is my bible for snorkeling on the Big Island of Hawaii. One copy I gave to a friend. One got wet from going to the beach so much and I bought the third before heading to Hawaii for two months this winter. It gives excellent directions and comments for ALL the good snorkel spots and includes pictures of fish you are likely to encounter. It is written in a folksy style that gives one the impression that the author really knows the waters and has a great love for Hawaii. I highly recommend this book to novices and experts alike.

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