Historic Downtown Hilo

Explore the town's history on this stroll through downtown Hilo, the charming heart of the town. You'll find parks, beaches and open space along Kamehameha Ave, plus historic buildings and bustling local life.

Start Mo'oheau Bandstand
Distance 1 mile
Duration half day

5 Walk through the small but lovely green space of **Kalakaua Park**, where a bronze statue of King David Kalakaua (the 'Merrie Monarch') stands in the center. The lily-filled pool honors Korean War veterans, and buried under the grass is a time capsule, sealed on the last total solar eclipse (July 11, 1991), to be opened on the next one.

4 Mokupapapa Discovery Center, in the FW Koehnen Building (1910) with its eye-catching blue facade with interior koa walls and ohia floors, highlights the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and their pristine marine environment.

3 Tour the **Pacific Tsunami Museum**, which brings to life the two catastrophic tsunami of 1946 and 1960. It's located in the old First Hawaiian Bank building, with its parapet, fluted columns and wrought-iron features; it was designed by renowned Honolulu architect CW Dickey in 1930.

6 Next door is the notable **Hawaiian Telephone Company Building**, designed in the 1920s by CW Dickey with Spanish, Italian and Californian mission influences. Note the high-hipped, green tile roof and the brightly colored terracotta tiles set in the building.

2 The **S Hata Building** is a 1912 example of renaissance revival architecture with a distinctive row of arched windows on the 2nd floor. The US government seized this building from its original Japanese owner during WWII. After the war, the owner's daughter bought it back for $100,000.

Take a Break Try the island-grown, island-made chocolate at Hawaiian Crown.

1 The **Mo'oheau Bandstand** (c 1905) is a rare survivor of the 1946 tsunami. If you're lucky, the county band will be performing their monthly concert.

7 The **Hilo Farmers Market** is jammed from daybreak on Wednesday and Saturday, when locals and tourists alike meander around a dazzling array of fresh produce, flowers, and other locally made goods. Bring cash and a bag.

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Kalakaua St
Kino'ole St
Keawe St
Kamehameha Ave
Bayfront Hwy
Haili St
Furneaux La
Punahoa St
Mamo St
Kilauea Ave
Hilo Bay
Mo'oheau County Park
Wailoa River State Park
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