

Honolulu Botanical Gardens

Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

FISHING GUIDELINES

- Reservation required. Register at PROS.hnl.info
- CATCH AND RELEASE only. Children must be supervised by adults to safely unhook and release fish.
- One barbless hook per fishing pole.
- Handheld poles only. No rod holders or sand spikes.
- No live bait (preferable white bread).
- No casting for safety reason.
- Keep safe distance (at least 4 feet) between anglers.
- NO EXTENSIONS on permitted fishing times.
- Return all borrowed fishing poles, line and hook properly secured, to the designated drop-off site. Wash hands with soap and water before touching food or eating.

The following are PROHIBITED in the Fishing Area:

- Wading or swimming for safety and health (Leptospirosis) reasons.
- Feeding ducks and birds.
- Climbing trees and on dam hillside.
- Canopy tents and picnicking.
- Vehicles except for when dropping off person with a disability.
- Private parties (luau, birthday, anniversary, etc.).
- Littering.

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Participant Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement

Name of Activity: Catch and Release Fishing Program

Location: Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden, 45-680 Luluku Road, Kaneohe

Date: January 19, 2026

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Ho`omaluhia Fishing Program, I hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I understand and acknowledge that there are certain risks and hazards inherent in participating in such activity, which could result in personal injury, illness, death or damage to myself. These risks and hazards may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Falling into contaminated water;
 - b. Possible exposure to and infection by **Leptospirosis** bacteria;
 - c. Punctures or injury from fish hooks on borrowed fishing poles;
 - d. Tripping due to exposed roots, uneven ground and terrain;
 - e. Stings from plant thorns and insect bites;
 - f. Sunburn and heat exposure.
2. I understand that wearing appropriate footwear, clothing, hat, sunblock, and hand gloves is essential to my safety, and that I must follow all the **Fishing Guidelines** and instructions given to me by the HBG Staff or Fishing Monitor to minimize my risk of injury. I acknowledge that the protective and safety gear is designed to reduce the risk of injury, but will not prevent all injuries and illness.
3. "I, for myself, my successors and assigns, do hereby agree to fully and completely release the City and County of Honolulu, its officers, employees or assigned volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, injuries, actions, lawsuits, loss, damage, liabilities, judgements, awards, expenses and costs (including attorneys' fees and cost), which are, were or could have been, or may be brought arising out of my participation in the Catch and Release Fishing Program. I further agree to hold harmless the City, fully and completely, from liability for any damages or injuries resulting from any acts or failure to act on my part during my participation in said activity.
4. I hereby grant permission to the City and County of Honolulu to use photographs or videos of myself (or listed participating minor) taken during the fishing activity on its website and in other publications, at the City's sole discretion and without further consideration.
5. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid by a Court of Law, then it is agreed and intended that all the remainder shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and effect.