

o'ahu'smarathon



The 27th annual Honolulu Marathon is on Sunday December 12, 1999 at 5 a.m. The marathon starts at Ala Moana Beach Park and ends at Kapi'olani Park (above) — a total of 26 miles!

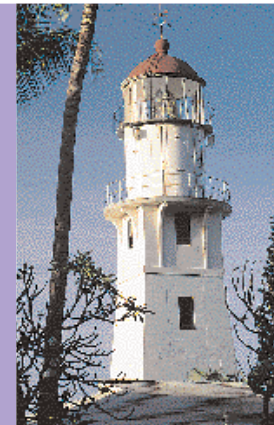
The Spirit of Aloha

A spirit of Aloha is what distinguishes the Honolulu Marathon from other marathons. It's more than just a road race. It's a feeling of truly giving from the heart of one's time—time not only from the organizers, but from the hundreds of volunteers who spend hours behind the scenes

in order to make the Honolulu Marathon a reality. It's a sense of pride in putting on a world-class event in which anyone can participate. Indeed, putting on a race the size and quality of the Honolulu Marathon is a year-long process. The spirit of Aloha is difficult to put into words. One must experience the Honolulu Marathon to know what it's really about.

Course Description

The starting line for the marathon is at Ala Moana Beach Park, an area that encompasses over 100 acres of park, beaches, swimming and surfing spots, on Ala Moana Boulevard. The second mile of the course runs along Honolulu Harbor. Runners turn into Chinatown and proceed through downtown Honolulu on South King Street. The race then forks onto Kapi'olani Boulevard through urban Honolulu and in the fourth mile turns back toward the start down Pi'ikoi Street. Mile Five races through WaikĒkĒ's high-rise hotels and condominiums. The course then turns onto KalĀkaua Avenue with a spectacular view of the world-famous WaikĒkĒ Beach. Near the sixth mile, the course forks onto



Clockwise from top left:
The Diamond Head
Lighthouse stands tall;
Chinatown's Izumo
Taishakyo Mission;
The Hawai'i Maritime
Museum on calm waters.



nities and mountains. In the sixteenth mile, runners turn onto Hawai'i Kai Drive into a valley. The course then loops around an inland waterway. At mile 22, the course turns onto Kealaolu Avenue along a country club where the Hawaiian Open PGA Golf Tournament is held. As the last mile of the course curves around Diamond Head toward the finish in WaikĒkĒ, there are cliffs and the Diamond Head Lighthouse. The last stretch of the race runs along the park past Sans Souci Beach and the WaikĒkĒ Aquarium to the finish line near the bandstand.

Accolades

Runners can expect more than 45,000 well wishers and supporters. There are wooden stands built to facilitate the distribution of more than 27,000 leis for the finishers and an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. So share in the Aloha spirit promoting health and fitness. We'll see you there!