

Waimea to Hale'iwa

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angered the shark god that watched over the reef and named the area Pau-malu, meaning *taken by surprise*.

Today Sunset Beach is a dreamy beach that brings fantastic waves in the winter and placid, warm waters in the summer.

Imagine owning a beachfront house along here. Then imagine this: The stretch of shoreline from Sunset Point almost to Shark's Cove is all sandy beach. In 1919 a developer broke the entire 2 miles into individual parcels for beachfront homes. He sold them all in less than two months and pocketed—are you ready for this?—a whopping \$46,000 *for all the parcels combined*. Today it would cost 25 times that amount for a *single* parcel.

Surf sites vary in their fame. But in all Hawai'i there is no more famous surf break than the **Banzai Pipeline**. During large (but not giant) surf, swells coming from the northwest form perfect barrels at this site. It's hard to find prettier waves anywhere in the world than on a good day at the pipe. Yet there are no signs telling you where it is, and there's no beach named after it. So here's how to find it. The Banzai Pipeline is 100 yards to the left of **'Ehukai Beach Park** and 185 yards offshore. From the road you'll know if it's going off. Not because you can see the waves (which you can't), but because the small parking lot at 'Ehukai will be *filled* with local cars. (During calm summer months the amount of sand at the beach increases exponentially when truckloads of sand are transported here by the ocean.)

Past 'Ehukai is **Shark's Cove**. During summer months (May to September or October) this is one of the best



The jumping rock at Waimea Bay...and the sound of a belly-flop heard round the world.