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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

Detailed and accurate maps and charts can put even a hopeless twit in the right spot for a delightful snorkeling adventure, and the text leaves readers with a sense of history, Hawaiian culture, geography, oceanography and aloha...the Malinowskis have achieved a rare balance in presenting essential elementary information to help beginners, and insightful revelations to keep experts interested. With simple prose that is eloquent with aloha, their books are extended love letters to Hawaii's best reefs. --Greg Ambrose, Honolulu Star-Bulletin --Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Two snorkeling experts take you there:60 snorkeling sites37 detailed color maps get you there fastEquipment and technique tipsSafe snorkeling savvyMarine life highlightsGetting the most for your dollarOften heard myths64 colorful beach pictures88 fish picturesUnderwater photography by Jay Torborg

Fantastic reference for snorkeling on the Big Island. Used an earlier edition for a trip 10 years ago and bought this edition for a trip I just returned from. Snorkeled 5 straight days. Too many sights/recommendations to visit in a week. Great/comprehensive intro info on equipment, tips, safety, reef live, etc. Comprehensive. Perfect directions to snorkeling sights. Perfect descriptions of sights. Book is a must if one is snorkeling on the Big Island, HI. No need for expensive snorkeling excursions. Use this book and enter from the shore (for free or a few \$5 beach fees- depending on the site).My only tip - whatever site you are snorkeling, get there between 7:30 and 8:00am, before the beach fills. My personal favorite places to snorkel - Wai'alea Beach (69) P. 78-9; Makaiwa Bay (Mauna Lani) P. 92-3 - well worth the scenic, easy 3/4 mile walk in from public parking; and Honaunau Bay (Two Step) P. 168-9.Both editions of this book have been invaluable to me for my Big Island trips! Big "thank you" to the authors!

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'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.

I have snorkeled a lot on the Big Island, and I find this book amazing. I love the Sites at a Glance section, which has an incredible amount of information packed onto 2 pages, including the quality of snorkeling, how easy it is to get in, the facilities, the map reference, and general notes. Each of the specific sites has a lot of information, including excellent detailed maps about how to get there and the best places to snorkel. I have seen fish that I would never have seen without this reference. Thank you, Mel and Judy, for such a fine book. I would recommend this book to beginning and advanced snorkelers.

When visiting the islands of Hawaii, my husband and I spend nearly every day of our vacation snorkeling. We have purchased all of the Malinowski's guide books and faithfully use them when visiting the islands. We have found that using their guidance and expertise has eliminated time wasted on less desirable beaches, and sends us directly to the best snorkeling spots on the island. They give you great tips as to where it is best to enter the water, and which parts of the bay have the best underwater sightings. The driving directions, maps and overall information they provide in their books have personally been researched by them and they have done a great job at it. Their books are a must have for anyone, beginners to advanced snorkelers, you will not be disappointed with this purchase.

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