

Pā Tour protocols

Entry Protocol

An oli kāheha respectfully requesting permission to enter and learn from the Pā area is a good way to start.

Guests may chant their own oli kāheha or ask their guide to chant on behalf of their group. The oli or other observance may be in any language you are comfortable with.

Everyone should be silent before and during the oli kāheha (unless the oli calls for a response). Removing hats and other headgear is a sign of respect which is appreciated.

Before Entering

Take care of your physical needs before entering. There are no bathrooms. There is little to no shade and the sun can be fierce; a hat and sunscreen are recommended. There is no shelter if it rains.

If you have special needs—for instance, if you cannot stand for long and would like to bring a chair—please advise your guide ahead of time.

Calm your mind and prepare to be receptive and respectful. Leave your troubles behind.

Food and Drink

You may bring water to drink, but please do not bring food into the Pā area.

An exception can be made for groups providing volunteer service during their visit, since these groups may be on site for several hours, and for people with medical conditions requiring sustenance.

Behavior

Please respect the Pā area by remaining calm and quiet.

Consult with your guide regarding the appropriateness of photography.

Do not climb or sit on the rock structures.

Leave things as you find them; don't move anything; don't remove anything unless asked to do so.

Leave no trash behind.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on Gill 'Ewa Lands property.

For More Information

An interpretive guide, "The Stones Can Speak," has been prepared for visitors to the Pā area. Group leaders may request a hard copy or an electronic version. The brochure describes how researchers derived the dates indicating when the Pā and the adjacent standing stones area were likely constructed and used, the implications of the Pā's orientation, and other findings.