

SNAGGING AN INDIVIDUAL CAMPING PERMIT FOR EASTER WEEKEND

First, you must have an account at the permits website – recommended you do this at least one day before you try for a permit, as there is an email notification and the State may be a little slow in verifying. Go to any page on the camping.honolulu.gov website and click on the “Register” link at the top of the page in the green bar

At 5:00 PM on the Friday that permits become available for Easter weekend, there will be perhaps two dozen people trying to get a foot in the door on this website at the exact same time as you, so you will need to be quick in moving from page to page on your way to the payment/confirmation pages. Have all the pertinent info on a piece of paper nearby before you start! Also, I recommend you give the process a practice run an hour or so before the gun goes off – pick any park, campsite and date, you can go all the way thru to the last page (just before the link to the third-party billing site), then click [Cancel] to bail out without a penalty. That way you’ll know you have all the info you’ll need before it becomes a crisis! I also find that having an on-screen clock synced to NIST Hawaii Standard Time helps as well...

1. Go to <https://camping.honolulu.gov/campsites/search>
If you have time, go ahead and Sign In (on the green bar at the top of the page), then work your way back to the Search page.
2. In the [Park] box, select “Kualoa A Regional Park”
Under [Start Date], select the last available date (Easter weekend won’t be there yet, don’t worry);
Click [Search];
Wait...
3. As your clock sweeps past 5:00 PM, click your browser’s Refresh icon;
Immediately re-check the options under [Start Date]:
If no change, wait 5 seconds, click Refresh again, look again
When the date for Easter Weekend appears, click on that date and click [Search]:
4. Quickly pick a campsite with a GREEN button (BELOW the satellite image) and click [Reserve]
5. If you didn’t Sign In earlier, enter your email & password and sign in now.
6. The next page will tell you there is a 30-minute time limit on your application, but basically, you’ve got it! There will be confirmation of the Campsite Number, the Date, and the fee amount (\$32.00), along with a list of the campsite Rules. At the bottom, click in the little box that says “I agree to the park rules...” The [Cancel] button will change to [Submit], so click it.
7. Verify your registration info, then fill in the vehicle info (3 vehicles max). For license plate numbers, use capitals and leave a space before the numbers (e.g. ABC 123). If you don’t want extra car permits, click [Remove] on any empty lines before moving on to the Captcha® verification box (if you really can’t read that word, click the “New” button – two curving arrows at the top right of the box above the little audio icon – until you get words you can read) then [Continue].
8. Verify the info (again) and check the little box “I have verified...” then continue on to a third-party billing site. A valid credit card will be required.