

Adventures by Lori's UNIVERSAL TIPS

Volcano Bay



Early Park Admission

If you are staying on-site, get here early and take advantage of the Early Park Admission. The back side of the park is closed for this hour so get all the main rides done on the front side first. Then when park opens for general public, move to the back side.

Tapu-Tapu

When you arrive and are given your Tapu-Tapu wristband, you are given no instructions at all on how to use it, and you have to ask for a park map when you enter.

To use the Tapu-Tapu, you go to the ride that you want to ride and tap the Tapu on the receiver; it will mark your place in line and tell you how long it will be before you are called back for the ride. In the meantime, you can enjoy any of the "Ride Now" rides. The problem we faced was that the screens did not update and we would arrive to the ride and there would be a wait time.

You cannot have two "Tapu times" at the same time.

Wait Times

I suggest doing some of the shorter wait times first and then do a longer one when you want to have lunch and lazy rivers or wave pool.

Lounge Chairs

If you can find ONE lounge chair, you can use that to dump your stuff. You probably won't use the lounges much anyway.

If you do want to lay and nap or read, there are several little pockets of loungers in the back side of the park along the lazy river that may have more space available.

Food Options

Check out the food options at all the restaurants before you decide where to eat. We missed the coconut encrusted fried chicken, and I'm still sad. The longboard pizza and pretzel dog were good though.

If you have the dining plan, ICEEs are considered a snack.

System Glitch?

I don't know if this would EVER happen again, but at Honu (big blue slide with the two giant walls) and the other one (green), you enter the same spot – one on either side. The green one is on the right, the blue slide is on the left (Honu). We got there when the Tapus read 5 minutes and accidentally went to the green side. We then let them know at the top that we were supposed to be on the blue side and they let us over. Then when we did the blue side, it read "Your Honu is ready!" so we tapped into the green side, and it let us through. It did not read us for the blue side still so the kids tried another ride, and it let them on. I don't know if that is a glitch that was just a one time thing, but if you did that at the beginning of the day, you would have kind of a MAGIC FAST PASS for everything.

DO NOT TAKE THIS AS A FOR SURE THING ... but might be worth a try. Worked for us. If you try it, and it doesn't work, let me know so I can remove this.