Upper Mahinahina
(Circa 1940)

Names of the residents of this camp were provided by Masayuki Yonamine. He could not recall the exact configuration of this camp. His help in making this map possible is gratefully acknowledged.

Upper Mahinahina Camp was a Baldwin Packers Company village. The Japanese School was run by Reverend Wasai from the Lahaina Shingon Church. The school served students from Lower and Upper Mahinahina.

The Honokohau Ditch is a series of tunnels, open ditches, and reverse siphon pipes, to bring water from the Honokohau and Honolua streams to the reservoirs shown here. It was developed by Baldwin Packers. The water was used primarily to irrigate the Pioneer Mill Co. sugar cane fields. The ditch was extended by Pioneer Mill Co. to Crater Village.

The Hirata family moved to Lahaina and opened a restaurant on Front Street.

Around 1947 our boy Scout troop camped in this vicinity. One morning we hiked into Kahanaiki Gulch from this vicinity. At this point we were high above the valley floor. We followed a trail that led us far up the valley. As we went further in, the valley floor appeared to rise up to meet us. At the end of the trail, a concrete dam diverted the stream water into a ditch that entered a tunnel, the very one shown here.

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