

[White Ibis Inn](#)

What To Bring, What To Do?

WHAT TO BRING

1. Shampoo and conditioner. Ocean air & sweat are both salty/sticky so extra shirts are handy. There is bath soap, dish washing soap, hair dryers, and plenty of towels/linens.
2. From spring through fall definitely bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and sunglasses.
3. If you are going boating in winter bring or buy a waterproof jacket or poncho and motion sickness tablets for anyone who gets queasy. It gets cold and rough on the water.

TELEPHONE & INTERNET

There is a phone in the main house for local calls only. There is also WiFi in both houses. No password is required.

MARINA and BOAT RENTAL

If you'd like to use the boat launch at Cudjoe Gardens Marina call 305-745-2352. It is two blocks over and 8 blocks down on Drost Drive. We will reimburse your user fees for boat launching once per day if you show the receipt(s) to Mick. To rent a boat there, please call 305-745-2357. There are many other boat rental places all along the Keys. It is best to google them and make arrangements ahead if you are coming during peak season.

NATURE

You'll probably see ibis, pigeons, cormorants and other birds on the property. You may also see neighborhood iguanas and cats. Make sure you have insect repellent - there are often mosquitos and no-see-ums from the wetlands adjacent our property at dawn and dusk/night. There are also fire ants. On Big Pine Key there are key deer which are commonly seen. The National Key Deer Refuge is in the Winn-Dixie Shopping Plaza between Key Deer Blvd and Wilder Rd.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS and BEACHES

First coming to Key West, we recommend taking the [Historic Tours of America Conch Tour Train](#) or [Trolley](#). You'll enjoy being guided all around the island, learning its colorful history. Drivers make several stops where you can get off, visit one of their [museums, shops or aquarium](#), and board another train back to where you started. The [Sunset Celebration](#) at Mallory Square is a must see and happens every evening about two hours before sunset to well after dark. Walk around and see lots of local artists, street performers, food vendors, etc...aka our local wildlife!

There are several beaches, but **Bahia Honda National Park** has one of the 10 best beaches in USA (according to Conde Nast Travel and USA Today). Cleaner sand at wading depth, and safer from sharks and vagabonds than beaches in Key West. Concession open from 8 am to 5 pm, marina, gift shop, kayaking and picnicking. Call 305-872-2353. Located between Mile Markers 36 and 37.

Beaches in Key West: Smathers, Higgs, or Fort Zachary Taylor (state park). A great day trip out of Key West is to the Dry Tortugas island by fast catamaran ferry. The water and beaches there are more pristine than any in the Florida Keys and has historical Fort Jefferson.

LOCAL AMENITIES...

[Fishing/Boating Supplies](#): Summerland Key Chevron (MM 23) has bait & tackle. Next door is a swimsuit shop with hats, sunglasses, etc.

[Post Office, banks](#), and office services can be found on Big Pine Key, MM 30.

[Groceries](#): Murray's Food Market on Summerland Key(they make great custom sandwiches for day trips). Go to Big Pine Key (at MM 30 there is Winn-Dixie) or Key West for better quality Publix supermarket and more.

DINING

There is a local restaurant guide provided for you on the kitchen counter for ratings and recommendations. There are some good seafood restaurants in our neighborhood. Two of them are Mangrove Mamas (MM 20) and The Square Grouper (MM 22.5). BoonDocks Bar & Grille and Miniature Golf Course is great for kids and party atmosphere on Ramrod Key, MM 27.5.