

Getting to Marine Resources Development Foundation...

Marine Resources Development Foundation/MarineLab is accessible by private car, plane, bus, or train into Miami or Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

If you are flying or taking the train, you will need transportation to Key Largo from Miami or Ft. Lauderdale, around 60-80 miles one way. Listed below are the different transportation options available to you. We also request names and phone numbers of people who are willing to share rides from Miami (or other points) and will give out these names (with their permission) to interested participants.



PLANES

You can fly into either Miami or Ft. Lauderdale airports. Both are very busy airports, especially on Sundays, because of the cruise ships departing. We suggest you make reservations early. All major car rentals are available from either airport. There is no public transportation to us but there is shuttle service available.



TRAINS

Amtrak has a station in Miami, around five miles north of Miami International Airport (the nearest rental car location). You can take a taxi to the bus terminal, airport or to other rental car agencies around the airport, but to our knowledge, there is no commercial shuttle to the Keys departing from the train station.

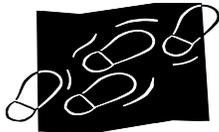
BUSES

Greyhound has a terminal in Miami, very close to the airport. They offer service directly from the airport terminal (lower concourse E). You will need to take a taxi from the drop off point in Key Largo to MarineLab. Please call Greyhound Bus Lines at **(800) 231-2222** for more information on fares and drop off points.



RENTAL CARS

Most car rental agencies are located at Miami and Ft. Lauderdale International Airports. Shuttles are provided from the baggage claim area of the airport. If you wish to rent a car for only one day to travel to the Keys, there is an Enterprise Rent-a-Car office in Key Largo. Their toll-free number is **(800) 325-8007**. Please note that there may be a substantial drop-off fee.



SHUTTLES

Several commercial shuttles serve the Keys from Miami or Ft. Lauderdale airports. The Airporter, a local service, offers three pick-ups per day at Miami International at about \$50 one way. Prior reservations must be made—call the Airporter directly at **(800) 830-3413** or **(305) 852-3413**. Another shuttle company is Keys Shuttle (google Keys Shuttle). There are others out there as well, but these two are the shuttles recommended by MarineLab.

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What is a MILE MARKER?

Because there is only one **long** road running though the Keys, it's much easier to find buildings by tracking the mileage on this road. Therefore, addresses in the Keys are given using mile markers (mm). The Overseas Highway (US 1) runs from Florida City (mm 126) to Key West (mm 0) for a length of 126 miles. North Key Largo starts at about mm 107. On the right shoulder of US 1, look for small (18" h x 6" w) reflective green and white numbered mile post signs. **As you head SOUTH, the numbers will decrease.** If an address has fractions of a mile, 103.2 for example, it is between the mile given and the next highest mile. So look for mm 104 and then start tracking the mileage downward until you reach 103.2.

DIRECTIONS

From the north, leaving Orlando, take the Florida Turnpike south past Ft. Pierce and continue to just past Ft. Lauderdale to the HOMESTEAD/KEY WEST split. This is the Turnpike extension that ends in Florida City on US 1 which is the Overseas Highway that will bring you to Key Largo, approximately 30 minutes south of Homestead.

From the west, leaving Tampa, there are two routes: take I-75 south to Naples and then east along Alligator Alley (I-75 south) to the Turnpike extension (exit #4 Homestead/Key West). Or take US 41 south to Naples and east to the Florida Turnpike extension which will bring you to US 1.

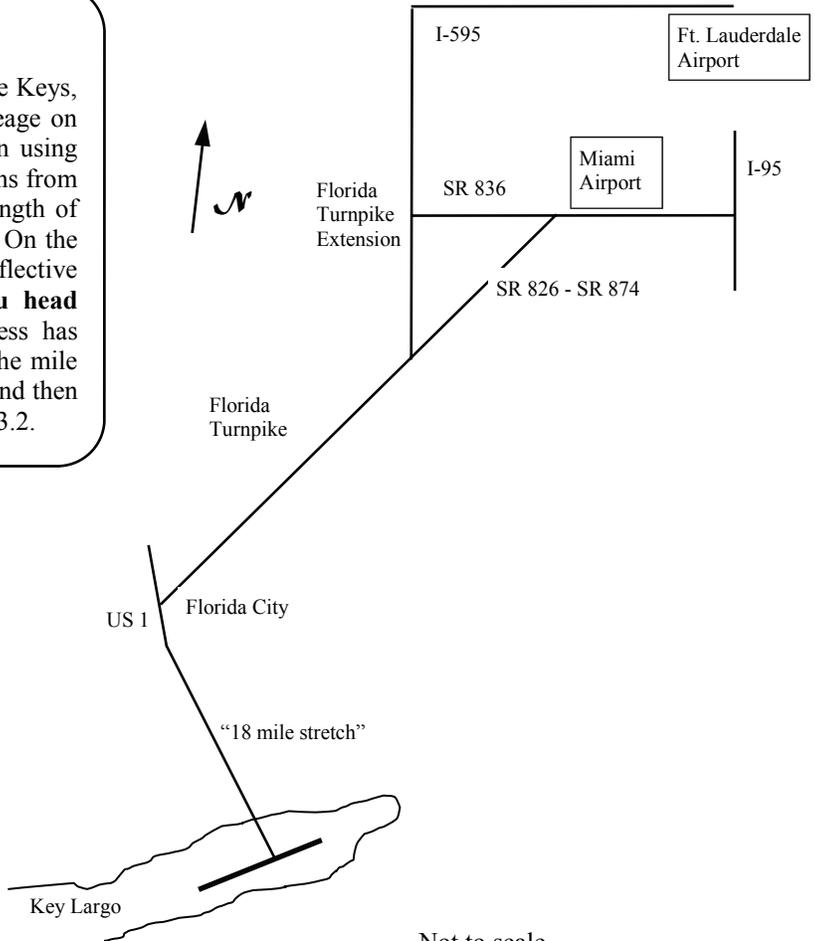
NOTE: please verify exit numbers with a current map as they are continually changing.

From Miami International Airport take LeJeune Road south to 836 WEST, then take the Turnpike extension and go south to US 1 and into the Keys.

From Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport take 595 West to Florida Turnpike south to US1.

Once you're in Key Largo, MRDF is located at mm 103.2 between mm 104 and mm 103. After you see mm 104, start looking for a bridge over the Marvin D. Adams Waterway. Take your second left after the bridge, which is Transylvania Avenue. A large red, black and white billboard for the Hideout Restaurant is on the corner of Transylvania and US 1. Follow Transylvania Avenue to the end; the road turns sharply to the left. However, you need to drive STRAIGHT into the parking lot of the Hideout Restaurant. Just past the restaurant building (it looks like a little house) the drive turns to the right, paralleling the water. This is our driveway; follow it into our parking lot, in front of the two story building. A staff member should be on hand to greet you; if not, please check in at room #6 on the second floor of the building.

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Not to scale

Enlargement showing Key Largo area

