Florida Turnpike Extension

What is a MILE MARKER?

Because there is only one long road running through 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.

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 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 driveway turns to the right, paralleling the water. This is our driveway; follow it into our parking lot, in front of the big 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 big building.