

## Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

### NORTHBOUND

Key West to Key Largo

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#### Key West

- Start at the Southernmost Point monument on the corner of South and Whitehead Streets.
- Travel east on South Street to Reynolds Street and take a right. Take Reynolds to the end and go left on Atlantic Blvd past Higgs Beach, the Southernmost trailhead for the FKOHT.
- Take Atlantic Blvd. to the end and turn right on Bertha Street and ride one block to S. Roosevelt Blvd. and go left. The sidewalk will turn into a sea wall after you pass Smathers Beach. Follow as it bears left to stop light.
- Cross at the light and go right to head north out of Key West on the bike path.

#### Lower Keys

- MM 4-5.5 Ride bike path on gulf side to Key Haven Rd just past Stock Island.
- MM 5.5 Cross to oceanside.
- MM 5.5-7 Ride on shoulder of US 1 and use catwalk over Boca Chica Channel onto Boca Chica Key (need to lift bike over guardrail to use catwalk or continue using shoulder over the bridge).
- MM 7-9.5 Ride on shoulder on Boca Chica Key.
- MM 9.5-10.5 East Rockland Keys - ride over historic East Rockland Channel Bridge and new trail.
- MM 10.5 – 11 Ride shoulder of US 1.
- MM 11-15 After you pass boat ramp, ride Saddlebunch segment of FKOHT across 5 historic bridges to Baby's Coffee.
- MM 15-29.8 Ride shoulder of US 1 (short segments of trail at MM 21 and MM 24.5-25).
- MM 29.8-31 Either stay on shoulder of US 1 thru Big Pine Key or cross carefully to ride on completed FKOHT from Ships Way to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. on the bayside (side trip to Key Deer Refuge – go to visitors center in shopping center at traffic light for info and map).
- MM 31-40 Ride shoulder of US 1 from Big Pine Key to Little Duck Key (side trip to Bahia Honda State Park at MM 37).

#### Middle Keys

- MM 40-46.8 Ride on shoulder of Seven Mile Bridge (be careful!)
- MM 46.8-47 Ride shoulder of US 1 until MM 47 signpost at the Welcome to Marathon sign. (there is little to NO shoulder from MM 47 – 48). Cross road carefully to Pigeon Key Historic Bridge parking lot (side trip across 2-mile historic bridge to Pigeon Key) or take ramp on the right down to Pigeon Key Visitors Center and follow path that takes you under US 1 next to Chappy's Restaurant – you will have to walk your bike up some steps.
- MM 47-54 Trail on bayside (there is a trail/sidewalk on the oceanside but the bayside trail is preferable; if you use this route – cross to bayside at the light for Cocoplum Dr.).
- MM 54 -58.2 Ride on the Grassy Key segment of the FKOHT (part of which will be behind a vegetation buffer) to Guava Dr.
- MM 58.2–63 Cross US 1 at Guava Dr. and ride on shoulder until the Conch Keys using the historic bridges at Tom's Harbor Channel (MM 60.5) and Tom's Harbor Cut (MM 61.5) bridges.
- MM 63-65.2 Ride on historic Long Key Viaduct.
- MM 65.2-68.5 Ride on bike path on oceanside (side trip to Long Key State Park @ MM 67.5).
- MM 68.5-73.7 Ride shoulder from Layton Dr. across Channel 5 Bridge to Lower Matecumbe Key (option to cross to bayside and ride across Channel 2 Historic Bridge – but not recommended when travelling north).

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- MM 73.7-77.5 Ride new, wide shoulder of US 1 the entire length of Lower Matecumbe Key (option to cross to bayside at Seabase Boy Scout Camp on Tollgate Blvd and ride on Old Hwy/bike path until Robbie's Marina).
- MM 77.5-79.8 Ride shoulder of Lignumvitae Channel bridge to bike path along Indian Key Fill (a causeway with 4 bridges), to Upper Matecumbe Key (for those that rode bayside path on Lower Matecumbe, option to stay on bayside along Indian Key Fill – this just requires going against traffic on shoulder of bridges).
- MM 79.8-83.5 Ride oceanside bike path (option to ride 3 miles on the Old Hwy/C-905: veer onto this back road at LaSiesta Resort at MM 80.5).
- MM 83.5 - 85.5 Ride on shoulder across Whale Harbor Channel, on Windley Key and across Snake Creek Channel (option to ride on Old Hwy/C-905 on Windley Key for 1 mile: to access, turn right at light after the Holiday Isle Resort).
- MM 85.5-87.5 Ride shoulder on oceanside.
- MM 87.5-90.8 At Pelican Plaza, get onto Old Hwy/C-905 and ride the length of Plantation Key. After you pass the stop sign at Bessie Rd. and US 1 you will see a sidewalk on the left in front of Made to Order Café parking lot.
- MM 90.8-91 Sidewalk becomes a catwalk across Tavernier Creek Bridge.

### **Key Largo**

- MM 91-92 Ride on the sidewalk.
- MM 92-96.5 Sidewalk becomes a trail (side trip to Harry Harris County Park – take a right on Burton Rd. at the Circle K and follow bike lane 1 mile to the park gate).
- MM 96.5 Cross the northbound lanes of US 1.
- MM 96.5-99 Ride trail between the north and southbound lanes of US 1.
- MM 99 Trail crosses to oceanside of US 1 at traffic light in front of CVS.
- MM 99-106.4 Trail stays on oceanside to Garden Cove Rd, the northern end of the FKOHT (side trip to Pennekamp SP at MM 102.5)
- MM 106.4-106.5 No trail
- MM 106.5 Future trailhead (north of the Circle K store)