

KRAZY KEY WEST 1000



Key West has a rich history with the IBA. Reaching the end of the road is always a natural attraction for the long-distance rider. The SCMA USA Four Corner Tour uses it as the Southeast corner of the continental USA, and the IBA uses it on several rides, including the Ultimate Coast to Coast (Key West to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska) and the Florida Keys 1000.

But not all is rosy on many a Key West ride - heartbreak is legendary here. From numerous SCMA Four Corner hopefuls having to wait out a hurricane to get there; IBA president Michael Kneebone having an unexpected wind gust toss his helmet into the ocean at the Key West marker testing a new BMW and then jumping in chasing it before it sank (you just can't find a 3X helmet anywhere) to Michael Smyers stunning 4 day 4,444 mile Denver to Key West ride to take a photo at the Key West lighthouse and then back to Denver. An IBR leg winning strategy for the 2005 Iron Butt Rally. The only problem is, Mike forgot to put his rally flag in the required photo. A stunning first place ride quickly turned into last place at the scoring table. Key West can make or break your heart - it is that kind of place. Magical but sometimes at a salty price.

Like Michael Smyers, you are going to be taking on a crazy ride to Key West and back for a quick photo but hopefully you won't encounter a hurricane, lose your helmet in the drink, or forget to put your flag in the required photos. It's not called the Krazy Key West 1000 for nothing.

BASIC FLORIDA TOLL WAY INFORMATION

You can avoid most Florida toll ways staying on I-95 through the Ft Lauderdale/Miami area; however, unless you want to travel on some smaller roads with numerous traffic lights, you will encounter at least one toll section that only uses automated toll lanes with no way to pay as you go. For those that do not have a compatible transponder, the toll system administrator will take a photo of your plate and send you a bill.

Depending on traffic, your mapping program and GPS, you will almost certainly be better off on the toll way around Miami. All were transponder or photo bill by mail except one that requires a stop for those without a compatible transponder. So, there is some advantage if that toll plaza is backed up.

There is a general rule here: If there are cash payment lanes and you do NOT have a compatible transponder, you must stop and pay, as there will not be a toll by photo system in place, and you will incur a hefty fine for blowing through in a transponder lane. It will all make sense when you get there.

This map lays it out pretty well:

<https://www.sunpass.com/en/tolls/tollsSunPass.shtml>

Uni transponders also work for all toll roads in Florida and 18 other states.

if you are the type to worry, order a compatible transponder now or purchase one when in state (do you really want to waste the time trying to find one while on vacation?). Be warned, some take 24 hours to get activated, so don't wait to get yours working.

ROUTING

While planning routes in BaseCamp or Google Maps, selecting the “quickest” routing choice should provide the example route depicted earlier. There are shorter routes possible, but all add considerable time to the ride. You may use any route you choose, of course, as long as you take photos of all the locations, in any order, and obtain any additional receipts required to document your ride. All of the checkpoints are on public property, but please be respectful.

The quickest possible route is about 1,009 miles, and this is what your certificate will state. Using “quickest” in your route preferences in your mapping software and on your GPS should come close to the example route depicted earlier. The instructions and photos on the following pages will guide you on this adventure. GPS coordinates and street addresses are given for each checkpoint.

Photo 1: **TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR ODOMETER BEFORE YOU START THE RIDE** and a dated business receipt (DBR). Odometer reading must be legible in the photo.

GPS: 30.1824, -81.6273

Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida



Make sure your rally flag and number are clearly visible in each photo. Flag not required in the ODO/receipt photos.

Photo 2: Ron Jon Surf Shop

28.3566, -80.6078

4151 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, Florida

Take a photo of the sign showing the distance to Key West, found between the surfboards on the north side of the Ron Jon shop.



Optional side trip (After the toll way ends onto south US-1 in Florida City):

As you leave Florida City, take Card Sound Rd about 16.5 road miles to County Rd 905 in North Key Largo, then south on County Rd 905 about 9.2 road miles to rejoin US-1 in Key Largo. This adds about 5.5 miles to the ride and an additional toll (transponder or Toll by Plate), but is a much nicer ride, and everyone should take this ride once while visiting the keys. Example side trip route: <https://goo.gl/maps/5THc9mH5ZEZC5gDEA>

IBA historical note about Key Largo

As you enter Key Largo, there is a Circle K / Shell gas station near the junction of US-1 and County Rd 905 (it is a clear turning point in the road). This is the start and check point for the 5 lap 1,043 mile Florida Keys 1000. You might want to note what Keys 1000 riders go through to complete those 5 insane laps as you ride to Key West and back. When you get back to Key Largo, check your lap time and try to imagine riding four more laps of this insane ride.

Photo 3: Southernmost Point of the Continental US

24.5465, -81.7975

Whitehead St & South St, Key West, Florida

Take a photo of the Southernmost Point marker.

This area can be crowded, you do NOT have to wait for the marker to be clear of visitors to take the required photo.



Photo 4: Key West Lighthouse

24.5505, -81.8007

938 Whitehead St, Key West, Florida

Take a photo of the Key West lighthouse.

The best location for this photo is from south of the Key West Lighthouse & Keepers Museum, on Truman Ave near Terry Ln, at 24.5502, -81.8008



Photo 5: Take a photo of your final/ending receipt and odometer at the end of your ride. Information and odometer must be readable in the photo.

Complete your ride by obtaining a gas receipt from a station close to the Ramada. Check the receipt to ensure that it includes a Jacksonville location and the CORRECT time.

