

2025 KRAZY KEY WEST 1000



Ride materials provided to you include this Instructions Document, a set of waypoints files, and a Verification form for you to record info about you and details for each Stop (odo & time). Please print the Verification form, then fill in Stop details, either along the way, or when you return to the hotel. A filled-in form will expedite the Verification process.

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 overlooked one requirement for the 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.

Unlike some riders that have taken on the Key West challenge before you, do not forget any of the requirements of your ride while participating in your own Krazy Key West Ride. 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.

The remainder of this document identifies and describes all of the ride's required Stops. Included for each Stop is the following information: Stop #, name or title, street address or intersection, coordinates, requirements in italics, description, and an example photo.

To become a certified finisher of this ride, you must:

- start at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel
- meet the requirements of all Stops (photo, receipt, item, as specified)
- finish at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel
- complete the final Stop's requirements before 24 hours since your ride start
- ride at least 1,000 miles start to finish, based on your odometer

Unless otherwise noted, all Stops are available anytime, and all times are in local time zone.

While planning routes in BaseCamp or Google Maps, we occasionally find that it is difficult to determine the absolute "shortest" or "quickest" route to visit all the Stops. However, on this ride, you will find that the shortest and quickest routes yield nearly identical mileage and time. You may choose any route for your ride. You may visit Stop 2 on either the southbound or northbound portion of the ride.

The shortest route is about 1,009 miles, and this is what your certificate will state. Choosing “quickest” in your routing preferences should come close to the example route depicted above. This example route is about 40.6% or 410 miles on Interstate highways, about 30.4% (306 miles) on toll roads, and about 29.0% (293 miles) on other roads. The “quickest” route will follow Florida’s wonderful toll road system for at least part of the ride, so using a Sun Pass or compatible device could be advantageous.

Do not start the ride until you have verified that this document includes all pages. Each page is numbered. This is your responsibility.

In an emergency, or for landmark assistance during the ride, or to notify us that you will not be returning for dinner, please call: **Michael Kneebone 773-909-9219**

Have a safe ride!

Acceptable gas stations in Jacksonville near the host hotel, for start & end receipts:

- (1) Sunoco at 30.1860, -81.6287, 10550 San Jose Blvd (0.3 road miles north)
- (2) Speedway at 30.1933, -81.6239, 10141 San Jose Blvd, (0.8 road miles north)
- (3) Shell at 30.2044, -81.6168, 9551 San Jose Blvd, (1.7 road miles north)
- (4) GATE at 30.2051, -81.6176, 9540 San Jose Blvd, (1.7 road miles north)

Starting information:

Near host hotel, Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida
30.1824, -81.6273

Stop 1: Official ride start

Obtain a receipt from one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel. Take a photo of your starting receipt and odometer before you begin riding. Receipt info & odometer must be legible in the photo.



There is no official group start. You may start your ride at a date and time of your choice, but you must start your ride at one of the acceptable gas stations near the host hotel. Your ride officially starts at the station receipt’s date and time, and at your odometer reading there.

Stop 2: Ron Jon Surf Shop

4151 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, Florida
28.3566, -80.6078

*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.
Take a second photo of your odometer at your parking location.*



This Stop may be visited on either the southbound or northbound portion of the ride.

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

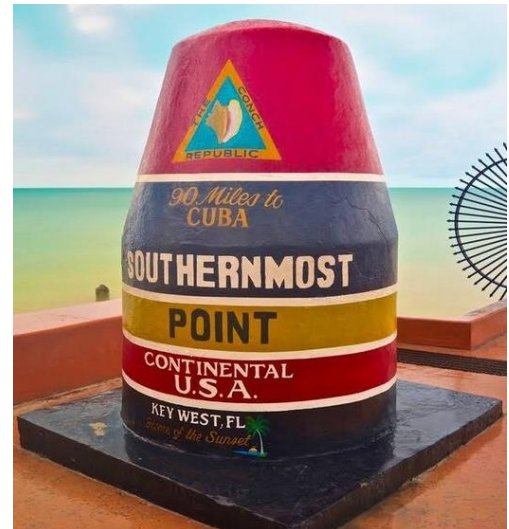
As you enter Key Largo, there is a Circle K / Shell gas station near the junction of US-1 and County Rd 905 (it is a clear turning point in the road). This is the start and check point for the 5 lap 1,043 mile Florida Keys 1000. You might want to note what Keys 1000 riders go through to complete those 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.

Stop 3: Southernmost Point of the Continental USA

Whitehead St at South St, Key West, Florida
24.5465, -81.7975

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

*Take a photo of the Southernmost Point marker.
Take a second photo of your odometer at your parking location.*



Stop 4: Key West Lighthouse

938 Whitehead St, Key West, Florida
24.5505, -81.8007

*Take a photo of the Key West lighthouse.
Take a second photo of your odometer at your parking location.*

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



Stop 5: Ending odometer

Complete your ride by obtaining a receipt from one of the acceptable gas stations (listed on page 3) near the host hotel. Using the same station as for the starting receipt may provide time stamp consistency. Check the receipt to ensure that it includes a Jacksonville location and the CORRECT time.

Take a photo of your ending receipt & odometer at the end of your ride. Receipt info and odometer must be legible in the photo.



Finish Check-In: Ride Verification

Host hotel: Ramada Hotel and Conference Center
3130 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, Florida
30.1824, -81.6273

We will verify your ride. Bring your photos (camera or phone) and any other related items required to document your ride. You do not need to print the photos; we will view them on the camera or phone display. Also bring your **filled-in** Verification form, which was included in the ride materials provided to you.

At the event, Verification is available:

Friday, March 7, 2025, 10:00AM-2:00PM

In the Verification room, to the right of the front desk, through the double doors.

Otherwise, an application for ride certification must be submitted to IBA in the usual manner.