

How Much Time?

This is a day-trip park, with most visitors arriving via ferry or seaplane from Key West. You can spend the night camping on Garden Key. It's a good way to get a gulf island almost to yourself, even better if you bring kayaks.

But for most, the trip aboard the Yankee Freedom provides more than enough time to explore Fort Jefferson, snorkel, and relax on the beach. They even provide snorkel gear. You just have to show up and enjoy the island life.

Need to Know

Visitation is limited by the number of people the ferry can take and it's fully booked through the year (even through hurricane season), so <u>reservations</u> are necessary. People occasionally get on board by showing up in the morning, hoping for cancelations, but that's a risky gambit.

Maps

Dry Tortugas National Park Map: PDF | JPG

Fort Jefferson Map: PDF | JPG

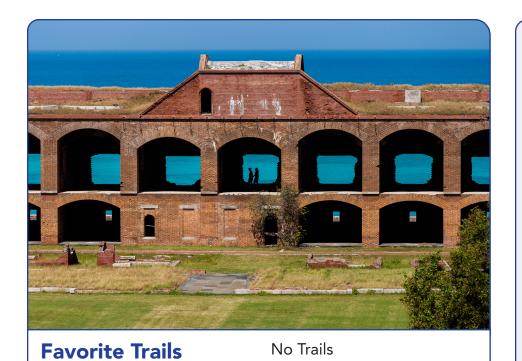
Google Map I made just to be consistent:)

All 63 National Parks Map: PDF | JPG

Eastern National Park Service Units Map: PDF | JPG

Highlights

Fort Jefferson Snorkeling Birds! Loggerhead Key



Activities

Paddling SCUBA Diving Snorkeling Fishing Birdwatching

This <u>Google Map</u> isn't very helpful but I made it for consistency's sake :).

Road Trip

Here's a <u>Google Map</u> to help plan road trips from the north (Biscayne). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

There's much more to our country. Here's another **Google**Map with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a **Google Map** with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

Highlights

Long Key State Park (FL)
Curry Hammock SP (FL)
Bahia Honda SP (FL)

When To Go

