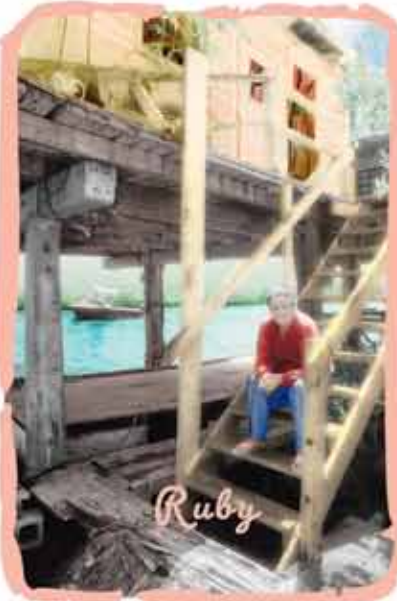




Ruby Stern known as "Miss Ruby", was the matriarch of Downtown Card Sound. She was a familiar site to travelers across Card Sound bridge.

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On the shirt back is Carol's image of Ruby Stern, matriarch of Downtown Card Sound Road, a place that doesn't exist on any map... yet was home to a community of free spirits, fishermen and independent thinkers who took up residence there. Located on the west side of the road south of Alabama Jack's, and the toll booth, the shack was originally built by workers who constructed the toll bridge around 1968. In 1972 Ruby moved in and lived there for 27 years. She'd sit on the steps of her shack, with an old Colt 44 daring anyone to throw her off the land. She stayed. Not even the destructive forces of hurricane Andrew and the county's condemnation of the shack could send her from her spot on the bay on Card Sound. She moved to a trailer alongside and lived there until 1999 when she had to leave due to illness, and died at age 90.

Dress like a Florida Keys local and be comfortable in the sun in our DRI-FIT shirt designed by Carol Ellis | Little Salt Photography featuring original artwork of the HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND



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Advice from a Flamingo

Everything is prettier in pink.

Always tell the truth, or you won't have a leg to stand on.

Don't just look on the bright side. Be the bright side!

Every so often, try to get a tropical getaway.

Sometimes, it's best to keep your head down.

Life is tough. It's okay to get your nose bent out of shape once in a while.

Things don't always go as planned. Sometimes, you just have to wing it.

Don't just be a lawn ornament. Get out there and live!

Unearth the Past at Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park

Step off the Overseas Highway in Islamorada, and you'll find a place that holds a unique piece of Keys history, literally carved into the ground. Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park isn't your typical park with playgrounds and picnic tables. It's a magnificent and unusual park that was once a working quarry, and it offers a fascinating glimpse into the very foundation of the Florida Keys.

The park is open year-round and is a must-see for anyone with an interest in history, geology, or simply a desire to see something truly different. What you'll find here are massive, vertical walls of fossilized coral, cut clean by the giant saws of the quarrying operation that ran from the early 1900s to the 1960s. The coral, known as Key Largo Limestone, was used to build the Flagler railroad, a feat of engineering that connected the Florida Keys to the mainland. The park features a visitor center, a historic marker, and a short, easy walking trail that takes you through the stunning, man-made canyons.

This activity is perfect for history buffs, geology enthusiasts, and families looking for a low-key, educational adventure. The kids will be amazed by the towering walls of ancient coral, and everyone will appreciate the quiet beauty and historical significance of the site. It's a great way to escape the heat and learn something new without the crowds.

The very ground you stand on in the Keys is a fossilized coral reef, a testament to its ancient past. This park is the most accessible and striking example of this. It tells the story of the formation of the islands and the incredible ambition of Henry Flagler, whose railroad transformed the Keys forever. It's a tangible link to the past that helps you understand the present. While other places might have historical sites, only the Keys have one carved out of its own foundation. It's a unique and compelling stop that reminds you that every piece of this island chain has a story to tell.

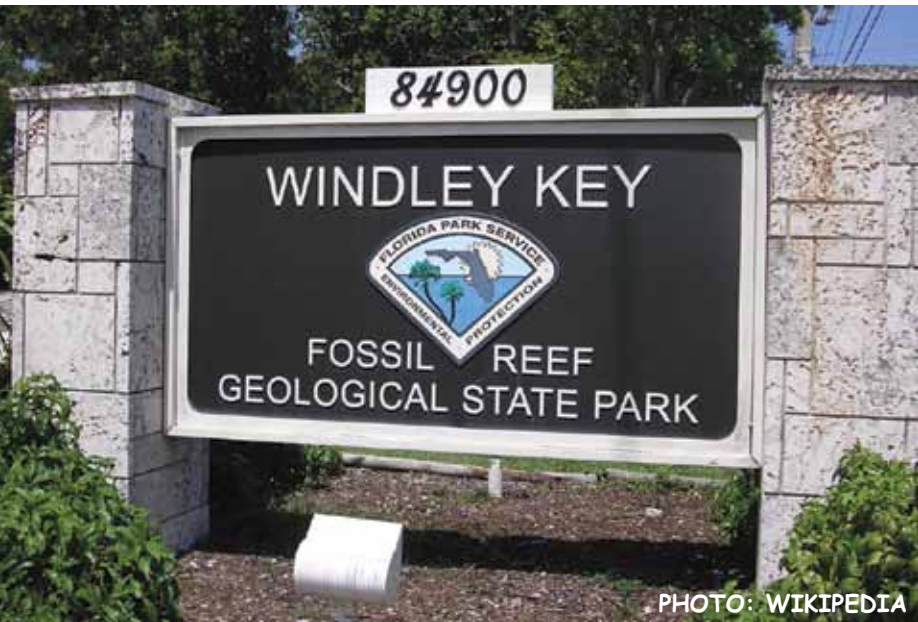


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