

Below is an online resource to help you plan your stay at KML. Here we have provided an up-to-date list with directions to the lab from the nearest airports, locations of grocery and drug stores, some local attractions for those windy (off-water) days, and what you should bring from home to make your stay more enjoyable.

The following information can be found on the [KML Rates, Forms, and Information page](#) of our website: KML Rate Sheet, Overview of KML, and Rules & Field Etiquette. Please [contact us](#), if you have any questions regarding your stay that we do not have answered here.

Directions to KML

- Nearest Airports – [Map](#)
 - o EYW – [Key West International Airport](#): 66 miles, ~1.75 hour drive time, [directions](#).
 - o MIA – [Miami International Airport](#): 93 miles, ~2 hour drive time, [directions](#).
 - o FLL – [Fort Lauderdale International](#): 118 miles, ~2.5 hour drive time, [directions](#).
- Car Rentals Near KML – [Map](#)
 - o Tavernier (MM 91): [Thrifty](#)
 - o Marathon Airport (MM 52): [Avis](#), [Budget](#), [Enterprise](#), [Hertz](#)

What to bring

- What to pack will depend on your group's objectives. Please [contact us](#) with any questions.
- Below is a basic list for groups coming down to spend time with us on the water:
 - o **Bathing Suit** – you will probably want a few if you will be in the water on a daily basis.
 - o **Beach Towel(s)**- KML provides a bath towel, make sure you take a beach/boat towel. You may want a few if you will be in the water every day.
 - o **Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, UPF Sun-shirt** – the sun can be pretty intense down here, be prepared!.
 - o **Dry bag for on the boat** – keep your important stuff dry on the water.
 - o **Water bottle** – Stay hydrated! Swimming makes you thirsty. Reusable bottles are preferred to minimize waste.

Nearby Supplies

- Grocery Stores – [Map](#)
 - o Both our dorms and long-term housing have fully equipped kitchens so you can cook for your group while you are here. However, like nearly everything in the Keys, groceries are a 20-minute drive from nearly wherever you are, so it helps to plan your grocery trips ahead to make the most of your time at KML.
 - o Marathon (South of KML):
 - Publix – MM 50 oceanside.
 - Winn Dixie – MM 50 oceanside.
 - o Islamorada (North of KML):
 - Publix – MM 83 bayside
 - o Tavernier (North of KML):

- Winn Dixie – MM 89 bayside.
- Drug Stores
 - **Walgreen's** in Key Largo – mm 99, north of KML
 - **CVS** in Islamorada – mm 82.8 bayside, north of KML
 - **Walgreen's** in Marathon – mm 53 bayside, south of KML.
- Restaurants
 - For those nights when no one feels like cooking, or you just want a fantastic dinner at one of the Key's many great restaurants, there are several excellent places to eat within 20 miles of the lab in either direction. Check out the directory of restaurants at the Chambers of Commerce below or ask any of our staff members for an unofficial recommendation.
 - Marathon (South of KML): Marathon Chamber of Commerce – [Restaurants](#)
 - Islamorada (North of KML): Islamorada Chamber of Commerce – [Restaurants](#)
 - Key Largo (North of KML): Key Largo Chamber of Commerce – [Restaurants](#)
 - Big Pine (South of KML): Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce – [Restaurants](#)

Local Attractions

- Some days you just can't get on the water due to the weather or you may just want to do some sightseeing. Here is a list of some of the wonderful on-shore attractions in the Keys. View these attractions on a [map](#).
 - [Bahia Honda State Park](#): MM 37, south of KML.
 - [Turtle Hospital](#): MM 48.5, south of KML.
 - [Sombrero Beach](#): MM 50, south of KML in Marathon, turn by the Publix.
 - [Crane Point Museum, Nature Center, & Historic Site](#): MM 50, south of KML, across the road from Publix.
 - [Curry Hammock State Park](#): MM 56, south of KML.
 - [Dolphin Research Center](#): MM 58, south of KML.
 - [Long Key State Park](#): MM 67.5, walking distance from KML.
 - [Anne's Beach](#): MM 71, north of KML over the channel 5 and 2 bridges.
 - [Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park](#): MM 77, you need to take a boat out to the island.
 - [Indian Key Historical State Park](#): MM 77, you need to take a boat, canoe, or kayak out to the island.
 - [Diving Museum](#): MM 83, north of KML.
 - [Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park](#): MM 85, north of KML.
 - [Wild Bird Center](#): MM 93, north of KML.
 - [John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park](#): MM 103, north of KML.
 - And, of course, [Key West](#): at MM 0; 1.5-hour drive from KML