

## The Upper Keys

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We left the Miami/Everglades KOA (which has since become a private campground) by 9:00 a.m. We needed to make a stop at Wal-Mart for a few items and to get some cash before we headed into the Keys. When we make a purchase at Wal-Mart and get cash back we save on ATM fees and it is a one-stop shop as well. On our drive into the Keys (which are a series of islands connected by manmade bridges) we enjoyed the beautiful turquoise water, the tropical plants, the sand, the dive shops and the marinas. The weather was cloudy and windy but wonderfully warm.

The [Fiesta Key KOA](#) campground, where we are staying for the next two nights, is located at Long Key, about mid-way between the mainland and Key West. Though it is in a spectacular setting, the campsites are very tight and close together and it requires some very skilful manoeuvring to park a coach of our size but Rick does it with ease. We settled in, had some lunch and walked around the campground to become familiar with our location and see what amenities they have to offer. The gulf waters surround us; there is a swimming pool, two hot tubs, a marina, a beach house, two gift shops and spotless washrooms. We are going up to Islamorada this evening to look into going deep-sea fishing tomorrow and to have a fresh seafood dinner.

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Oh by the way, I have to tell you about my hair. I have naturally curly hair and since we have been in Florida, because of the humidity, it has gone wild... out of control but I shudder to think what it will look like when we get into dryer climates. In Florida, it is really wash and wear and because it has it's own agenda, I don't even try to tame it all. In dryer climates, my lack of care will become very obvious and I will probably resort to a baseball cap.

This picture shows our new window coverings, but take notice of the rainbow to the left of the Moho.