

HOW GOD CREATED THE FLORIDA KEYS

200,000 years ago - There was no dry land in the Florida Keys, instead there was a massive living coral reef thriving in shallow waters.

120,000 years ago - Sea level dropped due to an ice age that created glaciers out of ocean water. This exposed the coral reef above the water's surface, the coral died but islands were born!

20,000 years ago - Sea level was so low that most of the continental shelf was exposed above the ocean's surface.

6,000 years ago - The present day Keys reef tract went back underwater as earth temperatures increased, glaciers melted and sea level rose.

3,000-1000 years ago - Oldest proof of human inhabitants to the Florida Keys - The Calusa Tribe.

1513 - Ponce De Leon discovered the Florida Keys while on a mission to find the fountain of youth.

1700's - 1800's - The age of pirates and wreckers, Key west.

1821 - The US won Florida from the Spanish, first settlements occurred in Key West.

1912 - Flagler's Overseas Railway is completed.

1935 - The infamous 1935 Labor Day Hurricane devastated The Florida Keys and destroyed over 45 miles of the Overseas railway. The State bought Flagler's railroad to convert it into an automobile road.

1938 - The conversion of the Overseas Railway to the Overseas Highway was complete.

1982 - New 7 Mile Bridge construction completed.

