

# Dry Tortugas

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## Garden Key Fishing

Garden Key is located approximately 70 miles west of Key West Florida, making it one of the most remote and desirable fishing destination in the Florida Keys. Whether you're fishing for food or sport, you are sure to enjoy yourself while casting into the crystal clear turquoise blue waters of the Dry Tortugas.

Fishing on Garden Key is permitted from the following locations. (1) South of the brush and rubble pile to the beginning of the land bridge. (2) The airplane beach east of the main dock, when the airplane is not present. (3) Main dock, when the Yankee Freedom is not present. (4) Two westernmost finger piers, when they are unoccupied. (5) Either dinghy beach provided that fishing does not occur within 50 feet of the concrete wall of the historic docks and ruins previously used for loading coal. All other areas of Garden Key are closed to fishing. Fishing from a boat is permitted within the 1 mile Historic Use Area of Garden Key. Large yellow buoys mark the Historic Use Area. Fishing is also permitted outside the Research Natural Area. Florida Saltwater fishing license is required, unless you are under the age of 16 or a Florida resident senior over the age of 65. In addition to Monroe County rules and regulations there is also no spearfishing or collecting of lobsters allowed in the National Park.

