



## FACTS ABOUT KEEWAYDIN ISLAND

Keewaydin Island, one of the largest unbridged barrier islands in southwest Florida, is managed for you by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Rookery Bay Reserve.

The island is a sanctuary for an abundance of wildlife. It is also an important recreational destination for residents and tourists.

Contrary to some rumors, there are no plans to restrict humans from using the south end of Keewaydin Island. To make sure that wildlife and humans are able to co-exist on the island we have established some rules:

- Dogs may be on the beach but they must be leashed
- While on foot avoid walking on beach vegetation
- When anchoring your boat on the gulf side or the bay side, place the anchor away from dune vegetation
- Wildlife should not be fed or disturbed
- Take your litter with you when you leave the island
- Enjoy making sand castles - please refill your holes when you have finished

We have recently increased the law enforcement presence on Keewaydin Island to protect island visitors and the wildlife species that live here.

Team OCEAN volunteers are here to help us manage island resources for your use through education not enforcement.

### What Can You Do to Help??

- Work with us to protect the island's natural beauty so future generations can enjoy what you are enjoying today
- Report violations to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-3922
- Become a Team OCEAN volunteer

For more information contact the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at 417-6310 or at [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org). Enjoy your visit!

