Almost 70 miles (113 km) west of Key West lies the remote Dry Tortugas National Park. The 100-square mile park is mostly open water with seven small islands. Accessible only by boat or seaplane, the park is known the world over as the home of magnificent Fort Jefferson, picturesque blue waters, superlative coral reefs and marine life, and the vast assortment of bird life that frequent the area.

Did You Know?

The islands of the Dry Tortugas are in a constant state of flux. Due to the erosive effects of tropical storms, shorelines are constantly being reshaped. In fact, entire islands have been known to disappear or reform following the passage of particularly violent hurricanes. Tree worms and mermaid's wineglasses.