

HISTORIC MARKERS



This marker tells of the covered dock that was destroyed in the hurricane of 1921. Ships from Tampa landed there to discharge and pick up passengers who stayed at the hotel. The ship continued to Corey's Landing and Sarasota where it picked up fish and produce to take to Tampa the next day.



Longboat Key's first home was in the area of Broadway and was a thatched shack built around 1882 by Thomas Mann, a Civil War veteran from Indiana. Opposite 631 Broadway is a marker telling of the concrete block house built by attorney John Walters in the early 1900s.



Jordan House-Mar Vista located at 760 Broadway was a 7 bedroom two story residence built in 1920-21. In 1942 it was converted into 5 apartments and later into a rooming house. Current use is made by the Mar Vista restaurant as an office and storage. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

WELCOME



The Longbeach Historic District was established by the state of Florida to recognize the historic significance of the Longbeach Village. Your walking tour covers this historic area.

The history of the Village of Longbeach can be further explored on the internet at

www.longboatkeyhistory.com

You are also invited to explore the history of the island of Longboat Key.

You will find video, newspapers, audio, photos that will enable you to learn more about the island.

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WALKING TOUR



Time to see 'Old and New Florida'

Historic houses and buildings,
interesting sights, beautiful
vistas overlooking the Gulf of
Mexico and Sarasota Bay.



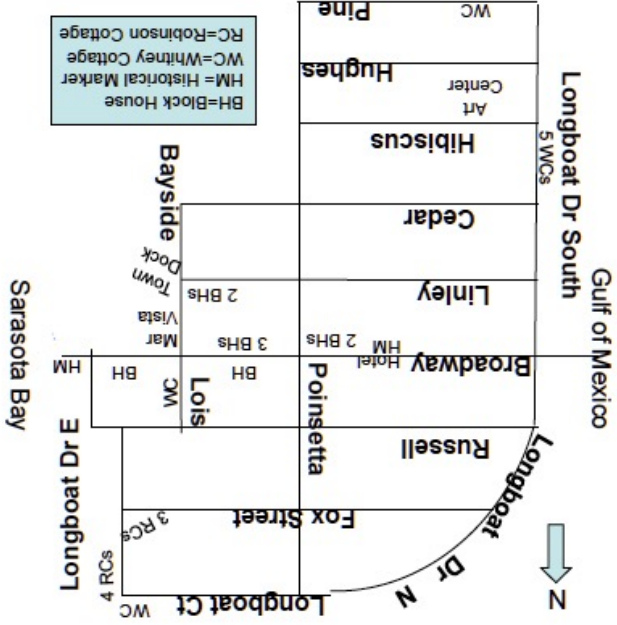
Tour Route

1. **Start** at Mar Vista at the very East end of Broadway.
2. Look at the historic marker at the very east end of Broadway. Notice the Sarasota skyline to the South, and then go West on Broadway to see the Jordan/ Mar Vista House, the 6 block houses and see the historic marker at 620 , the Jordan- Longbeach Hotel/ Inn at 601.
3. Turn South (left) on Longboat Drive South and see the Whitney cottages (on the right).
4. Turn left on Hibiscus and notice the Whitney style cottages in front of the Ringling Art Center.
5. Proceed East on Hibiscus, turn left onto Poinsetta, then right onto Linley. Notice the old frame houses on the left followed by 2 of the first block houses.
6. See the kayak launch site, Sarasota Bay, Jewish Bay and Sister Keys.
7. Proceed North on Bayside(becomes Lois) back to Broadway and after the 1 mile loop walk, stop in at the Mar Vista Restaurant for liquid refreshment and a meal. Enjoy the views of Sarasota Bay and the boats.



Whitney Beach Resort Cottages. In 1935-36 11 frame cottages were built on beach property fronting the Gulf of Mexico. All cottages had brick chimneys and coquina stone fireplaces. Interior walls were pecky cypress and the floors were wood. In 1951 beach erosion began and by 1956 cottages were moved and relocated to the Longbeach Village on sites owned by Whitney. Cottages are at 6841, 6850, 6851, 6860, 6871, 6881, 6909, 6989 Longboat Drive South. Also at 771 Longboat Ct, 730 Lois and 6841 Pine.

TOUR MAP



Jordan/Longbeach Hotel/ Inn

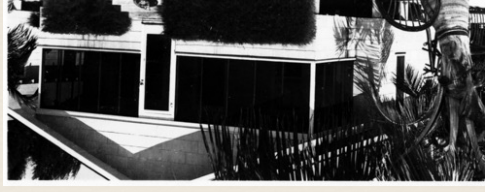
Located at 601 Broadway this is the first hotel on the island. Owned by Rufus & Annie Jordan, it was managed by the Doritys from 1913-1919 and then by the Frosots from 1919-1925. In 1925, it was renamed the Longbeach Hotel. It was leased to various people until 1936 when Gordon Whitney leased and later purchased the hotel. Millie and Gene Johnson were managers of the hotel until 1947. The hotel served as the Island Community Center until 1938. In 1950 it was converted from a hotel into a private residence and remains as such today.



Block Houses were constructed around 1915 and are made from local sand and mortar. The block design is from forms acquired from Sears Roebuck. These houses are located at 610, 630, 670, 680, 691, 720 and 789 Broadway. Also at 701, 721 Linley.



Frame Houses are abundant-the most notable are 700 (1915), 701 (1920), 720 (1930), 551 Broadway (1938). Next is Linley at 575 (1938), 651 (1916), 661 (1927) and 671 (1914). Also at 7061 Longboat Drive East (1920), 7030 Poinsetta (1927) and 660 Russel (1936).



Robinson Bungalows/Longbeach Cottages
A collection of 9 frame cottages built for tourists and was operating from 1933-1947. The resort was purchased in 1948 and became Longbeach Cottages and operated until the mid 1960s. 4 of the cottages were built along the waterfront on Longboat Drive E.- 7110, 7119, 7120, 7130 and 7140. A cottage at 7901 was demolished in 1997 and replaced. Others are at 760 Longboat Ct. and 761, 771 Fox street.