



DADE COUNTY PARKS  
VIRGINIA  
BEACH  
COLORED ONLY



*Reclaiming Our Past*

Commemorative postcards from  
Historic Virginia Key Beach Park

We can't appreciate the *future*  
unless we know our *past*.

Virginia Key Beach Park was opened on August 1, 1945 and was known as the "Colored Beach" during the era of racial segregation in the South. The Park was a cherished getaway for social gatherings and a sacred site for religious services. This "Colored Only" beach epitomized the spirit of optimism, prosperity and progress within the Black community.

Closed in 1982 due to high maintenance and operation costs, the park fell into disrepair. In 1999, a group of citizens formed the Virginia Key Beach Park Task Force to resurrect and restore this National Historic site. Revitalization plans are currently underway to return this magnificent beachfront property to public use and preserve its rich legacy of social and civil rights.

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Entering Historic Virginia Key Beach Park - Miami, Florida circa 1945.

*Historic Virginia Key Beach Park  
Miami, Florida*







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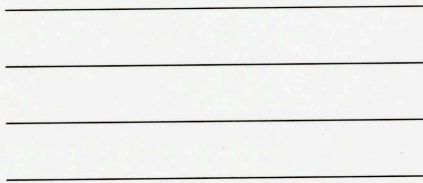
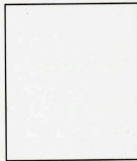
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Swimmers enjoying a day at the beach at  
Historic Virginia Key Beach Park - Miami, Florida 1952.



*Wish you were here!*  
*Virginia Key Beach Park*  
*Miami, Florida*

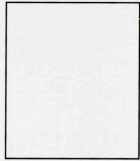
Historic aerial photo of  
Historic Virginia Key Beach Park - Miami, Florida 1956.







*Historic Virginia Key Beach Park - Miami, Florida*



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HISTORIC  
VIRGINIA KEY  
BEACH PARK  
MIAMI, FLORIDA





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Historic Virginia Key Beach Park - Miami, Florida circa 2001.

A scenic view of a beach with white sand, turquoise water, and palm trees. The scene is framed by the fronds of a large palm tree in the foreground. A trash can and a picnic table are visible on the right side of the beach.

Historic

Virginia Key  
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# Become a part of *history* .

The natural landscape of Virginia Key Beach Park provides a perfect backdrop for:

- Film Projects
- Artistic Projects
- Photography Shoots

For more information, please contact the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust:

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The Park, when reopened, will be available for special events and activities such

- Family/Class Reunions
- Community/ Corporate meetings
- Recreation Activities
- Special Services/Baptisms/Wedding





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Miami, Florida

*Paradise Renewed*