

Paradise Renewed



e are Miami's foremost environmental treasure, a place of inspiration, beauty, education and deep historical significance. Once designated a "Colored Only Beach" when it officially opened in 1945, the old Virginia Key Beach Park soon became the preeminent gathering place for all social classes living, visiting or, even, performing among the various marginalized communities of the era.

The facilities are administered by the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, in conjunction with the City of Miami's Park and the Parks and Recreational Department which grants unrestricted, equal opportunity access to the general public. All venues are available to rent for private weddings, socials, retreats or can be reserved by corporate meeting planners, event promoters and film crews.

Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, located directly off the Rickenbacker Causeway, is just minutes away from the area's most popular tourist, sport attractions, dining, retail and educational research institutes including the Miami Seaquarium, the Sony Ericsson Tennis Open and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. We are easily accessible by vehicle, one-mile from Interstate I-95 or by utilizing the Miami-Dade Public Transit system which comprises Metrorail, Metrobus and Metromover.



riginally dedicated in 1945, on an unequal, separate basis, Historic Virginia Key Beach Park represents the focal recreational space where the black community at-large was allowed to gather, commune and create the conditions for solidarity necessary for a civil rights movement to flourish. Miami's former segregated beach, like no other recreational park of its kind during the twentieth century, established a significant turning point in terms of forging compassionate negotiation and creative communication between black and non-African

American societies. Indeed, the message of Historic Virginia Key Beach Park is contained in the power of responsible citizenry and leadership which led to the second reclamation of the property in 1999 by the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust. Today, under the jurisdiction of the Trustees, dedicated staff and volunteer supporters, our green, open accommodations are made available to all members of the public as a necessary component in building true equality.



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HE EVENT MEADOW:

A 35-acre green space, perfect for outdoor staged events, festivals, concerts. **Maximum Capacity:** 10,000 patrons, seated on blankets or personal lawn chairs. **View:** Spectacular Atlantic Ocean, tropical shade tree backdrop.



THE HISTORIC DANCE FLOOR*: Circular, finished concrete surface with benches and shaded palms. Maximum Capacity: 100 patrons. View: Borders the sandy beach, shoreline promenade. Surrounded by benches under shaded palms.



THE SOUTH PAVILION*:

Large, open-sided food preparation, serving area, two adjacent charcoal grills.

Maximum Capacity: Expandable for outdoor food tasting events, children's parties, church dinners.

View: Directly across from the Boundless Playground, green spaces, Atlantic Ocean.

Other facilities of historical significancelocated inside the Historic Zone include;Carousel BuildingBath HouseMiniature RailroadConcession StandFlagpole CourtBeach Pavilion

*denotes location within the restored Historic Zone.



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