Habitats near KML

**Natural Reefs:**

11' Mound  
Depth: 10-15ft  
Location: west of Long Key, 8 miles by boat from KML  
Description: patch reef, outer edge of Hawk's Channel, good coral and fish diversity

3 Peaks  
Depth: 60-80ft  
Location: east of Tennessee Reef Light, 8 miles by boat from KML  
Description: reef edge, 3 pinnacles along a ledge

Coral Gardens  
Depth: 10-15ft  
Location: east of Long Key, 6 miles by boat from KML  
Description: near-shore patch reef with boulder, brain, and star corals with good fish diversity

Delta Shoal  
Depth: 15-20ft  
Location: 1 mile east of Sombrero Reef, west of Long Key, ~20 miles from KML by boat  
Description: medium relief, separated spur and groove with nice fish diversity and invertebrates

East Turtle Shoals  
Depth: 10-20ft  
Location: west of Long Key, 9 miles by boat from KML, outer Hawk's Channel west on Tennessee Reef Light  
Description: patch reefs with good coral and fish diversity

Tennessee Ledge  
Depth: 30-50ft  
Location: west of Tennessee Reef Light, 6 miles south of Long Key  
Description: Habitat: low relief, slow sloping ledge with high fish diversity

Tennessee Reef  
Depth: 70-90ft  
Location: east of Tennessee Reef Light, 10 miles by boat from KML  
Description: reef edge with large barrel sponges and corals with several fish including large snapper and grouper

**Artificial Reefs:**

Long Key Bridge Rubble Piles  
Depth: 20ft  
Location: west of Long Key oceanside, 7 mile ride from KML  
Description: concrete slabs and I-beams from Long Key Bridge placed in Hawk's Channel in the 1970's

**Shipwrecks:**

Adelaide Baker  
Depth: 23ft  
Location: west of Long Key, 4 miles south-southeast of Duck Key  
Description: Historical shipwreck with remains of a three-masted iron-rigged and reinforced wooden hull bark ship
San Pedro
Depth: 15-20ft
Location: east of Long Key, near Indian Key, about 9 miles from KML by boat
Description: with ballast stones, plaque, and replica cannons

**Hardbottom:**

Big Sponge
Depth: 6-7ft
Location: off Long Key State Park oceanside
Description: huge loggerhead sponges, solutions holes, octocoral, invertebrates, juvenile fish

Burnt Point
Depth: 5ft
Location: west of Long Key bayside, 12 miles by boat from KML
Description: octocorals, sponges, very diverse hardbottom

Burnt Point Ledge
Depth: 6-8ft
Location: west of Long Key bayside, 12 miles by boat from KML
Description: rocky ledge along a solution hole, nurse sharks, high fish diversity

Conch Key Wall
Depth: 5-7ft
Location: west of Long Key, along old bridge wall by trap yard
Description: rocky/rubble bottom, with intertidal zone, sponges, octocoral esp. Eunicia spp., sea cucumbers, Echinometra, and brittle stars

Craig Key
Depth: 4-6ft
Location: off Channel Five bridge flat, 4 miles by boat from KML
Description: octocorals, small sponges, solution holes, seagrass patches

Fiesta Key
Depth: 5-7ft
Location: ~2 miles east of KML on the bayside
Description: large sponge die-off in 2007 from an algae bloom has left area pretty barren

Indian Key
Depth: 5-7ft
Location: east of Long Key oceanside, 9 miles from KML by boat, southern shore of Indian Key State Park, which has a self-guided tour of the island settlement (usually 1/2 day on its own)
Description: hardbottom and intertidal area with eroded limestone karst rock, several Echinometra

Long Key
Depth: 5-8ft
Location: off of Long Key State Park oceanside, 5 miles by boat from KML
Description: sheltered hardbottom location when winds are out of the north

Point
Depth: 4-7ft
Location: 1 mile east of KML bayside
Description: octocorals, small sponges, invertebrates, batfish, toadfish, milk conch
Sanctuary Preservation Areas and Research Only Areas:

**Alligator Reef**
Depth: 10-25ft
Location: east of Long Key, 12 miles by boat from KML
Description: SPA with low-relief spur and groove, grassbeds nearby inside the reef

**Cheeca Rocks**
Depth: 10-20ft
Location: east of Long Key, 4 miles beyond Alligator Reef, 15 miles by boat from KML
Description: SPA, great near-shore patch reef with boulder and brain corals and several fish

**Coffins Patch**
Depth: 8-20ft
Location: west of Long Key, 4 miles beyond East Turtle Shoals, 13 miles from KML by boat
Description: SPA, very nice patch reef with great fish and coral diversity

**Sombrero Reef**
Depth: 10-25ft
Location: 20+ miles west of KML, about an hour boat trip each way
Description: SPA, spur and groove with abundant marine life, nice corals and great fish diversity

**Tennessee Reef**
Depth: 12-30ft
Location: 2 miles east of Tennessee Reef Light, 8 miles by boat from KML
Description: ROA, low-relief reef edge with nice fish diversity and corals including several Acropora cervicornis colonies (permit only)

Banks and Flats:

**Craig Key Flats**
Depth: 0-5ft
Location: inshore of Craig Key hardbottom toward Channel Five Bridge, 4 miles by boat from KML
Description: flats with Halimeda, scattered grassbeds, Porites diveracata, bivalves, and invertebrates (echinoderms, urchins, sea stars)

**Long Key Bight**
Depth: 0-4ft
Location: oceanside of Channel Five bridge, 4 miles from KML by boat
Description: flats with scattered grassbeds with Halimeda, invertebrates (echinoderms, urchins, sea stars), bivalves, nurse sharks, bonnetheads, and rays

**Old Dan Bank**
Depth: 0-4ft
Location: 1 mile north of KML bayside
Description: Halimeda, Porites diveracata, invertebrates (echinoderms, urchins, sea stars), bivalves, strong tidal currents

**Old Sweat Bank**
Depth: 0-4ft
Location: 3.5 miles west KML bayside, near Long Key Viaduct
Description: Halimeda, Porites diveracata, invertebrates (echinoderms, urchins, sea stars), bivalves, strong tidal currents
**Seagrass Beds:**
Fiesta Key
Depth: 5-7ft
Location: ~2 miles from KML on the bayside
Description: grassbeds where there used to be hardbottom areas

Long Key
Depth: 8-15ft
Location: off of Long Key State Park oceanside, 6 miles from KML by boat
Description: grassbeds with sea biscuits commonly found

Tennessee Reef
Depth: 15-20ft
Location: north of Tennessee Reef Light, 8 miles by boat from KML
Description: deeper grassbeds in the middle of sand flats

**Mangroves:**
Koch Key
Depth: 1-5ft
Location: east of Long Key bayside, 8 miles by boat from KML, near Pederson Keys
Description: mangrove island surrounded by grassbeds, seahorses and Goliath Groupers have been spotted here

Zane Grey Creek
Depth: 3-10ft
Location: just south of KML, enter through Long Key Bight or with permission from Goshen College at their dock, a dive flag and extreme caution must be used at this site due to high boat traffic in canals
Description: mangrove canals with several species of fish, algae, and seagrasses