

History of ***Buck Key***

The ***Captiva Key*** parcel is the last remaining privately held tract of land on the island of *Buck Key* and is surrounded by more than 300 acres of *Federal Preserve*. ***Captiva Key*** is the most beautiful tropical “**Private Island**” in the continental *United States*. The ***Captiva Key*** site is a **one-of-a-kind**, world class property. This luxury site contains over 14 acres of pristine *Caribbean* tropical hammock forest, along with hundreds of *Coconut Palms*, a private white-sand beach, private tropical lagoon, and a deep-water access dock looking west towards the highest valued real estate in all of *Lee County*. Uninhabited, this tropical island offers the ultimate in privacy, seclusion and tranquility. Close in proximity to *South Seas Resort* and *Captiva Island Yacht Club*, ***Captiva Key*** has the unique distinction of being the largest uninhabited tropical island (that is habitable) in the continental *United States*.

Buck Key protects the *Pine Island Sound* side of *Captiva Island*, and is with the exception of the ***Captiva Key*** parcel, a protected wildlife sanctuary (preserve). Over the years, the *Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation* and others have worked hard to successfully preserve the majority of the island. In the late 1970's two-thirds of the island was preserved due to the diligent conservation efforts of the *SCCF* and a private donor. Since then, other parcels have been added to the preserve.

Today, the ***Watrous*** property is the only privately held land on *Buck Key*, and the property offers an amazing opportunity for someone to acquire and own the only private developable land left on the island. The site is buildable and offers a unique opportunity for an owner to virtually have the benefit of the whole island, since the remainder of the island is a *Federal Preserve* and can never be developed and will remain in its pristine (undisturbed) state forever.