The Coconut Grove Woman’s Club, founded in 1891 by Flora Welcker, was a center for community uplift activities, sponsoring a rich array of fundraisers. In 1900, it was renamed the Coconut Grove Community Housekeeper’s Club, immersing itself in community activities, arts, and social functions. The Coconut Grove Woman’s Club played a pivotal role in galvanizing social change and was instrumental in advocating for the community’s needs.

Among Coconut Grove's residents and visitors were many influential Americans of that era and later, people such as William Jennings Bryan, a leading statesman and politician; his daughter, Ruth Bryan Owens, Florida’s first Congresswoman and an ambassador; Robert Frost, the nation’s poet laureate; Alexander Graham Bell; and Marjory Stoneman Douglas, legendary environmentalist, protector of the Everglades, and writer. William Deering of Deering farm equipment and International Harvester also hailed from Coconut Grove. Trippe's Pan American Airways' famed seaplane base stood for a short time near the Coconut Grove Woman’s Club, before it was moved to its current location.

Fortunately, much of the early Grove remains, and this historical narrative will guide you through the Coconut Grove Woman’s Club, the Coconut Grove Library, the Pine Needles Club, and other notable sites. The Coconut Grove Library, donated by Andrew Carnegie, stands as a testament to the community’s commitment to education and intellectual pursuits. The Pine Needles Club, an organization of young women, continues to thrive, offering opportunities for personal and professional growth.

As we continue our westward walk upward along McFarlane Road, we will encounter the historic Eva Munroe Gravesite, marked by a simple wood frame structure that served as the Grove’s first hospital. The garden at the time of its establishment was a simple structure, with a wooden frame that provided a place for the residents to gather and seek comfort. It is said to have been used as a school until its destruction two decades later.

Across the street from there is St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, an example of gothic cathedral architecture. It was built in 1904 and stands as a testament to the architectural beauty that can be found in Coconut Grove. It is especially notable for its stained glass windows, which tell the story of the congregation's faith and heritage.

On the opposite side of the street is the historic Pine Needles Club, founded in 1893. It has served as a center for community activities, offering a space for women to come together and share in the common goals of education and social reform.

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As we continue our walk along the historic streets of Coconut Grove, we will encounter many other notable sites, including the historic Eva Munroe Gravesite, the Pine Needles Club, and the historic Eva Munroe Gravesite. These sites offer a glimpse into the rich history and culture of Coconut Grove, and are a testament to the community’s resilience and spirit.

Welcome to Coconut Grove!

As difficult as it is to imagine, the Greater Miami area a little more than one century ago was very different from what it is today. The area that is now Coconut Grove was once a small settlement, with a population of just a few hundred people. Today, Coconut Grove is known for its blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, making it a popular destination for tourists and locals alike.

Among the many notable sites and activities in Coconut Grove is the Historical Society of Greater Miami, which offers a variety of programs and events throughout the year. The society is dedicated to preserving the history of the Greater Miami area and sharing it with the public through exhibits, lectures, and other educational programs. Visitors can learn about the area’s rich history, including the early days of settlement, the development of the railroad, and the growth of the area’s industries.

Another notable site in Coconut Grove is the Coconut Grove Library, which was established in 1901. It is the oldest library in the city of Miami, and serves as a center for learning and cultural enrichment. The library offers a wide range of programs and services, including book clubs, computer classes, and genealogy research assistance.

In addition to these sites, Coconut Grove is also home to a number of parks and natural areas, including Peacock Park and Coconut Grove Park. These areas offer a variety of recreational opportunities, including hiking, biking, and picnicking.

As we continue to explore Coconut Grove, we are reminded of the vibrant history and culture that has shaped this unique community. Whether you are a native or a visitor, there is something for everyone in Coconut Grove. We encourage you to explore the area and discover its many treasures for yourself.
Commodore Ralph Munroe's boat, Kingfish

The store, a wraparound segment of the building, signified the ground floor was filled with a signature rounded entrance. At onetime Crossing McFarlane to the south side of Main Highway, the most picturesque of the three afore-

In 1891, Munroe built the Barnacle with its distinctive hipped-roof structure. As a French settler who showed up at a wedding in formal attire, Munroe was welcomed with open arms by the local community. He then built a home and began his life in Miami. Munroe's Barnacle, Miami's oldest home, which sits atop the ridge facing Biscayne Bay in the eastern portions of a five-century-old French settlement, is a testament to the area's rich history.

The Barnacle, circa 1895

The Barnacle is an example of the Victorian Gothic Revival style, characterized by its ornate architecture and use of natural materials. The Barnacle today is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike, offering a glimpse into the past and providing a unique experience.

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Upon leaving the Barnacle, walk to the left and southward respite, one surrounded by the best that nature offers in the way of flora and fauna. The Barnacle's surroundings are a perfect example of the area's natural beauty and a testament to the importance of preserving our natural resources.

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The Origins of the Coconut Grove Art Festival

It is a USA in which the term "plantation" fails to describe the way the community of black, brown, and white live and work together. Stirrup's home, built in 1897, is one of the oldest and most significant structures in Coconut Grove.

The Stirrup House Art Deco District

Continue along Main Highway to the next block. One of the first things you will see is the former Sunshine Fruit Company building, designed by the stellar firm of , in the early 1920s according to the Bright Plan. Many of the present historic Sunshine Fruit Company building, designed by the stellar firm of , in the early 1920s according to the Bright Plan.

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In 1963, in an attempt to promote "Irma La Douce," a Broadway musical, the Coconut Grove Art Festival was created as a way to attract attention to the area and bring in visitors from around the world. The festival has since become a beloved tradition, attracting artists from all over the world to Coconut Grove.

The Coconut Grove Art Festival

The festival is held each year in December and attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. It features a variety of events, including a juried art competition, live music, and a variety of other cultural events.

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