

Midwest Diving Presentation ***(Arranged by distance, NOT preference)***

New Melle, MO—Dive Stop

www.dive-stop.com

\$25 entry fee, Air Fills soon to be available.

Quarry, depths up to 52 ft., spring-fed with water temp of app. 43 F, 5-15 ft. visibility.

Hy 70 West past 40/64 exit to Hy Z (Church Rd.), Hy Z south app. 8 miles, on the left.

Rolla, MO—Quail Run Divers Quarry

\$15 Entry fee, Air Fills (slow)

Note: Ownership/Operator may be changing—confirm availability before planning to go.

Limestone quarry, depths 5-40 ft., warm water in Summer, poor visibility when crowded.

Hy 44 West to Rolla, Exit onto Hy 63 South, go East on 10th St. through town and past Fire Station, look for Quail Run sign on Left just outside town, go North on road as sign directs, road will curve to right, then make the first Left & immediate Right to Quail Run (big yellow house on hill). 2 hour drive, app 120 miles from St. Louis Lambert Airport.

Valles Mines, MO—Goose Creek Lake

Private man-made lake, near Bonne Terre. Must have invite from property owner to get access. Depths to 100 ft. Water temp varies with season but is always cold deeper than 30 ft. By the dam and the party cove are 2 good spots. ALWAYS use a dive flag and STILL be very cautious of boats and SeaDoos.

Bonne Terre, MO—Bonne Terre Mine

www.2dive.com

Underground lead mine, commercially operated as a dive and training site by West End Diving. Reservations must be made in advance, \$195 for 3 dives (tanks included). Water temp is always app. 60 F, and visibility is always 100+ ft., all artificially lighted. You must carry your gear (minus tank) down 10 flights of stairs/paths, and then back up again after your dives have been completed. All dives are lead by a guide along pre-arranged “trails”. There is some, but very little, true overhead.

Mine LaMotte, MO—Mine LaMotte, “The Offsets”

www.the-offsets.com

\$25 entry fee for divers. In the Summer, this is a noted party site for alcohol- and drug-using teens on the weekends. Therefore, the open water area is a garbage dump of beer cans, shorts, shirts, and lawn chairs, but one can also find watches and jewelry there. Depths up to 30 ft., with low visibility of 2-10 ft. and water temps around 40 F. There is also an overhead side to the site where cave divers dive the tunnels of the old abandoned mine.

13 miles south of Farmington, East on CR-220, across Hy OO

Murphysboro, IL—Kinkaid Lake

No SCUBA facilities anywhere nearby. Must bring all your tanks and a boat. Depths to 60 ft., water temp and visibility vary with the season.

St. Elmo, IL—Brickyard Quarry

www.omniscuba.com

Small quarry operated by Omni SCUBA, in Effingham, IL. Shallow quarry with poor visibility that is used mainly for training Public Safety Divers.

Mermet, IL—Mermet Springs

www.mermetsprings.com

Large quarry with excellent full-service facilities. Air & Nitrox fills, gear & drysuit rental, dressing rooms & bathrooms. \$20 entry fee. BBQ available on weekends during the main diving season. Depths to 115 ft., visibility varies from 5 to 40 ft. depending on depth and season as well as recent weather. Shallow water temp varies by season, deep (40+ ft.) water is always cold due to spring fed water—42 F at the bottom of the deep end year-round. Variety of large “attractions” and plentiful fish, including the Spoonbill Paddlefish and Albino Catfish.

Branson, MO—Table Rock Lake

Free diving! Boat dives available through State Park Marina or Branson Water Sports

Depths up to 200 ft., plentiful fish, submerged forests, wrecks, old bridge, temps vary with season.

Hy 44 West to Springfield, Hy 65 South through Branson and Hollister, Hy 165 Right, becomes Hy 265 North, State Park Marina will be on the Left, then Table Rock Inn is on the Right, then Dewey Short Dam is on the Left. 3 ½ hour drive from St. Louis.

Kimberling Ciy, MO—Table Rock Lake

Same as listed for Branson, except very little free shore diving is available. If you stay at the Kimberling Arms Hotel, you can shore dive from their property near the bridge, which is a good wall dive. Boat rentals, including houseboats, are available at the local marina. Several excellent sites are nearby, including the unusual dive to the old submerged Kimberling bridge, near where the current bridge is located—this dive is challenging due to a little difficulty in locating the submerged bridge to anchor to it, as well as because the top of the bridge is app. 110 ft. deep, with the deck at app. 135 ft.

Oronogo, MO—Blue Water Lake Quarry

www.oronogo.com

14-acre lead & zinc mine, depths to 200 ft., Air Fills & rentals, snacks, dressing rooms & bathrooms. Water temp varies with the season for the first 30 ft., and is always app. 50 F in the deeper water due to spring fed water. Visibility varies from 10 to 40 ft. To get to Joplin, take Hy 44 West from St. Louis—Joplin is app. 1 hr. drive past Springfield, near the Kansas border. (Total estimated drive time: 4 ½ hours for app. 280 miles) There are many hotels and great restaurants in Joplin, as well as a few nearly-interesting tourist things. From Joplin, take Range Line Rd. (where most hotels are) North. The name of the road will change to Madison and then to Hy MM. Just past the very small town of Oronogo you will see the facility on the left. Look for the lighthouse and a large steel shed-like building.

Stockton, MO—Stockton Lake

North of Springfield, MO. Shallow depths and cold water with poor visibility, but it's free.

Mountain Home, AK—Norfolk Lake

Plenty of shore diving available as well as reasonable boat rentals. Many nice low-cost cabins available for rent at local resorts. Best diving here is shallow, less than 40 ft., where the water temp is 75-85 F during the summer and visibility is often 20-30 ft. Plentiful fish and a nice family atmosphere, with many good restaurants readily available.

Bull Shoals, AK—Bull Shoals Lake

Some shore diving available, but best diving is from a boat, especially a houseboat! Bull Shoals Boat Dock has Air Fills and rentals available, as well as maps of some of the better dive sites. Water temps vary with the season, but can be as high as 80 F in the late Summer/early Fall. Visibility is often very good, at 15-40 ft. Deep water is typically app. 55-60 F, with better visibility.

S. Beloit, WI—Pearl Lake Quarry

Open only in Spring thru Fall, with depths up to 40 ft. for the most part, with a small depression that goes to 70 ft. for a deep dive. Facility is also open for swimming, fishing, and picnics.

Kankakee, IL—Haigh Quarry

www.haighquarry.com

\$20 entry fee, air & nitrox fills and rentals available. Portapotties.

Nice facility with many “attractions”, plentiful fish, a large shallow side with depths up to 30 ft. and a deep side with depths mostly to 60 ft. with a trench that goes to 85 ft. Water temps and visibility vary with the season, but are generally mild and good visibility of 10-20 ft. A friendly “tropical” atmosphere.

Waukegan/Chicago, IL, Milwaukee, WI, etc.—Lake Michigan

ex. Capt. Dale’s, www.captaindales.com

Excellent wreck diving available off boat charters, with visibility in the 20-50 ft. range due to the Zebra Mussels, and water temps app. 50 F in the Spring thru Fall. Very well-preserved wrecks from all ages due to the cold fresh water, at depths between 20 and 130 ft., with some deeper as well.

Eureka Springs, AK—Beaver Lake

Good shore diving near the dam, depths to 70 ft., water temp seasonal, visibility 5-20 ft.

Cerulean, KY—Cerulean Springs

Closed! Anyone want to buy a quarry?

PennyRoyal, KY—Pennyroyal Quarry

Air Fills, rentals, snack bar.

Depths to 120 ft., cold spring-fed water with temps app. 50 F and visibility 5-15 ft.

Lebanon, TN—Martha’s Quarry

Air Fills, \$20 entry fee. Cold spring-fed water with poor visibility and a lot of slime and silt. Some “attractions” including a tour bus and a rock crushing building.

Greer’s Ferry, AK—Greer’s Ferry Lake

South of Lake Norfolk in Arkansas. A good dive site for boat dives. Wish it were closer.