

Atlas Park Recreational Facility Dive Policies

General Policies

- All Divers must be registered and have a signed waiver before entry.
- All Divers must check out with the park before leaving.
- In the case of inclement weather (Lighting, Thunder, etc.) all divers are asked to exit the water. A recall may be used to announce that it is not safe to be diving.

Diver Registration

Upon arrival at the park, your first stop is the registration desk inside the main entrance. Our staff will greet you and walk you through the registration process. Please see below for details. If you haven't been to our facility before please feel free to ask our friendly staff for an orientation of the lake and some of its features.

- All divers must check in with us prior to diving. You will be required to complete a liability release form, provide proof of diving certification (C-Card required), and fill out a rental form if renting gear from us.
- All divers that are minors must have a legal parent or guardian signature.
- A dive buddy is required to dive at Atlas Park and you may not enter the water without one for any reason. See below if you are a certified "Self-Reliant" diver.
- Freediving, Snorkeling, and Swimming are not allowed.
- Our gates are closed at closing time. It is your responsibility to be out of water, gear packed up, and ready to leave before this time. We suggest you are out of the water no later than one hour prior to closing time.
- No smoking within 25 feet of the park facility, Bathrooms, Docks, or Set Up Shelters. Besides impacting divers breathing capacity, our air fill station may be filling cylinders.
- Self-Reliant (Solo) diving is **STRICTLY** limited to divers that have Self-Reliant or Solo certifications. You must have an **approved and verifiable** certification that is **presented at check-in** that meets this criteria along with a secondary **fully independent breathing cylinder**. There is also a Self-Reliant waiver to sign. Any diver found solo-diving without presenting approved credentials at sign in and **using** proper equipment (regardless if you have them) will result in **park access being revoked** without discussion.

Diver Etiquette and Safe Diving Practices

- Divers must immediately exit the water or abort their dive, if asked to do so by park staff.
- Divers should keep entry areas clear of gear as a courtesy for other divers entering and exiting the water.
- Divers should organize gear so that there is room for other divers to setup.
- Divers must plan and conduct dives within the limits of their training.
- Diving is not permitted during special park events for fishing or boating.
- Divers must surface with a minimum of 500psi in their cylinders.

- No spear fishing or trapping in any form.
- Alcohol is not permitted on site.
- No rinsing of dive equipment in the facility washrooms.
- No overnight stays in the park.

Renting Gear?

We require a completed rental waiver and credit card deposit to be completed in the park retail store after registration. Staff will walk you through the easy process.

Note! *A charge of \$18 for a Visual Inspection will be applied for any rental tanks returned with less than 200psi.*

Cylinder Fill Policies

- All cylinders must have been visually inspected within the past year and hydrostatically tested within the past five years or we will not fill them. Your tank will be checked before it is filled. If your tank requires inspection or testing, we will discuss the options with you, we have our own VIP inspector and can submit your tank for Hydrostatic testing.
- All Nitrox cylinder require a current annual inspection and hydrostatically tested within the past five years. Cylinders must be labelled for Nitrox. If the cylinder is within standards we will be happy to fill anywhere between 22%-40%.
 - Unless we can verify via proper labeling that your tank meets current safety standards we will not be responsible for filling it. In these circumstances we will discuss it with you and recommend the cylinder be visually inspected and possibly cleaned.

Instructors

Note! *Divemasters entering the park in a professional capacity are held to the same criteria as set out for Instructors and must follow the same park policies. Professional capacity includes the provision of services such as for the purpose of assisting an Instructor in the delivery of dive instruction, conducting refresher/Reactivate programs, or providing guided diving services.*

- Instructors must check in with us prior to diving and in addition to the diver liability waivers for every diver and student must have a completed Atlas Park Instructor Roster.
- All divers or students that are minors must have a legal parent or guardian signature on their paperwork.
- All Instructors must provide both their current certification card that includes any current year renewal stickers (PADI you must have "Authorized to Teach" status on PADI Pro Check online) as well as active instructor liability insurance. If you don't have these c-cards with you then you cannot dive, instruct, or have students.
- Instructors **MUST** be able to provide proof they are qualified to teach the course they are providing instruction on.

- Students may *not* check in without being accompanied by their instructor and the instructor is responsible for the safety, conduct, and behavior of themselves and all students under their care.
 - Our gates are closed at closing time. It is your responsibility to ensure both you and all of your students be out of water, gear packed up, and ready to leave at this time. We suggest you be out of the water and have your class debriefed no later than one hour prior to closing.
 - We love to have outside shops and instructors using our facility. Instructors can receive free entry into the park with the following student counts:
 - 4 Paying Recreational Students = 1 Free Instructor
 - 2 Paying Tec Students = 1 Free Tec Instructor
 - 6 Paying Students (Recreational or Tec) = 2 Free Instructors (1 may be a Divemaster)
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Specialty Diving

- **Night diving** is permitted with a Night Diver Certification, Advanced Open Water Certification, or while on a course with a certified Instructor.
 - Divers must register at the park during the normal park hours.
 - Divers must obtain permission from the park staff to enter/exit the park outside of normal operating hours.
 - NO Solo diving
 - Lights required on shore to note exit point
 - All Divers must have a minimum of 2 lights, and a light stick
- **Ice Diving** is permitted with an Ice Diver Certification, or while on a course with a certified Instructor.
 - Divers must obtain permission from the park staff to enter/exit the park outside of normal operating hours.
 - NO Solo Diving
 - Minimum team required is 5 divers – Tender, Standby Tender, Safety Diver, Dive Team (2 divers)
 - Proper holes cut for entry and emergency exit, and wagon wheel.
 - Divers **MUST** maintain a continuous line to the surface at ALL times.
 - Maximum depth plus penetration distance 130ft or 40m
 - Each diver must have an independent, redundant air source
 - Hole(s) must be covered and marked properly at the end of each day of diving.

There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the above policies.

We demand high standards of both our staff and all guests diving with us. Violations of Safe Diving Practices, performing unsafe actions, or not following any posted or Atlas Park Staff instructions or policies may result in access being revoked to the park at the discretion of Atlas Park Staff.