



## New Scuba Divers

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If you are a new scuba diver, or you are doing your checkout or training dives at Dutch Springs, this page will provide you with an overview of what to expect. Always check with your dive shop and/or scuba instructor for their requirements.

- Park in the outer parking lot near our admissions office
- Pay the daily admissions fee and sign our park waiver
- Drop off your equipment at your instructor's setup location
- You may use your vehicle to take your tanks to the air fill station
- Air fill tickets are available for purchase at the admissions office
- Please read our frequently asked questions and rules and regulations

Detailed Information:

### Getting to Dutch Springs

Getting to Dutch Springs is easy. We are located in the Lehigh Valley just north of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Our website's directions page provides, directions, traffic cameras, traffic reports, maps, GPS coordinates, and a printable PDF directions sheet.

### Admission to Dutch Springs

When you arrive at Dutch Springs, please park in our outer parking lot, outside of our main gate, and go to the admission office. There you will fill out a park waiver and pay the daily admissions fee. We only accept cash, MasterCard and Visa for daily admissions. Season passes to Dutch Springs are available.

Once you enter the main gate, you may drive to the location where you will drop off your scuba equipment. If you are taking a scuba class, please check with your instructor and/or dive shop to determine where you will be setting up to do your dives. Only scuba instructors and drivers displaying a handicap tag are allowed to leave their vehicles in our peninsula area. Please observe our park speed limit of 5 MPH.

### Equipment Rentals

Dutch Springs rents 80 cubic foot regular air and 32% nitrox tanks, weights, weight belts, and dive locators for people with solo diving certification. All other equipment should be rented at your local dive shop. If you would like to rent anything from Dutch Springs, please call to make a reservation at 610-759-2270. Don't forget additional items like sunscreen, chairs, a towel and a change of clothes. Picnic tables are available on a first-come basis.

Our website's new divers page has a handy PDF equipment checklist. Dutch Springs will not be responsible if you do not bring the correct scuba equipment and/or any other items.

### Getting Ready to Dive

Two bathhouses offer bathrooms, heated changing rooms and warm showers. They are open 24-hours a day.

Our scuba entry platforms and docks make it easy to enter the water. Large underwater platforms provide locations where you can train and demonstrate skills to your instructor. Our images & facilities webpage has pictures of underwater scuba attractions and our facilities.

Our staff is always available to answer your questions; however, we recommend that your check with your instructor and/or dive shop for their specific recommendations and/or requirements.

### **Scuba Air Fills**

If you need to fill your tanks between dives, please take them to our air fill station. Please read the Air Fill Procedure on our website's scuba air fill tickets page. You may use your vehicle to take your tanks to our Air Fill Station and then back to your setup location. Please observe our park speed limit of 5 MPH.

### **Returning to Dutch Springs**

Dutch Springs is a fun place to dive and an excellent location to further your scuba training and skills. Dutch Springs does not provide any scuba instruction, so check with your local dive shop and/or instructor to learn about training opportunities that they may offer.

Our website's Scuba Diver Buddy Finder forum can help you locate Dutch Springs dive buddies. You do not need to log in to read the buddy finder posts.

To gain entrance to Dutch Springs you will need to pay our daily admission fee, show your certification card, fill out a waiver, and have our season waiver sticker placed on your C-card. If you purchase admission for consecutive days, filling out and signing a waiver is only required on the first day. We do accept temporary scuba certification cards in place of your actual C-card. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Once a waiver has been filled out and signed, a sticker will be placed on your C-card indicating that a signed waiver has been submitted. As long as you show your C-card, with our sticker, another waiver does not have to be submitted during our calendar year.

### **Additional Attractions and Amenities**

Dutch Springs has many special events for scuba divers. Click on "Special Events" on the Scuba drop-down menu. Our Aqua Park provides fun for the entire family. Check out Sky Challenge, our adventure challenge course, which is included in your daily admission. NorthStar Adventure provides adventure-based team-building experiences for corporations and other groups. We also offer both tent camping in our grassy areas, and RV parking in our upper parking lot.

No pets allowed inside Dutch Springs. If you choose to bring your pet, it must stay in our outer parking lot, outside of our gate, at all times. Working animals, with proof of identity, are always welcome.

Dutch Springs offers Nobel Roman's Pizza, Tuscano's Italian Style Subs, soft drinks, and coffee for sale. The refreshment center is located near the Aqua Park. Click the food logos on our website's homepage to view the menus. You may bring your gas grill or camp stove to Dutch Springs, but open fires are not permitted on the ground.

Our T-shirt Shop offers t-shirts, Dutch Spring's memorabilia, and other items for sale. Pavilions are available for rental for, parties, reunions and corporate events. We also offer catering. Please contact us at 610-759-2270 for more information.

Our images & facilities page provides pictures and videos of facilities and attractions at Dutch Springs. Please read our website's frequently asked questions and rules and regulations pages. Printable driving directions to Dutch Springs are available on our website's directions page.

**Thank you for diving at Dutch Springs!**

We hope we have helped to make your scuba experiences enjoyable.

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