



SCUBA DIVING REQUIREMENTS

1. All divers must check-in prior to diving and check-out after completion of a dive at the park office during office hours. The following information will be required:
 - a. Name of each diver
 - b. Location of each diver
2. Scuba diving access points are restricted to designated areas at the South Parking Lot which are: the designated dive area and the shoreline for the reservoir, except within 100 yards of the campers boat launch. Scuba diving from a boat is permitted only along the shoreline. *Boats must be stationary, anchored and marked with a diving flag.* Boaters please provide dive location using grid map of reservoir, inquire at office. Scuba diving is prohibited: near the dams, within 100 yards of any boat launch, along the shore at the Wilderness Campground, or in any restricted area.
3. No one is permitted to scuba dive alone. A minimum of two divers (the buddy system) is required at a dive location. At least one diver must be 18 years of age in order to comply with park regulations.
4. All scuba divers must show evidence of training by possession of a valid certification card and all dive instructors must show possession of a valid certification as an instructor from one of the following:
a. NAUI b. NASDS c. PADI d. YMCA e. LACDA f. BSAC g. SSI h. IDEA i. MDEA j. PDIC
Training dives for the purpose of checking out and qualifying new divers is permitted by Scuba Training Dive Request, inquire at park office. Training dives must be under the immediate supervision of a qualified adult holding a valid certification as an instructor.
5. All scuba diving locations must be marked with a diver's flag in conformance with New Jersey Marine Police regulations. **ALL SCUBA DIVERS MUST BE WITHIN A 25-FOOT HORIZONTAL DISTANCE OF DIVING FLAG.** No diver shall surface more than 25 feet from the buoyed flag except in an emergency.
6. Each scuba diver, while in the water, must have a snorkel in possession and accessible for immediate use.
7. Each scuba diver, while in the water, must wear a self-inflatable emergency floatation vest capable of supporting the person and all diving gear, including weight belt.
8. Scuba diving is permitted only during daylight hours. See additional conditions on face of permit.
9. No spear or underwater fishing is permitted.
10. Scuba divers are not exempt from paying the required day use fee nor from waiting for admittance if the park closes due to a filled capacity.
11. All park regulations, New Jersey Boating Laws, NJ Water Supply Authority Regulations and NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife regulations must be adhered to.
12. This permit is subject to revocation for a period of up to one year and/or summons for misuse or failure to comply with regulations or conditions.
13. The Superintendent/Sergeant of NJ State Park Service/Round Valley Recreation Area reserves the right to schedule, reserve and deny access if conditions necessitate same.
14. The State of New Jersey and its agents assume no responsibility for loss of life or injury to any scuba diver and will assume no liability for equipment vandalized, damaged or stolen.
15. Any artifacts recovered are deemed to be the property of the State in accordance with the New Jersey Antiquities Act must be turned in at the park office. Other property recovered must be turned in at the office. Found recovered property will be turned over to the park office where an attempt will be made to return it to its rightful owner. If unclaimed after 90 days the finder may request the property.
16. All scuba divers must complete/update registration form annually.
17. Boaters must leave the reservoir during high wind conditions denoted by the flashing white lights.
18. The park office must be notified in person immediately, no more than ½ hour after completion of dive.