

Clubs and Associations

DAN (Divers Alert Network)
www.diversalertnetwork.org

Be A Diver
www.beadiver.com

The following associations provide scuba instructor training. Instructors certified by these programs provide scuba training to individuals for their basic and advanced certifications.

NAUI
(National Association of Underwater Instructors)
www.naui.org

PADI
(Professional Association of Diving Instructors)
www.padi.com

SSI (Scuba Schools International)
www.divessi.com

Contact your local dive stores for more information about these associations.

Be a volunteer

Aquarena Center
www.aquarena.txstate.edu

Moody Gardens
www.moodygardens.com

Sea Center Texas
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/seacenter/

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc/



- Don't dive alone.
- Don't hold your breath.
- Don't ascend faster than your smallest exhaled bubbles.
- Don't stay down too long.
- Don't dive too deep.
- Don't dive with malfunctioning equipment.
- Don't destroy the environment.
- Don't plan a decompression dive as a recreational scuba diver.
- Don't go in overhead environments.
- Don't dive beyond your training.
- Don't forget your safety stop.
- Don't forget to log your dives.



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Scuba Diving

IN TEXAS



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What is scuba?

Scuba diving is swimming underwater while using scuba equipment. Scuba (Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) equipment consist of an apparatus utilizing a portable supply of compressed gas (most often air) supplied at a regulated pressure and used for breathing while swimming underwater.

What is required?

Training and certification are essential for scuba divers.

Carrying a scuba certification card from a recognized scuba association assures others you have been trained to dive safely and responsibly. A full-service dive shop will require you to show your scuba certification card before filling scuba tanks and/or arranging a chartered diving excursion. It's for your safety and the safety of others.



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Where to go

There are many places to enjoy scuba diving in Texas. Some of those areas are listed below. To discover more about diving at state parks, go to: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/parks/

STATE PARKS

Balmerhea State Park	Toyahvale
Lake Ray Roberts State Park	Denton
Lake Whitney State Park	Hillsboro
Possum Kingdom State Park	West of Mineral Wells
Tyler State Park	Tyler

SPRINGS AND LAKES

Amistad National Recreation Area	Del Rio
www.nps.gov/amis	
Aquarena Center	San Marcos
www.aquarena.txstate.edu	
Athens Scuba Park	Athens
www.athensscubapark.com	
Blue Lagoon	Huntsville
www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us	
Canyon Lake	West of San Marcos
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/canyon	
Clear Springs	Terrell
www.terrelltexas.com	
Comal River	New Braunfels
www.nbcham.org/visitor	
Lake Belton	Belton
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/belton	
Lake Medina & Medina River	West of San Antonio
www.hill-country-visitor.com	
Lake Meredith	Fritch
www.nps.gov/lamr	

Lake Sam Rayburn	Lufkin
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/samray	
Lake Travis	Austin
www.lcra.org	
Mammoth Lake	Clute
www.goclute.com	
Smith Lake	Vidor
www.vidorchamber.com	
Toledo Bend	Texas/Louisiana border
www.toledo-bend.net	
Twin Lakes	Manvel
www.cityofmanvel.com	
Valhalla Missile Silo	Abilene
www.abilenechamber.com	

GULF OF MEXICO

Flower Gardens National Marine Sanctuary
www.flowergarden.noaa.gov
Texas Clipper & Other Ship Reefs
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/artificialreef

Resources

www.scubadiving.lifetips.com
www.dtmag.com
www.thescubaguide.com
www.scubadiverinfo.com

For information on other outdoor opportunities:
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.: (800) 792-1112

To make reservations at a state park:
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Central Reservation Center: (512) 389-8900