



Carolina Dive Center
Florida Springs Trip
Itinerary

Contact Information

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Where are we staying

Extended Stay America, 3600 SW 42nd St Gainesville, FL 32608 (352) 375-0073

Total Travel Estimate: **534.53 miles - about 8 hours 25 minutes**


- Hotel rooms are prepaid under the name Carolina Dive Center – Jim Sedore.
- Your name will be associated with your room
- You will need to bring a credit card

Directions from 95 south to Hotel


1) I-95 to FLORIDA 412.9 mi


2)  Merge onto I-295 S via EXIT 362B toward I-10. go 14.4 mi


3)  Merge onto I-10 W via EXIT 21B toward LAKE CITY. go 13.1 mi


4)  Merge onto US-301 S via EXIT 343 toward LAWTEY / STARKE. go 37.0 mi

5)  Stay STRAIGHT to go onto SR-24 W / KENNARD ST. Continue to follow SR-24 W. go 13.2 mi

6)  SR-24 W becomes SR-331 S. go 5.5 mi

7)  SR-331 S becomes SR-121 S / SW WILLISTON RD. go 0.04 mi

8)  Merge onto I-75 N toward SR-24 W / LAKE CITY / SR-26 W. go 0.9 mi

9)  Take the SR-24 exit, EXIT 384, toward GAINESVILLE / ARCHER. go 0.3 mi

10)  Merge onto SR-24 E / SW ARCHER RD toward GAINESVILLE. go 0.2 mi

11) Turn LEFT onto SW 40TH BLVD. If you reach SW 37TH BLVD you've gone about 0.2 miles too far go 0.2 mi

12) Take the 1st LEFT onto SW 42ND ST. If you reach SW 42ND WAY you've gone about 0.2 miles too far
3600 SW 42ND ST is on the LEFT. If you reach SW 33RD PL you've gone about 0.1 miles too far

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Itinerary is draft and subject to change due to weather and conditions

Saturday

We leave hotel at 8:00 am. Be prepared to leave for the day. All divers must bring their dive gear and one scuba tank with them. Bring you lunch and snacks with you.

Scuba Diving at **Devils Den Springs** 5390 N.E. 180th Ave Williston, FL 32696
Phone: (352) 528-3344

Students will complete Checkout Dives 1 and 2

Sunday

We will leave hotel at 8:00 am. All divers must bring their dive gear and one scuba tank with them.

Bring you lunch and snacks with you

Stop 1 - River Snorkel - **Ichetucknee Springs State Park**

After the River Snorkel we will drive to Ginnie Springs bring your lunch

Stop 2 - Scuba Diving – **Ginnie Springs**

Ginnie Springs Outdoors, LLC
7300 NE Ginnie Springs Road
High Springs, FL 32643

Phone: (386) 454-7188

Students will complete Checkout Dives 3 and 4

Monday Morning – Springs Dive

We will leave hotel at 7:30 am. You must be checked out of hotel by 7:15 am.

Blue Grotto.

3852 NE 172nd Ct, Williston, FL 32696 (352) 528-5770

We need to arrive at the Blue Grotto at 8:00 am and finish diving around 11:30 am.

Students/New Divers will complete Peak Performance Buoyancy Certification Dives.

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Your Responsibility to Group

When its time to leave hotel - Be in your car on time, with the car gassed up ready to go. We don't stop on the way to each location so have your coffee with you.

Dive Gear:

Divers who are completing check out dives or are renting gear will need to pick up the gear at the dive shop prior to the trip. Each diver on the trip will need to bring with them

- ✓ two air tanks
- ✓ BCD
- ✓ Regulator
- ✓ Wetsuit
- ✓ Dive Weights.

- *Divers should bring there Certification cards AND log books with them each day*
- *Divers must have a flash light for diving in Caverns.*
- *Divers may want to consider Hoods and/or Gloves*
- *Divers may want a mesh Scuba Gear Bag to carry all the dive gear. You dont want to leave something behind at one of our stops.*

What to Bring:

Each day we leave the hotel for the entire day. Bring a change of clothes each day. Northern Florida weather can have large swings in January . Check the weather the day before you leave and bring appropriate clothes. We will dive rain or shine and the air temperature will not impact our diving. The springs are a constant temperature.

The hotel rooms have refrigerators. You may want to bring your breakfasts and/or lunches with you each day.

Consider bringing a folding/camping chair for use between dives at each location.

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Scuba Gear Check List:

_____ **MASK,**

_____ **FINS**

_____ **SNORKEL**

_____ **BOOTIES**

_____ **BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR (BCD)**

_____ **REGULATOR WITH SUBMERSIBLE PRESSURE GAUGE or DIVE COMPUTER**

_____ **WETSUIT**

_____ **HOOD**

_____ **GLOVES**

_____ **DIVE FLASH LIGHT** (Required for the caverns)

_____ **DIVE LOG BOOK**

_____ **DIVE CERTIFICATION CARD**

_____ **DIVE GEAR BAG**

_____ **TOWEL**

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Hotel to Ichetucknee River

Ichetucknee Springs State Park is located four miles northwest of Fort White, off State Roads 47 and 238. From the south, take I-75 north to exit 399. Take US 441 north to the city of High Springs. Take US 20/27 north to Ft. White, stay on US 27 north approximately 4 miles to the South Park Entrance.

Directions from Hotel to Blue Grotto



Take (75) south to Gainesville, Florida (exit 382), take (121) south for 21 miles to Williston. Bear left at Williston Tire, turn right at the next light onto (27). Drive through Williston, stay on the 4 lane highway. Two miles after you pass Mc Donald's turn left opposite The Holy Family Catholic Church on to 172nd Court and continue through the stop sign to Blue Grotto entrance gate.

Owning My Own Scuba Gear

Owning your own Scuba Gear will greatly improve your diving experience and safety. The more familiar you are with your dive gear, the less time you will spend underwater “thinking” how to use your equipment and allows you to focus on enjoying everything there is to see.

Having your own dive equipment is a major factor in achieving maximum enjoyment of diving. While you can rent gear, do you really want to rely on much-used rental equipment for your personal safety and enjoyment of diving?

Below are some benefits of having your own diving gear:

- ***Safety.*** Quick acquisition of skills such as buoyancy control, and the subtleties of swimming and streamlining have got a lot to do with the equipment you use. As such, fit and comfort are the prime selection criteria for selecting most scuba diving gear, and in achieving maximum underwater safety and pleasure. The best way to ensure that your gear fits correctly and comfortably is to wear your own.
- ***Have the exact features you need.*** Features are what distinguish one item of scuba dive gear from another. When you purchase your own scuba diving gear, you get to choose the features you really need. But this is not the case for rental equipment as they may be lacking in particular features. For example: Weight Integration. Choosing your own gear is fun, adds greatly to your knowledge of diving, and ensures that the gear you dive with does what you want it to, the way you want it to.
- Gives you a peace of mind. This is because you will know the condition of your own gear and you will know how to operate it properly and maintain it in a responsible manner. Thus, this sense of familiarity will give you confidence in the performance of your own equipment.
- You will dive more. It's a fact divers who own their own gear do more than divers that have to rent gear every time they go diving. Owning your own dive gear is actually cheaper then renting over the long run.

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This trip is a unique training opportunity. We will have multiple dives to train you on proper use and buoyancy with your dive gear. If you are considering your own Dive Gear PLEASE purchase it before our Springs Trip.