

Since Willow Springs is about 2-hour 30 minutes' drive and our days start very early and they are very long days, driving back and forth is not recommended. You need to make some overnight arrangements. There are several hotel options and camping options nearby.

Rodeway Inn and Suite 411 North College St Myerstown, PA (717)866-6536  
Holiday Inn Express 2205 East Cumberland St Lebanon, PA (717)273-9800  
Hampton Inn 1601 East Cumberland St Lebanon, PA (717)277-7221

**Camping:** Shady Oak 40 Round Barn Rd Newmanstown, PA (717)949-3177  
Adventure Bound 397 Eagle Peak Rd Robeson, PA (610)589-4800  
Cocalico Creek 560 N. Cocalico Rd Denver, PA (717)336-2014 6.6

**Payment Schedule**

Training Dive Weekend fees are \$425.00 per person  
(Including tanks and rentals), for the weekend.

Cancellations with 2 weeks' prior notice results in a full refund. Cancellations of less than 2 weeks results in a cancellation fee. Students who fail to cancel with Blue Water Divers or who do not show up at all, will forfeit any monies previously paid to Blue Water Divers.

Divers the age of 10 and 11 will need to pay an additional \$100 because of insurance and student to instructor ratios.

Blue Water Divers reserves the right to cancel any Training Dive Weekend and will advise participants of such cancellations as soon as possible. Blue Water Divers will not cancel a Training Dive Weekend because of rain.

**Important Numbers**

Blue Water Divers (201) 843-3340  
DAN (Diver's Alert Network) (919) 685-8111  
**Willow Springs (717) 866-5801**  
**199 Millardsville Rd, Richman PA 17087**

Open Water Training Dive Weekend Guide



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Congratulations!

You have just completed the first step toward your Open Water Certification. You will now take the skills you have mastered in confined water and apply them to your Open Water Training.

Our training dives are conducted at **Willow Springs** in the picturesque Richland, PA. This 25-acre recreation area has a beautiful picnic area. The environment is such that non-divers coming along for the weekend can bring a lounge chair and a good book and enjoy a beautiful weekend in the great outdoors. The diving accommodations have been designed for the diver's enjoyment and safety at every level of certification.

Blue Water Divers will do as much as we can to assure you an enjoyable yet informative experience as you make your way toward your Open Water Certification Card. Listed in this brochure is everything you will need to know for your Training Dive Weekend. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call us at the store.

Congratulations once again and have a great weekend.

Always safe diving,  
Lorraine and David  
And the Staff at Blue Water Divers

# Equipment

1. You will need to come to get fitted for your rental gear, the sooner the better! We will set aside your rental package once you are fitted which *includes* 2 tanks, BCD, regulator, gauge, 2-piece 7mm wetsuit & hood until the week of training dives. You can pick it up any time the Monday of Training Dive week. You are responsible for picking up your rentals before the class and returning it the week after the course (clean & dry please), we do not transport it for you.
2. PLEASE remember to bring your weight belts with you to the store so we can fit you with the proper weights (you need 10% of body weight plus 4 pounds) so that we do not have to do it the morning of class. Purchase of gloves is highly recommended.
3. There is a BBQ lunch plus snacks both Saturday and Sunday. The fee is \$30 per person for the whole weekend. We collect onsite. If you do NOT want to participate or have dietary requirements, please call the store.
4. You must purchase your tickets online at least a week prior to your weekend. Entry fees for divers is \$65 per day and \$20 per day for non-divers. Please use this web site to purchase tickets and download their waiver form to bring with you. <https://divepeer.com/>
5. Please arrive 8:00am to queue up in your car, gates open 8:00 am promptly. Once you arrive drive through the gate you will be directed where to park. They will allow you to drop your equipment off then park. You will see our van and/or trailer.
6. Book your overnight stay (see last page).
7. Briefings begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. You will be part of a large group of students and assistants so out of fairness to the group, we cannot wait for you if you are late. For this reason, we request that you please be on time.
8. If there is any balance left on the course, please remember to pay when you come to shop before the weekend. All balances must be settled prior to the course weekend.
9. Please bring out your **LOG BOOKS** (new students your log book may be with your student folder) it is required to bring out your log books to log each dive.
10. Bring lawn chairs if you can to make your between dives more comfortable.

Use this checklist to help you prepare for your Training Dive Weekend.  
We will not have extra equipment at the lake:

### Open Water Students:

- ☐ Buoyancy Control Device\*
- ☐ Regulator/Gauges\*
- ☐ Wet suit/ Dry Suit\*
- ☐ Hood\*
- ☐ Booties
- ☐ Mask, Fins & Snorkel
- ☐ Weight Belt (10% + 4lbs)
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Equipment Bag
- ☐ 2 Tanks\*
- ☐ Log Book
- ☐ Compass\*
- ☐ Mask defog

### Personal Items:

- ☐ Extra Clothes
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Sun Screen (environment friendly)
- ☐ Lawn Chair
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Warm hat, jacket, gloves (Spring and Fall)

### Advanced Open Water Students:

Same as Open Water plus:

- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Dive Light & Tank Light
- ☐ Reel
- ☐ Slates
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Certification Card
- ☐ Dive Computer\*
- ☐ Tanks\*
- ☐ SMB (Safety Sausage)

### Rescue Students:

Same as Advanced Students plus:

- ☐ Pocket Mask
- ☐ Sea Snips

### Dry Suit Students:

Same as Advanced Students plus:

- ☐ Dry Suit\*
- ☐ Insulation\*
- ☐ Ankle Weights
- ☐ Seal Saver or soapy water
- ☐ Dry Suit Inflator Hose\*
- ☐ Warm Socks/ Dry Suit Boots

\* Included with rental package as part of your OW Course  
For Continuing Education students, if you do not own equipment, these items are available for rental at BWD. Please be sure to reserve it in advance.  
It is imperative that you try on “Open Water” wetsuits and hoods.  
The rental package is \$99.00 (*which includes 1 tank*).

**Dry Suit Options:** Stay dry and warm! You can take advantage of this option for any of our classes including OW Training dives. Check with the store for more details.