

MERCERS LAKE FUN DIVE

Many thanks for booking your fun dive with us at Mercers Lake. Mercers lake offers great diving in a beautiful location. The lake is surrounded by a country park with green forests that dog walkers and families are free to enjoy. Our partners at Aqua Sports have given us EXCLUSIVITY ON DIVING to the lake, so you won't find lots of other dive schools here fighting for platforms or stirring up the bottom.

The lake was formerly a sand quarry but has now been turned in to a fantastic watersports and diving centre. This conservation area is home to lots of wildlife in and out of the water.

Divers benefit from clear waters, with visibility normally in excess of 8m. The lake is surrounded by an underwater forest which is home to tonnes of fish including perch, pike, bream and giant carp. We are still discovering new and exciting parts of the lake but our explorations have found an average depth of around 8m with a maximum depth of 15m.

We will meet you by our van at the top of the slip way at the time shown on the top of your booking confirmation and receipt (normally 9am). One of our instructors will give you a site briefing and show you how to enter and exit the lake, as well as where the nicest things are to see. If you have booked a guide then you will be introduced to them and given a box if you have hired equipment from us.

Please be advised that with the current Coronavirus guidelines please ensure you keep your distance from our staff and other divers. The changing rooms are temporarily closed so we recommend wearing your swimwear under your clothes when you arrive. Once you have finished diving then it is easiest to get changed under a robe, large towel or inside your car. The lake owners are in the process of building temporary outdoor changing rooms but these won't be ready for a while.

The Cafe is currently selling hot & cold drinks as well as snacks such as ice creams and crisps. However we recommend you bring a flask with your own hot drinks as well as any food you wish to consume. If you could take your rubbish home it would really help our team!

If you are hiring tanks from us please ensure that there is either a piece of tape or a cap inside the valve of the tanks. This indicates the tank is full. At the end of your dive please leave the tank by the van and do not reinsert the valve or replace the tape.





If the ground is wet then please watch your footing along the path to the pontoon as it can get slippy. With the weight of your dive kit, it could cause you an injury if you are not careful, you are welcome to carry your kit down in stages and set it up on the pontoon if you prefer.

If you do not have a guide you will still need to attend the site briefing and also report before and after to our member of staff on surface support. That way we can help ensure your safety.

After your dives there is a rinse tank with sterilising solution for wetsuits, gloves, hoods and boots, please ask a member of the team to point this out to you. If you are hiring equipment from us, we kindly ask you to ensure your wetsuit is the right way round when it is returned and not inside out.

Address

Mercers Country Park, Nutfield Marsh Road, Merstham, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 4EU.

The lake is perfectly located between the M25 and M23, with easy access from London and Gatwick Airport

Nearest Rail Stations: Merstham or Redhill (direct from London Victoria)

Bus: Take to 430 from Redhill bus station Platform 4 to Mill Lane in Merstham (opposite Watercolours Housing) then it's a 12 minute walk around the lake.

Please remember to bring:

- Certification cards
- Swimwear
- Warm clothes for in between dives
- Sun protection if it is a sunny day
- Towel / robe
- Log book
- Any equipment not hired from us
- <u>PADI Medical Form</u>. PLEASE NOTE that if there are any 'Yes' answers on your medical, you may be required to have a signed medical statement from your GP that says you are cleared to dive. If you cannot provide us with a copy of this, you will not be able to dive.
- PADI Liability Form
- COVID-19 Declaration Form

We look forward to seeing you at the lake.