



**FLORIDA SPRINGS FALL DIVING TRIP  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>**

This is the perfect dive trip during the fall. The days are comfortable and the nights are cool around the campfire. More importantly, the water is always crystal clear and a constant 72 degrees regardless of the air temperature. Vortex Springs is recognized as one of the best diving and camping resorts in the country and has a full dive shop with a complete line of rental gear on site. The spring basin is only 50 feet deep and is well lit from the surface. Swimming, snorkeling, canoeing and hiking are also available for guests. Click on [www.vortexspring.com](http://www.vortexspring.com) for Vortex's information.

**AGENDA:** We will be staying at the Otter Creek Lodge at Vortex Spring. We will arrive at Vortex Spring Friday afternoon and settle in. There are several restaurants in the area or you can choose to bring something to grill out. We will dive Vortex and Morrison Springs all day Saturday with an optional night dive after dinner. Sunday morning we will check out and drive about 25 minutes over to Vernon, FL to dive Cypress Spring before heading home. Cypress Spring is only accessible by boat so we will be renting canoes from a local outfitter who will also provide our transportation to the boat launch. The canoe trip is about 2 1/2 hours long, not counting dive time, and is easy paddling for even the most novice boater. In addition to scuba gear you should bring drinks, lunch/snacks, and a camera as we will be floating down scenic Holmes Creek. Ancient cypress trees, birds, and other wildlife will make for some great photo opportunities along the way. **There is no refund or discount if you choose not to dive on Sunday.**

**Cost for the entire weekend is ONLY \$130.00! Cost includes 2 nights lodging, unlimited Saturday and Saturday night dives at Vortex Spring, 1 free air fill, canoe rental for Cypress Springs, coffee, snacks, water, soft drinks, and award winning BBQ diner with all the fixings on Saturday night. A \$50.00 deposit per person is required before September 25th to insure you have a place to sleep and that enough food will be prepared. The remaining balance is due upon arriving at Vortex. This trip is limited to the first 26 people to sign up so get your deposit in quick to guarantee your spot. Deposit is fully refundable if you cancel 72 hours in advance. This is a DISCOUNT PACKAGE costing far less than what other dive shops charge so there can be no refunds or discounts for those not staying in the lodge with the group.**

Non-diving guests and children are welcome to come also for \$70.00 per person which includes park entry fee, dinner, lodging, taxes, and canoe rental on Sunday. I will need to know the total number in your party. **See Next Page for more details.....**



This year we will be holding our 2nd annual underwater pumpkin carving contest. Prizes will be awarded and everyone wins something. Divers may work solo or as a team and will have to carve a jack o lantern while underwater within the allotted time. This is a BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) event. Seriously though, pumpkins will **not** be provided.

NOTE: The lodge is co-ed bunk beds with separate restroom/showers and changing facilities complete with central heat and air conditioning. You will need to bring your own pillow and blankets or sleeping bag. A lawn chair to sit around the campfire and shower shoes may be a good idea too.

**Sorry but no pets are allowed at the Springs! Strictly enforced!**

Need a map? Just Mapquest the following address: 1517 Vortex Spring Lane, Ponce de Leon, Fl. 32455 or click on [www.vortexspring.com](http://www.vortexspring.com) for directions.

Drive time is only about 3 1/2 hours from Birmingham so you can leave on Friday after work and still arrive relatively early.

**\*\*\*This is an great trip for those still needing dives to finish their Open Water or Advanced Open Water Certification so don't miss this excellent opportunity to finish all your training in one fun weekend.\*\*\***

Advanced payment in full for this trip is **only \$130.00** and I encourage you to pay in advance to save the hassle of paying once you get there.

EVERYONE MUST either pay the full amount in advance or send a \$50.00 deposit per person to me **before September 25th** to ensure your spot and help me in planning how much food to prepare. I will need to know the number of non-diving guests you are bringing also. If you have any questions call me at (205) 590-4477 or (205) 915-0443 or e-mail me at [brandon@morayscuba.com](mailto:brandon@morayscuba.com). Hope to see you there!

Mail checks to: Moray Scuba, 50 Mtn. Oaks Ridge Rd. Warrior, AL 35180

**\* See September 2016 Bottom Times Newsletter for information on Advanced Open Water Certification course coinciding with this year's trip!\***