

Chassahowitzka SCUBA Registration Instructions

The following is a complete representation of the information provided and materials required in the “Chassahowitzka WMA SCUBA Diving Registration,” accessed in the permitting portal. The hyperlink to the permitting portal is <https://public.myfwc.com/CrossDOI/PermitMe>.

Creation of User Profile

To register, unless an individual already has a user profile in the permitting portal, the individual must create a profile prior to registering for SCUBA diving, which requires the following:

- First and last name.
- Contact phone.
- Mailing Address, and if different, physical address.
- Date of Birth.
- Creation of a login credentials: user name and password.

After creation of the profile, or, logging into an existing profile, the Individual shall select “Chassahowitzka WMA SCUBA Diving Registration” from the available list of registrations and permits in the permitting portal to begin the registration application.

Chassahowitzka WMA SCUBA Diving Registration Application

Individuals registering to SCUBA dive on Chassahowitzka WMA shall provide the following in addition to creating, or, using an existing user profile:

- Contact information including:
 - Address.
 - phone number.
- Date of Birth.
- Date of planned dives, not to exceed two consecutive days for any one registration.
- Acceptance of the following assumption of risk and liability release by checking the box next to the release:

LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR SCUBA CAVE
DIVING AT CHASSAHOWITZKA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

THIS IS A RELEASE OF YOUR RIGHTS TO SUE

I hereby affirm that I have been thoroughly advised and informed of the inherent risks of scuba diving. I understand any medical conditions I suffer from may increase the risk of injury or death while diving. I further understand and acknowledge that there are risks inherent in cave diving not generally present in open water recreational diving, including, but not limited to:

- 1.Lack of direct access to the surface in the event of an emergency.

- 2.The possibility of becoming entangled in line, wedged, or pinned within the cave so as to be unable to return to the surface.
- 3.The possibility of catastrophic air loss at depth.
- 4.The length and/or depth of many cave dives involve decompression diving and the increased possibility of decompression sickness.
- 5.The cave diving sites are in a remote area, difficulty or delay in transporting an injured diver to a hospital or recompression chambers may occur.
- 6.The risk of injury entering or exiting a dive site.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO AMOUNT OF PREPARATION AND TRAINING CAN FULLY ELIMINATE THE RISKS INHERENT IN CAVE DIVING AND AM VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUMING ALL SUCH RISKS.

__ HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE FOREGOING, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF REGISTERING ME TO SCUBA DIVE AT CHASSAHOWITZKA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, I, FOR MYSELF AND FOR MY HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AGENTS, ATTORNEYS, INSURERS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, RIGHTS , ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, EXPENSES, AND SUITS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, FOR PERSONAL INJURY, WRONGFUL DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN CHASSAHOWITZKA CAVE DIVING AND/OR OTHER ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE FOREGOING, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL NEGLIGENT ACTS, WHETHER ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER SUCH INJURIES, DEATH, OR DAMAGES OCCUR DURING THE DIVE, OR THEREAFTER.

Registration Application Review and Certification

Registrants are requested to do the following to complete the Registration:

Review application for accuracy, make any changes in any section by selecting the "edit" link for that section, and certifying the application by checking the box next to "Certification" (See certification language below), and Clicking the submit button (when it appears).

__ Certification: I hereby swear and affirm that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable state, federal, and local laws.

You must certify your data before you may Submit your Application

Additional information provided in Registration Form

Individuals registering to SCUBA dive on Chassahowitzka WMA are provided the following additional information:

Cave diving is an extremely dangerous activity, serious bodily injury or death could occur even with training and experience. Dive sites at Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area (Chassahowitzka WMA) exceed depths of 300 feet. To dive these sites safely and properly, formal cave diving training and experience is recommended. Additionally, dives to depths present on Chassahowitzka WMA generally rely on mixed gas breathing gas mixtures (e.g. nitrox, trimix and/or heliox*). Formal training and experience in mixed gas use and decompression diving techniques is recommended. Due to the extreme risk associated with cave diving on Chassahowitzka WMA all divers must be at least 18 years old.

*Nitrox is any non-normoxic nitrogen and oxygen breathing gas mixture. Trimix is any breathing gas mixture that is comprised of any combination of oxygen, nitrogen and helium. Heliox is any breathing gas mixture composed of any combination of oxygen and helium.

Questions about this Registration?

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