



## New PADI/DSAT Dive Shop in Cave Country



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There is a new dive shop in High Springs, Florida that caters to cave and technical divers and is rebreather friendly. Cave Country Dive Shop (CCDS) is located at 705 NW Santa Fe Boulevard; (US 441) High Springs, FL 32643 in a 4000 square foot building. CCDS opened its' doors on Sept 1, 2011. The CCDS web site can be seen at [www.cavecountrydiving.com](http://www.cavecountrydiving.com) Phone number: 386-454-4444. Business hours are Sunday through Thursday 8 AM to 6 PM, Fridays and Saturdays 8 AM to 7 PM. High Springs is located in the heart of the cave diving and springs diving capital of North America!

Ginnie Springs is a short 15 minute drive from CCDS, Little River Springs is 30 minutes away, Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park is about 45 minutes away, Manatee Springs State Park is about 45 minutes away, Madison Blue Springs State Park is about an hour away, Troy Springs State park is about a 40 minute drive, Lafayette Blue Springs is about a 40 minute drive away, and Eagles' Nest, is about a two hour drive away. We are located about 90 minutes southwest of Jacksonville, about 2.5 hours north of Orlando, and about 5 hours north of Miami.

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Other great attractions include the Santa Fe River which is five minutes away from world class canoeing, the Ichetucknee River, which is crystal clear, is about a 20 minute drive, as is the Suwannee River. Crystal River is about a 90 minute drive away, and the Rainbow River is also about a 90 minute drive. The University of Florida's main campus is a 25 minute drive.

The idea of a new dive shop came about when several of the owners, some of who live in North Florida; realized there was not a full service facility in the immediate area that catered to everyone's needs. The owners conceived of a shop that offered friendly service from professional staff members, a shop that was comfortable as a meeting place and a place to make new friends. CCDS highlights a nice big couch for our guests to rest, and some have even taken naps here.



CCDS has 10/50 trimix, EAN30, 100% Oxygen and Air in storage banks in high volume and high pressure. Oxygen fills from the 2000 cubic foot storage bank to 3000 psi are no problem.

CCDS boasts two state of the art classrooms for instructors needing classroom space, or anyone else in need of a conference room style meeting place. The main classroom has a flat screen HD television for PowerPoint or other type presentations from your laptop computer.



CCDS has instructors on staff who teach all levels of PADI & DSAT scuba programs. Tec 40, 45, 50, 65, Tec Trimix, and blender classes are scheduled frequently. These classes can be run in the cave environment for divers who are certified as cave divers. We also teach these classes in open water environments in the springs and sinkholes that have 80-100 feet of visibility and temperatures around 72 F (24 C) year round.



CCDS has a PADI/DSAT technical instructor on staff that can train and certify current PADI instructors as DSAT Technical diver instructors up through and including Tec-Trimix and Tec-Deep and trimix blender instructors. The blender programs are done on site; the students and instructor candidates do hands on blending via Continuous Flow and partial pressure blending methods.



The technical diver and instructor programs are available seven days a week, 365 days a year.

CCDS has cavern and cave instructors on staff who can certify divers as DSAT Cave Divers. These instructors also teach cave classes through the National Speleological Society Cave Diving Section (NSS-CDS) as well as through the National Association for Cave Diving (NACD). The web site has a training calendar showing scheduled and upcoming classes. Customized and private classes are also available. Classes range from two days for a cavern course up to two weeks for cave diver training.



Gas fills for nitrox and air can be done in your vehicle. The fill whips at CCDS are long enough to reach your vehicle which eliminates the need for you to pull your tanks out for fills. There are also water baths for you to place your tanks in for filling. CCDS charges \$0.10 per cubic foot for nitrox, a flat fee of \$6 for any air fills and \$0.85 for helium. CCDS is very rebreather friendly for small diluent and oxygen bottles and charges a minimum fee for filling these bottles.

There is a nice diner a few steps away from CCDS and many divers drop off their tanks and walk over to the diner for a meal while staff fills their tanks. The diner offers a 10% discount to scuba divers!

CCDS banks EAN30 and Trimix 10/50 and is also able to blend any custom mix the diver needs using our Haskell booster (AGD-30) and/or our Tri-Hunter Trimix blending stick. All staff members at CCDS are active, certified cave divers as well as certified trimix blenders through PADI/DSAT.

CCDS has a full line of rental tanks, stage bottles, decompression bottles; double tanks, HID and LED underwater lights. Single tanks rent for \$5/day, doubles for \$10/day, and underwater lights for \$15/day. CCDS stocks several different oxygen sensors for rebreathers and also keeps an ample supply of sodasorb in stock. Rebreather tanks of various styles and sizes are available for rental also. CCDS is a rEvo dealer and has a rEvo instructor on staff.



CCDS is in partnership with [Cave Dive Florida](#) for nice places to stay during your visit to cave country. One place is a two bedroom, two bath trailer. This place can be seen at: [The Rum House](#)





There is another place that is larger that can be seen at: [Hotel California](#)



The manager of Cave Country Dive Shop is Marissa Lasso.

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If you have questions about PADI/DSAT training programs contact Jim Wyatt at [Jim@cavecountrydiving.com](mailto:Jim@cavecountrydiving.com)

We invite you to take a virtual tour of CCDS that we have posted on YouTube.

[Virtual Tour of CCDS](#)