

Florida has been outstanding. For the most part, the flow has been down, and the visibility is up. Line and sign donations were slow this quarter, however local cave diver Sean Denney and I took the opportunity to dive and install about 400' of gold line in a cave that was new for both of us, Gator Hole. As many of you know, Telford is currently closed. Please respect the landowner's wishes and be patient until the cave is reopened. A local safety concern that should be observed is the low visibility in the Peacock Basin. Visibility lately has ranged from one to five feet. I have observed many people giant-striding into the Peacock I basin from the bottom of the stairs. Keep in mind, Rebreather cave diving is growing in popularity, so watching for bubbles before you leap may not be adequate. There are additional stairs conveniently located at the bottom of the staircase on the left hand side. These work well for entering the water as well as exiting. I would like to thank everyone for their continued efforts in keeping our caves a safe and enjoyable place to dive. Keep up the good work.

Richard Dreher – International Safety Director

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Cave Name: Indian Springs	Cave Location: South of Tallahassee
Current Conditions: Viz is at least 100 feet as of August. Guided dives are now available again since the camping season is over; see www.bigbenddiving.com/cisp for details.	
Outstanding Safety Concerns: Trimix cave, requires a guide	
Description of Recent Incidents: -none-	

Cave Name: Emerald	Cave Location: South of Tallahassee
Current Conditions: Visibility at depth in base and in cave is between 80-100 feet due to the current drought conditions in North Florida. Access is open to qualified cave divers; details can be found at www.bigbenddiving.com/emerald.	
Outstanding Safety Concerns: Trimix cave	
Description of Recent Incidents: -none-	

Cave Name: Harvey's	Cave Location: South of Crawfordville
Current Conditions: 20-25 feet vis, not on public land, need landowner permission to dive	
Outstanding Safety Concerns: low viz, deep section > 200 feet, to be relined	
Description of Recent Incidents: -none-	

Cave Name: Church Sink	Cave Location: South of Tallahassee
Current Conditions: Clear. On private property and need landowner permission to dive	
Outstanding Safety Concerns:	
Description of Recent Incidents: -none-	

A message from the Safety Director:

I am pleased to report a safe third quarter with respect to cave diving. With the river levels low and the lack of rain, though tough on our water table, the diving in central

Recent Incidents: None

Cave Name: Hornsby Springs		Cave Location: Alachua County, FL
Current Conditions: Unknown, currently closed to cave diving		
Safety Concerns: None		
Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: Mill Creek Sink		Cave Location: Alachua County, FL
Current Conditions: 50' – 100'+ vis in system, 10' vis in basin		
Safety Concerns: Very steep stairs for entrance/exit so use care after decompressing. This is a deep cave with a normoxic mix recommended, must have 100+ cave dives and dive with Mill Creek Guide, please be aware that the downstream section is a relatively strong siphon.		
Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: Rock Bluff		Cave Location: Gilchrist County, FL
Current Conditions: 40+ vis in system		
Safety Concerns: Tight, sidemount cave, medium flow right now with lots of ceiling percolation.		
Recent Incidents: None		



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Cave Name: Devil's System		Cave Location: Gilchrist County, FL
Current Conditions: 100'+ vis, flow has been picking up, the water table is still low but rising on a daily basis.		
Safety Concerns: The gold line is up high on the right hand wall when entering, and all of the gold line has been replaced back to the Hinkel restriction. Many thanks to the NACD & CDS volunteers who have assisted with this and to the CDS for contributing the gold line!		
Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: Hart Springs		Cave Location: Gilchrist County, FL
Current Conditions: 75'+ vis, flow down, water table is low		
Safety Concerns: Black water entrance & exit, must have 100+ cave dives and dive with a Hart Springs Guide. Be sure to wear a hood as the mosquitoes are hungry this time of year!		
Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: Gator Hole		Cave Location: Alachua County, FL
Current Conditions: 50'+ vis, access is from the Santa Fe River Bridge in High Springs. Many thanks to the NACD volunteers who have replaced the old white line with gold line and to the NACD for contributing the gold line!		
Safety Concerns: None		

Description of Recent Incidents:
None

Cave Name: LAFAYETTE BLUE SPRINGS S.P.		Cave Location: Lafayette County
Current Conditions: River is low, flow is minimal. vis is fair.		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: None		
Description of Recent Incidents: None.		

Cave Name: LITTLE RIVER County Park		Cave Location: Suwannee County
Current Conditions: River is still low flow is minimal, vis is very good.		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: None		
Description of Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: ROYAL SPRINGS County Park		Cave Location: Suwannee County
Current Conditions: Water level low,very silty when stirred up by classes		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: The Stop sign has been replaced. This Spring is primarily used by Open Water Divers & the cave is small & very silty.		
Description of Recent Incidents: None		

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Cave Name: MADISON BLUE SPRINGS State Park		Cave Location: Madison County
Current Conditions: River is still low, flow is minimal, and vis is great. Gold line has been modified, and stop sign relocated. Godzilla line has been replaced. Further line work will be starting back up in November..		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: None		
Description of Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: PEACOCK State Park		Cave Location: Suwannee County
Current Conditions: River is very low, flow is minimal, vis is good, but slow to clear if disturbed. Vis in the basin is horrible.		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: None		
Description of Recent Incidents: None		

Cave Name: TELFORD		Cave Location: Suwannee County
Current Conditions: Closed		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: None		

Cave Name: Blue Springs	Cave Location: Blue Springs State Park Clio, Alabama
Current Conditions: Clear / Closed	
Outstanding Safety Concerns: No Warning Sign	
Description of Recent Incidents: Nothing new to report at this time!	

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Cave Name: Ocean Caverns Only		Cave Location: Monterey, CA
Current Conditions: Varied		
Outstanding Safety Concerns: Surge		
Description of Recent Incidents: N/A		

Region: USA - Florida - Northern Suwannee Valley

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No safety concern or Recent incident to report in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Philippines Island.

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