

Valhalla Missile Silo, Abilene, TX

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GROUP RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE: 911 service available

Cellular phone service available at surface for some networks

Taylor County Volunteer Fire Department & Ambulance Service- Responders for the site.

Taylor County Sheriff 450 Pecan Abilene, TX

(325) 674-1333

Fire / Rescue

ECCA Volunteer Fire Department (325) 572-3987 or 911

349 C.R. 278 Tuscola, TX 79562 <http://www.eccafire.com>

Ambulance

South Taylor EMS (325) 554-9222 or 911

PO Box 68 / 649 Kent St Tuscola, Texas 79562 <http://southtaylorems.com/>

HOSPITALS:

Hendrick Medical Center 1900 Pine Street Abilene, TX 79601

(325) 670-2000

www.hendrickhealth.org

Abilene Regional Medical Center

6250 Highway 83/84 @ Antilley Rd.

Abilene, TX 79606

(325) 695-9900

CALL DAN- Divers Alert Network

Diving Emergencies (Remember: Call local EMS first, then DAN!)

1-919-684-8111 1-919-684-4DAN (collect)

1-800-446-2671 (toll-free)

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Directions to Site:

Dive Valhalla is exactly 5 miles South of Coronado's Camp at Hwy 89 on HWY 277.

DIVER DAN: Coming from the West stay on I-20 until Sweetwater, turn right on Hwy 70 South (Exit 244), about 10 miles south of Sweetwater look for Left exit for HWY 153, get on HWY 153 until it intersects HWY 277S. (12-15 miles) This is a funny intersection so pay attention, TURN LEFT BEFORE the overpass. You will dead end into 277S, turn left (North) about 9 miles, look for the windmills and the tall radio tower on your Left at the top of the hill. Stay in the slow lane and turn right. Welcome back!

Toilets and a hot shower are available in the staging/changing area. Toilets and solar shower available on surface for use. A few gas stations and restaurants are available between the Dive Valhalla and Abilene on HWY 277. A wide selection of restaurants and lodging are available in Abilene. Most are located along the loop when you turn right off of HWY 277. Coronado's Camp (325) 572-3985 (5 minutes) is a great hamburger/barbecue place, but has limited hours on Saturday and Closed Sunday. Pereini Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap (15 minutes) is excellent, but reservations are recommended, especially for larger groups.

Environmental Assessment:

Altitude: 2,450 Feet by GPS

GPS Coordinates: N 32degrees 12.677minutes W 100 degrees 03.097 minutes

Surface Temp.- Avg. annual temp.- 64.5' -hottest avg.- 83.9' -coldest avg. 43.7'

Interior Temp.- 68' avg. year-round

Water Temp.- 60' year-round

Surface to staging/changing level- 40' (2 set of stairs)

Staging/changing level to platform- 30' (suspended stairs)

Platform to metal debris- 105'

Metal debris field- 105-130'

1 Overhead obstruction on side- 30-60' (inertial guidance system)

Down-line from surface to metal debris field @ 100'

It is recommended you place a stage/deco tank with regulator suspended from dock level to 15' for safety stops, just in case one of your divers is low on air.

Divers with physical considerations/concerns: Be advised equipment will have to be physically transported from the surface to the staging/changing level. Full gear will typically be worn from the staging/changing area to the platform, down the suspended stairway. Divers with heavier type equipment (i.e. doubles) will want to *seriously* consider this climb during equipment selection. There are approximately 75 stairs from the surface to the platform. The descent from the staging/changing area is a walk down a suspended (moving) stairway and gangway to the floating platform 30' below.

Suggested Equipment:

Drysuit or heavy (7 or 5/7 mil) wetsuit

Hood

Gloves

Primary & backup lights

Emergency Staging Bottles

Extra Oxygen Supplies

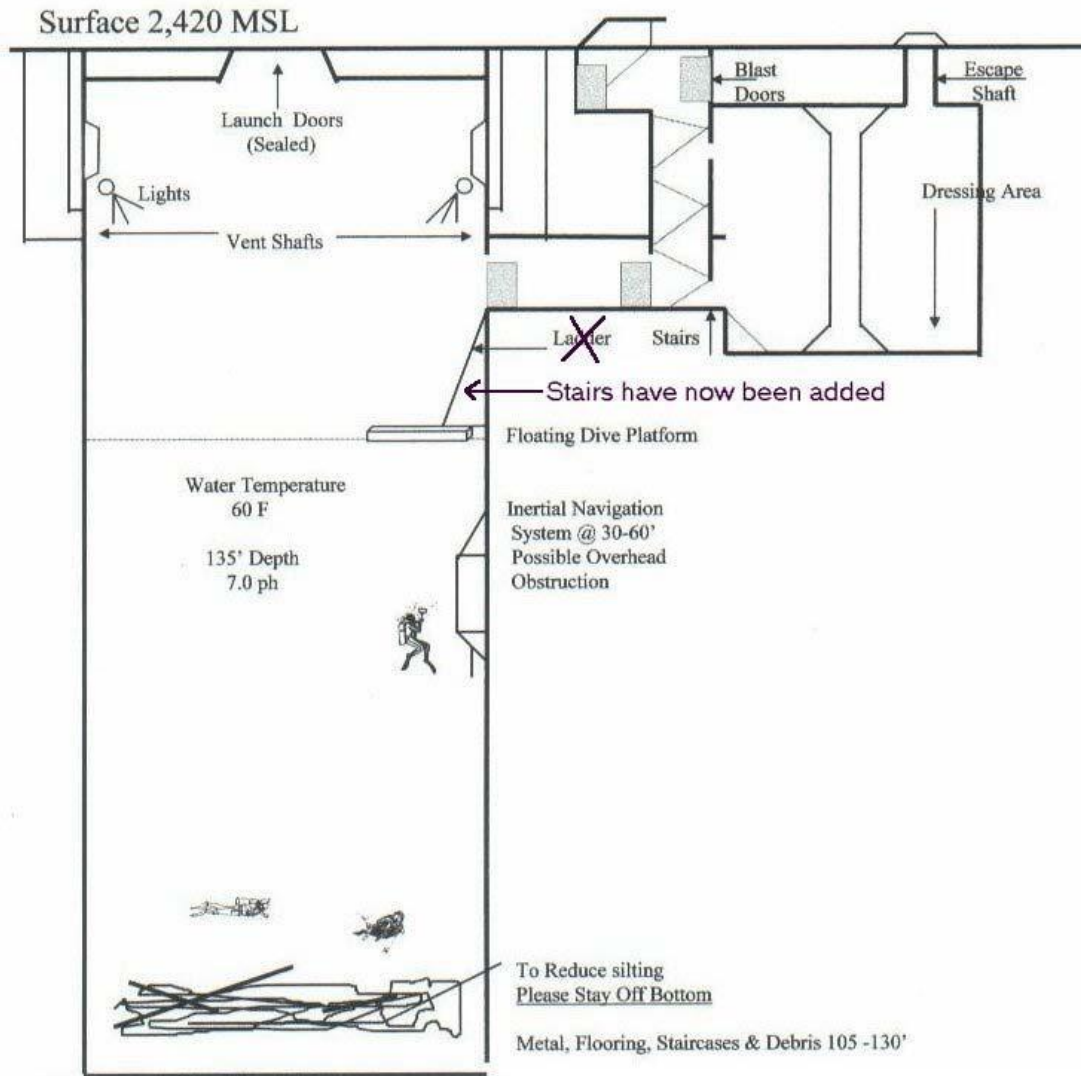
Back-board

Blankets/Thermal Blanket/Extras Towels, Comms - Motorola walkie-talkies

- the high frequency type work from the surface all the way down to the platform to save people trips bringing equipment, etc. or communicating with surface personnel in an emergency.

Cell phones now work in the dressing area by way of a cell phone extender wired to the surface. This only works if your provider has service in the area. AT&T works well, some others also work, some have no service whatsoever. Check your coverage area before assuming they work.

There should be adequate electrical outlets for recharging lights, cameras, phones, laptops etc.



Site map provided courtesy of Family Scuba Center.