



PADI OPEN WATER COURSES

Get qualified to Dive Anywhere Around the World



Dear Diver,

You have now completed your theory and pool skills and it's time to put your new skills into practice with four open-water training dives. These are normally split over 2 days.

Completed your pool session with Oyster?

If you have completed your Open water dives with Oyster we will have your record file ready at the lake when you arrive with all of your forms from the pool.

Completed your pool session with another dive school?

If you are joining us from another dive school, You will need to send a copy of your Student record file and "eRecord" to us by email before coming to the lake. If you do not have this, you cannot dive.

Please download and complete the [PADI Liability forms, Statement of Safe Diving Practices and PADI Medical Forms](#) and bring them with you on the day. Please note that [if you answer 'yes' to questions 3, 5 or 10, or any of the questions on page 2 of the medical statement then we would need a note from your doctor saying that you are okay to dive.](#) **If you answer 'yes' and do not have a note from your GP or Diving Medic, then your instructor is not allowed to let you dive.** No note is required if you answer 'no'.

Timings:

- 09:30 to 10:00 – Registration at the café of Aquasports
- 10:00 to 10:30 – Equipment set up and dive 1 briefing
- 10:30 to 14:00 – In-water training two dives
- 14:30 to 15:00 – Log book completion with the instructor

If you need to change your course dates please give us 7 working days notice. If you change within 3 – 6 working days, you will be charged a £75 rebooking fee. If you provide less than 2 working days' notice, then you will be charged a £150 rebooking fee as we are unable to either cancel your instructor or fill your space.



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What to bring:

- £15 Entry fee each day. Cash or Card
- £5 per tank refilling fee (Usually £15) **CASH ONLY**
- Logbook from the pool session
- Swimwear and change of clothes
- Towel
- Money for snacks from the café or packed lunch
- Hat and Suncream on sunny days
- Bottle of water for refreshment

If you have opted to do the dry suit speciality course at the same time then we will do an extra dive. Please bring along some warm & thin clothes to wear underneath. We will also provide you with an undersuit to help keep you nice and toasty.

Please be advised that you will not be allowed to dive if you have not completed all of the theory and pool skills.

Once certified you will be qualified to dive to a maximum depth of 18 metres. You will need to download the PADI App on your phone as your e-card will be sent by PADI and stored on your phone and other IOS and Android devices. The e-card can be shown to any PADI dive centre as proof of your certification. As a backup PADI keep details of your certification on their global database which can be accessed by any PADI dive centre around the world. If you prefer to have a physical card then this can be ordered through www.padi.com after the course.

If you haven't done so already, we do recommend purchasing your hood, gloves and boots. These are available through our [dive shop](#) and can be bought along the lake.

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, or special offers or would like to keep in touch then please like our [Facebook page](#) or visit the [dive club page](#) on our website.

If you would like to qualify to dive deeper (30m) then you can talk to your instructor about our [Advanced Open Water courses](#).

Thanks again for booking your course with us and we look forward to seeing you soon and continuing your underwater adventures.

Best wishes,

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Mercers Lake



Mercers Country Park,
Nutfield Marsh Road,
Merstham,
Redhill,
Surrey,
RH1 4EU.

Facilities

- **Cafe** - serving toasties, hot & cold drinks and snacks. You are welcome to bring your food if you like. (Please note that the café is extremely limited due to the Covid pandemic.)
- **Toilets**
- **Changing facilities with showers** (please note that these are currently closed due to the Covid pandemic). If you have a long robe then please use this.
- **Classroom**
- **Entry Fee & Parking** - £15 (payable on entry). Please park in the visitor's area and you will see our van there!

Air to fill scuba tank - £5 per fill, please pay your instructor in cash who will arrange your next tank.

Don't forget – a swimming costume, towel, warm clothes and money.



Directions

If you're using a sat nav, the postcode is: RH1 4EU
Click [here](#) to find the lake on google maps.

The lake is perfectly located between the M25 and M23, with easy access from London and Gatwick Airport.

Nearest **Rail** Stations: Merstham or Redhill (direct from London Victoria).

Bus: Take to 430 from Redhill bus station Platform 4 to Mill Lane in Merstham (opposite Watercolours Housing) then it's a 12-minute walk around the lake.

Large vehicles should approach from the A25, coming down Nutfield Marsh Road to avoid the width restriction.

FAQ's

Can I bring the family?

Please do! Even if you aren't going on the water, Mercer's Park is a wonderful escape, with a close-to-nature feeling. It's a great place to relax while other family members are on the water.

Is there a walk around the lake?

Yes, there is. You can walk right round the lake, through woodland with a wild-at-heart feel. It takes about 20 minutes and the lakeside is a popular dog walk. The area is teeming with wildlife and we're often visited by keen bird watchers, especially in migration seasons. If you visit early morning in the Summer, you will be lucky enough to catch sight of our local kingfishers. Or you may see one of our very long-standing turtle residents basking on an old tree branch. Although not native to the lake, we think they may have been unwanted pets. Check-in with us for tips on the best and safest vantage points. And why not drop by for a Barista coffee at our Lakeview cafe when you're done?

What does the café sell?

The Cafe is inside the centre with the same opening times. There is a sunny terrace and dry lounge, offering the finest Barista-style coffee, teas of many descriptions, snacks and cold drinks, hot chocolate for the less sunny days, plus toasties in season.

What is the weather going to be like?

We dive all year round and underwater it doesn't matter what the weather is doing. [Here](#) is a link to the usual forecast that we use but we can dive into all conditions. But the lake often has its little microclimate and different local effects may affect the actual conditions so feel free to give us a call for a free weather check and our team of experienced instructors can help provide you with a current assessment of the conditions.