



PADI OPEN WATER COURSES

Get qualified to Dive Anywhere Around the World



Dear Diver,

Now you have completed your theory and pool skills its time to put your new skills in to practice with four open water training dives. These are normally split over 2 days.

The open water dives will be conducted at Mercers Lake which is run by our partners at [Aqua Sports](#). If you are not sure of the dates you have booked then you can find them at the top of your booking confirmation that you will have received by e-mail on the day you booked the course. Directions to the dive site can be found at the end of this document.

We will meet you at the dive site at 9.00am and aim to be finished by 2.30pm both days. If you need to change your dates please give us at least one weeks' notice by dropping us an e-mail us at info@oysterdiving.com (subject to availability).

Please bring along £15 entry fee per day, your log book given to you at your pool session, swimwear, warm clothes and some money for air (£5 per fill- CASH ONLY), food and beverages. If it is a sunny day, please remember to bring a hat and sun cream for when we are out of the water!

If you have opted to do the dry suit specialty 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.



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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 back-up 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 own hood, gloves and boots. These are available through our [dive shop](#) and can be bought along to the lake.

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, 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 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 own 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 visitors 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 – 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 a 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 really matter what the weather is doing. [Here](#) is a link to the usual forecast that we use but we can dive in all conditions. But the lake often has its own 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.