



# Ginnie Springs Statement of Understanding for Diving

Place your initials in each of the boxes appearing below to indicate that you have read, understand and agree to follow the corresponding rules

PRINT YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME CLEARLY HERE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree that, in return for being allowed to dive the springs, runs and rivers on and adjacent to the Ginnie Springs property, **I will abide by the following rules:**

I understand that I am expected to follow all prevailing standard safe-diving practices for divers of my level of training and certification, as described by the major training agencies. I understand that to use compressed air or other breathing media, anywhere on or adjacent to the Ginnie Springs property, I must either be **certified to dive** by a major, recognized training organization, or **be under the direct supervision of a certified instructor**. I further understand that **I may not and will not attempt to teach friends, family members or others to dive** unless I am an insured instructor, in current teaching status, with a major, recognized training organization.

I understand that, as a certified diver, I may enter the Ginnie Springs cavern and, if desired, use an underwater light there. I understand, however, that in so doing:

- I may not and will not **enter the cavern with less than the equivalent of 50 cubic feet of breathing gas in my cylinder(s)** (roughly 2,000 psi in an 80 ft<sup>3</sup> cylinder).
- I must and will **exit the cavern** as soon as I have used one third of the breathing gas supply I had when I first entered the cavern.
- Under no circumstances may I or will I be in the Ginnie Springs cavern with **less than 40 cubic feet of breathing gas** (roughly 1,500 psi in an 80 ft<sup>3</sup> cylinder).

I further understand that if I am a student participating in any level of training, other than Cavern Diver or Cave Diver, **I may not and will not enter the Ginnie Springs cavern**, nor dive anywhere else on or adjacent to the Ginnie Springs property where I cannot make a direct, uninterrupted ascent to the surface.

I understand that, unless I am a fully certified Cavern or Cave Diver, who has been trained to standards equivalent to those of the NSS-CDS and NACD (or a student who is undergoing such training), **I may not and will not enter the water at Devil's Eye, Devil's Ear or Devil Spring with any form of underwater light**, including video lights and camera strobe modeling lights. I understand that **I may not and will not have such a light in my possession** while in the water at or near these sites. I also understand that **I may not and will not follow the lights of certified Cavern or Cave Divers** into the caverns and caves at Devil's Eye, Devil's Ear or Devil Spring. I further understand that if this "No Lights Rule" applies to any member of my buddy team, **it applies to all team members equally, whether Cavern/Cave certified or not.**

Finally, I understand that **carving, breaking off or defacing any natural rock formation** in the water on or immediately adjacent to the Ginnie Springs property is **expressly prohibited.**

**I understand and agree that violation of these or any other Ginnie Spring rules can result in my immediate expulsion from the Ginnie Springs property, without refund.**

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Diver Signature

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Month/Day/Year