



## Mermet Springs, Metropolis, Illinois- ITINERARY

July 31- Aug 2, 2026

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**Mermet Springs:** [www.mermetsprings.com](http://www.mermetsprings.com)

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618-524-8899

To receive the Mermet Springs 15% diver discount rate, please call the front desk to book.

**Limited spots in brand new VRBO close to Springs-** \$150 pp for the weekend. Contact Melissa for availability.

### **Directions to Mermet Springs from Metropolis:**

Take US 45 South through Metropolis (follow the signs or you will miss the RIGHT turn and then the LEFT turn to stay on US 45). The entrance to the Springs is about 10 miles out of town on the left.

### **Trip Fee Schedule for Weekend Divers:**

*Divers in training with rental:* \$375 includes: 2 days gear rental (not including wetsuit), 2 days diving fees, air fills, water, snacks, light lunch, four dives under PADI Instructor supervision, and digital PADI Certification card.

*Divers in training with their own gear:* \$325 includes: 2 days gear rental (not including wetsuit), 2 days diving fees, air fills, water, snacks, light lunch, four dives under PADI Instructor supervision, and digital PADI Certification card.

*Certified divers with rental:* \$300 includes: 2 days gear rental (not including wetsuit), 2 days diving fees, air fills, water, snacks, light lunch, four dives indirect PADI Instructor and Divemaster supervision, & dive site briefing.

*Certified divers with their own gear:* \$250 includes: 2 days diving fees, air fills, water, snacks, light lunch, indirect PADI Instructor and Divemaster supervision, and dive site briefing.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### Friday, July 17, 2026

5:00 PM Payment is due to secure your spot on this trip. As soon as you place your deposit please cut and paste this link into your browser and complete the Release Form:

<https://www.mermetsprings.com/2023-adult-site-release>

<https://www.mermetsprings.com/2023-minor-site-release>

#### Friday, July 31, 2026

? Arrive in Metropolis and check into your lodgings, get a good night's sleep so you can enjoy the fun ahead.

#### Saturday, August 1, 2026

8:15 AM Staff arrives at quarry for sign in and set up

8:30 AM Depart from your lodging and head to the quarry

9:00 AM Arrive at quarry. Stop at the office to sign in. Drive to our pavilion at the water's edge and take your car to one of the designated parking areas. Return to pavilion; set up gear and wait for briefing.

9:45 AM Dive Site briefing  
10:00 AM Dive #1  
Noon Dive #2  
1:00 PM Lunch break, dive stories, logbook signing  
2:00 PM Dive Briefing for afternoon dive #3  
4:30 PM Pack up and head for lodging  
7:00 PM The Staff will be going to our favorite Mexican restaurant, El Tequila near the VRBO, and everyone is invited to accompany us for a Dutch treat dinner or to break into smaller groups and dine as you choose.

#### Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:15 AM Staff arrives at quarry for sign in and set up  
8:30 AM Depart your lodging and head to quarry. Repeat process from yesterday  
9:00 AM Begin diving day  
12:30 PM Final dive completed, certification paperwork, and logbook completion  
1:00 PM Pack up and head for home

*Please note: Your trip deposit and payment are a promise to travel. Reservations are confirmed and staff engaged, so please understand that trip money is non-refundable. Also, please make sure that you place your trip deposit as soon as you know you are going. We must have 8 confirmed travelers for the trip to run as scheduled, and divers in training are limited to six per instructor so that we can ensure maximum attention and supervision.*

#### **Please Note:**

- Students will be asked to carry their own wetsuit and rental gear to the dive site.
- There is an onsite snack bar if you don't choose to bring your own goodies, we will provide drinking water
- You might also like to bring folding camp chairs to use in addition to our picnic table. The tables are reserved for our picnic lunch and logbooks.
- Student to instructor ratios must be followed. It is possible that students and certified diver family members may not be able to dive together until Sunday.
- Certified divers may dive in independent buddy teams or may accompany an Easy Diver Staff Member
- **PLEASE** use the equipment checklist. Part of being a diver is learning to be self-sufficient by packing and preparing properly!

#### **Equipment Checklist**

- Drinks (other than water), snacks, water bottle
- BCD
- Regulator with compass
- Tank and weights
- Wetsuit
- Mask, snorkel, fins

- Logbook, pen
- Towels, protective clothes
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- Insect repellent, swimmers ear prep, mask anti fog
- Folding wagon for hauling gear
- Camp chair