

TABLE ROCK HOUSEBOAT TRIP
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WHAT ARE HOUSEBOAT TRIPS LIKE? Our boat is on Table Rock Lake, located near Kimberling City, MO. Table Rock Lake is a Corp of Engineers lake built in the Boston Mountains of southern Missouri. The surrounding area is very hilly and densely wooded, making this a beautiful, secluded lake with many miles of uninhabited shoreline. You will be spending the weekend out on the lake with a small group of divers from the Kansas City area. Those who are training with us will be completing their training objectives, but anyone, diver or top sider, is welcome to come along and enjoy a relaxing weekend on Table Rock Lake. We try to move the boat to new dive sites several times a day as the schedule permits. There are several wrecks and old structures to dive on and around so we try to give you a nice variety of dive sites. A schedule of activities is posted on each boat.

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE? Please be at the dock between 5:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M. *Pier 12, Slip 8* on the evening of your scheduled arrival, unless otherwise specified by your instructor. We post a large banner with the store name on it. Park your car as close to the dock as you can and walk down the ramp and find your boat. A list of passengers is posted in the front window listing where your cabin is located. There are carts that you can use to bring your belongings down to the boat. Midwest Aquatics staff will be on hand to assist you in getting settled. Be sure to pick up a parking pass from the dive center before leaving town. The parking pass should be hung on the rear view mirror during your stay. Please be prepared to spend the entire weekend on the lake, we usually arrive back at the dock about 3:00 P.M. on Sunday.

IS FOOD PROVIDED? Yes, the staff will be preparing 3 meals for each scheduled day of your trip and 2 meals on Sunday. We try to provide healthy, filling meals, our trips are known for good food. If you have any dietary needs, please let us know at least a week in advance and we will be happy to accommodate your needs. We do ask everyone to assist with meal clean up. A KP. list will be posted. Dinner on your night of arrival and departure are on your own.

HOW DO WE GET TO THE HOUSEBOAT DOCK IN KIMBERLING CITY FROM KANSAS CITY? On the back of this sheet are some easy to follow directions. We also recommend consulting "Map Quest" and taking along a Missouri map.

WHAT DIVING EQUIPMENT SHOULD I BRING? If you are obtaining equipment from Midwest Aquatics you must pick this equipment up at Midwest Aquatics on the Wednesday or Thursday before the trip. If you are bringing your own equipment that is fine. Please remember to move all your equipment to the boat on your night of arrival. We will not be back to the dock until Sunday evening. The staff does not carry extra equipment.

WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS SHOULD I BRING? Sheets and comforters are provided but do bring water, soda, gatorade for drinking, snacks for between meals, pillows and towels. We recommend you bring your own coolers and ice. Personal coolers will be stored on the upper deck of the houseboat. Bring comfortable clothes that are easy to pack and dry quickly. In the spring and fall the evenings can get very cool so some warm sweats will feel good. Anyone that wants to bring fishing equipment, water toys, jet skis or ski boats is welcome. There is a boat ramp near the boat dock. If you are training with us please come prepared for some down time. We try to keep everyone active but some restrictions are placed on us by SSI training standards for our safety.

IS THERE AN ALCOHOL POLICY? Yes, if you are over 21 you are welcome to bring along beer, wine or other spirits. However, the first time you take a drink is the last time you will dive that day. We encourage drinking in moderation. A drinking curfew is enforced beginning at 11:30 P.M. Water, water, water is the best drink there is for diving!

WHAT ARE THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS? The houseboats are heated and air-conditioned and have full baths with hot and cold running water. The toilets are marine heads so remember nothing goes in them, including toilet paper, unless you ate it first. The sleeping arrangements are best described as dormroom style with several semi-private compartments. Earplugs are a good idea for the light sleepers. A sleeping arrangement is posted on each boat.

WHAT ABOUT AIR FILLS? A speedboat will be coming out to the boat at scheduled times to pick-up tanks and fill them for us. If you are fun diving or taking the Advanced Open Water course we suggest you bring 2 tanks as this will allow you not to miss any diving.

HOW CAN I BE REACHED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY? During store hours Midwest Aquatics can be contacted and our staff will get a message to us. Most cell phone services work on the lake.

IS TIPPING APPROPRIATE? Yes, your staff will be working very hard all weekend to ensure that you get all of the diving in that you want, keeping you well fed and running the boats. Tips are very much appreciated. We suggest \$20-30 per traveler. The tips are split amongst the crew.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND