

# TABLE ROCK HOUSEBOAT TRIP

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**WHAT ARE HOUSEBOAT TRIPS LIKE?** Our boat is on Table Rock Lake, located at Hideaway Marina. 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.

**WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?** Please be at the dock between 5:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M. **Pier B** on the evening of your scheduled arrival, unless otherwise specified by your instructor. Park your car as close to the dock as you can and walk down the ramp and you will find our houseboat located at the end of the dock. We have a cart 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. The dock is a private dock space so the gate is locked but our staff will be watching for you to let you on the dock. Please be prepared to spend the entire weekend on the lake, we usually arrive back at the dock by Noon on Sunday.

**IS FOOD PROVIDED?** Yes, the staff will be preparing 3 meals for Saturday and 1 meal on Sunday. We try to provide healthy, filling meals, our trips are known for good food. We do ask everyone to assist with meal clean up. Dinner on your night of arrival is on your own. If you have special dietary needs please ask us in advance about what we provide in case you need to supplement.

**HOW DO WE GET TO THE HOUSEBOAT DOCK** . Take Hwy 13 south to Hwy 76. Take a left on Y road by the Conoco gas station. Take Y road (about 10 miles long) all the way to the actual Y and turn left onto Y-39. Take Y-39 all the way to the end. You will see the marina. Address is 1810 Hideaway Road, Galena, MO 65656. If you pull that up on Google Earth you will see that it takes you to a point. Go straight and you'll be at a church. Go left and it will take you to the marina.

We also recommend consulting "Map Quest" and taking along a Missouri map.

**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 their pay for the weekend and very much appreciated. We suggest 10-15% of your houseboat trip and tuition per traveler. The tips are split amongst the entire crew.

**WHAT DIVING EQUIPMENT SHOULD I BRING?** If you are renting 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. The staff does not carry extra equipment.

**WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS SHOULD I BRING?** Sheets and comforters are provided but do bring a pillow and towel. We have a large cooler, iced and ready for you to use so you don't need to bring a cooler. We will have lemonade and tea available throughout the trip. We also have a water filtration system so no need to bring bottled water. 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 or water toys is welcome. We have 2 kayaks and plenty of noodles. 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 houseboat can be heated and air-conditioned and have full baths with hot and cold running water. The toilets are marine heads so their flushing power is limited. 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?** . We have a compressor on board so we will refill your tanks as needed. Also be back on the boat with a minimum of 500psi in your tanks.

**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.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND