



## Alberta Adventure Divers

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Ice diving. Cool. Really cool!  
The weather window has to be acceptable  
...we'll keep an eye on it.



Ice diving is one of the most adventurous scuba specialties. Learn the roles and responsibilities of support personnel, tenders and safety divers. See beauty few others ever experience.



Plus, ice diving is so....Canadian! Unique bragging rights.

If extreme, unusual and challenging scuba diving scenarios appeal to you, try diving under the ice. Ice diving is one of the most adventurous scuba specialties because you confront conditions and see beauty few others ever experience. Plus, you might get a chance to play with your exhaled bubbles on the bottom of the ice. Flash your PADI Ice Diver certification card to get instant respect, and usually a lot of questions from other divers about what it's like under the ice.

**Prerequisites:** PADI Advanced Open Water Diver; at least 18 years old. Working on your advanced? One adventure dive can be ice diver!

**Academic:** Teamwork is essential for ice diving. You'll start by learning the roles and responsibilities of support personnel, tenders and safety divers. You also discuss types of ice, site selection and preparation, the effects of cold, emergency procedures and handling equipment issues. During three closely supervised ice dives, you'll practice:

- Using specialized ice diving equipment and safety lines.
- Signals and communications along with line tending and line-securing techniques.
- Handling problems and safety diver procedures.



### Ice diving course schedule:

Friday – 6:30 to 9 pm: theory at the dive store  
Saturday – 10 am at the beach at Clear Lake. The ice diving students will get the honour of assisting with the cutting of the hole. We will be ice diving Sat. afternoon.  
Sunday – 10 am at the beach at Clear Lake.

**Cost:** \$300+gst

**Equipment:** Besides your basic scuba gear, we recommend:



- Warm boots: crampons or slip-on spikes for walking on ice are nice
- Personal clothing for exposure protection at the surface: wind-proof outer jacket and pants
- Sunglasses, hat/toque
- Heavy insulated layer/dry suit underwear
- Two pairs of mitts in case first pair gets wet
- Plenty of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, preferably water and juices. We'll supply bbq lunch both days!
- Dive light
- Dry suit is recommended, but not mandatory.

Plan for two days of being outside! We will have heaters, the dive trailer, perhaps a fishing hut for warming, and plans for a campfire on the ice.

**Preparation:** This is an equipment intensive course. We have the ice auger, ice saws, chain saws, ice screws, harnesses, scoops, pallets, ropes, carabiners, etc.



**Certified ice divers:** will be joining us Saturday afternoon and Sunday for a nice day on and under the ice. Bring your certification card – show off to the dive groupies who wander by. Just let us know if you are planning on coming out, so we can plan for food and supplies. Certified ice divers join the fun for \$30.

**Parking:**

The truck and dive trailer will be parked on the lake, near the ice hole. A few others vehicles can park on the ice, but it is not a good idea for all of us to park huddled in one small area on the ice for the weekend! That will be a lot of vehicles and weight load on the ice! A good plan is for you to come out, unload your equipment, and then move your vehicle back to the parking lot or to a designated safe area.



See you at the lake! On the odd chance that you don't want to get the Ice Diver certification, please come out to visit us!

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