

STEP 5 - OPEN WATER WEEKEND INFORMATION

To complete your certification you will be participating on a series of four (4) open water scuba dives and one snorkel/skin dive over a single weekend. These take place in Marmora, ON about a 1.5 hour drive (map attached).



If you will be doing your open water elsewhere on referral, please tell your instructor and the shop who will prepare a referral package for you with an introduction letter etc. that you will take with you.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO (IN ORDER):

- 1. Book your weekend ASAP:** See shop calendar for dates and book your weekend as possible as there is limited space on each date. For summer classes the open water typically is the weekend following your pool class and will be shown on your bill (Cost is currently \$150 - check your bill to see if included in your course fee.)
 - **What's included:** Two days of supervised diving, full scuba equipment rental, Air fills, instruction and registering your C-Card with PADI. (**What's not Included:** Transportation of you or your equipment, food or drinks.)
- 2. Get sized for Rental Gear:** Come in at least 2-3 weeks before open water to get fitted for your rental wetsuit, hood, gloves, BCD, weight belt, regulator, 2 tanks and bag.
- 3. PICK up your Gear:** You pick up your rental gear on the Thursday or Friday before your open water date (we start packing it Wed). Students are solely responsible for the pick up and transport of their personal and rental gear. (use the attached checklist!)
- 4. Drive to Marmora Sat. morning:** We recommend you leave home by 7 am and car pool with a buddy. Here is Saturdays agenda:
 - 8:30 a.m. - Arrive at dive site/ Assemble gear / Pre-dive briefing / Snorkel dive
 - 10:30 a.m. – First Scuba dive
 - 12:00 p.m. - Lunch and morning debriefing
 - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Afternoon dive.(pack up and head back to Dive Source)
- 5. Drive back to Dive Source for air fills:** You must go to the shop directly from the dive site to get your tanks refilled as the shop is only open until 5:00pm. If this isn't convenient for you, you may wish to ask another student/friend if they could help you with this.
- 6. Get a good nights sleep:** Sunday is another dive day...
- 7. Drive to Marmora Sunday morning:** We recommend you leave home by 7 am and car pool with a buddy. Here is Sundays agenda:
 - 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. - Arrive at dive site/ Assemble gear / Pre-dive briefing
 - 9:30 a.m. – First Scuba dive
 - 12:00 p.m. - Lunch and morning debriefing
 - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Afternoon dive (then pack up your gear and head home)

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8. **Arrive home and clean your gear ASAP**(Rental gear must be returned clean and dry)
 - Once you get home, unpack your gear and start by washing your wetsuit, hood and gloves in mild soapy water and rinsing them clean. A bathtub or laundry tub works well for this, or a large Rubbermaid style bin also makes a good cleaning tub out on your driveway or deck along with a garden hose to rinse everything off.
 - When done turn your gloves, hood and wetsuit inside out and hang to dry over night out of any rain. Outside in a safe location is ok as is a basement, garage or even your shower. Next day reverse them to finish air drying (fans in a room also can help).
 - The rest of your gear simply needs to be rinsed off and hung to dry. (including the gear bag inside and out as they get a lot of sand in them)
9. **Tuesday Night after the Open Water:** Pack all your dry clean gear back in the bag and return it to Dive Source. (Late returns are \$20 per day and it causes a lot of problems for everyone..so please don't be late)
10. **Getting your Certification Card (C-Card):** Upon completion of your open water your certification will be registered and a temporary card available at the shop in a couple days. Your permanent C-Card will be available for pick-up at the shop in approx 3-4 weeks.

Open Water - General Items and FAQ's:

- **Cancellations and changes:** Please pick the weekend you want carefully. No change may be made to your open water date less than 2 weeks from it. If you cannot make the weekend you booked, no refund will be issued unless we can find someone to take your place.
- **Accommodations:** Not required. If you decide to stay overnight you still need to get your tanks filled and there is NOWHERE to do it in Marmora. You can rent extra tanks if available but supplies are limited.
- **Weather:** Rain is not an issue and only severe weather stops us from diving. If severe weather arrives we will seek shelter for a couple hours to see if it will blow through. If the weather prevents completion of a weekend for a group we will make arrangements for another date to complete what was missed at no charge to you except travel.
- **Rides:** For students needing a ride we will try and help arrange car-pooling, but feel free to check with your classmates.
- **Friends or family:** Those who wish to come along to observe are welcome and this is a lovely picnic area. If they are divers, they cannot dive with you during testing.
- **Staff:** Please listen to and follow the instructions from staff. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask your instructor or a staff member as we want everything to be as clear as possible.
- **Behavior:** Responsible behavior above and below the water is important as we want everyone to have a safe and fun time in an environment that is positive and respectful of others. Actions which are very socially inappropriate or that could endanger the safety of yourself or others will result in the offending person being asked to go home and their ejection from and failure of the class.

OPEN WATER - Equipment Checklist

You are responsible for the safe transport and return of all your equipment. Rental gear is to be returned clean and dry by closing on Tuesday (Gear returned dirty or wet will result in a \$30 cleaning fee – NO EXCEPTIONS).

Scuba Stuff – MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL OF THIS

- Gear Bag
- Bathing Suit and towel
- 7mm Cold water wetsuit, wetsuit boots, hood and gloves
- Mask, Fins – (Strap style), Snorkel
- BCD, Regulator with Gauges, compass and Octopus
- Weight Belt with adequate Weight (approx. 28– 30 lbs)
- 2 scuba Tanks (one per dive)
- Dive Log Book & Dive Tables
- Large heavy duty garbage bags or dry bag** (to keep your dry clothes in while diving – things get very wet at a divesite)

Personal Stuff

- Appropriate Clothing (weather can change quickly and it can be cool after your dive.)
 - Wind breaker/rain wear
 - Warm Wear – Ball cap or toque
 - Shorts and Long Pants
 - Sweat shirt and/or Sweat pants
- Suntan Lotion, Sun Glasses, Bug Spray
- Beach umbrella's or pop up shelters are quite handy.
- Small blue tarp or ground sheet to stand on while changing.
- Any personal items
- Note: There is usually a portopotti at the site.

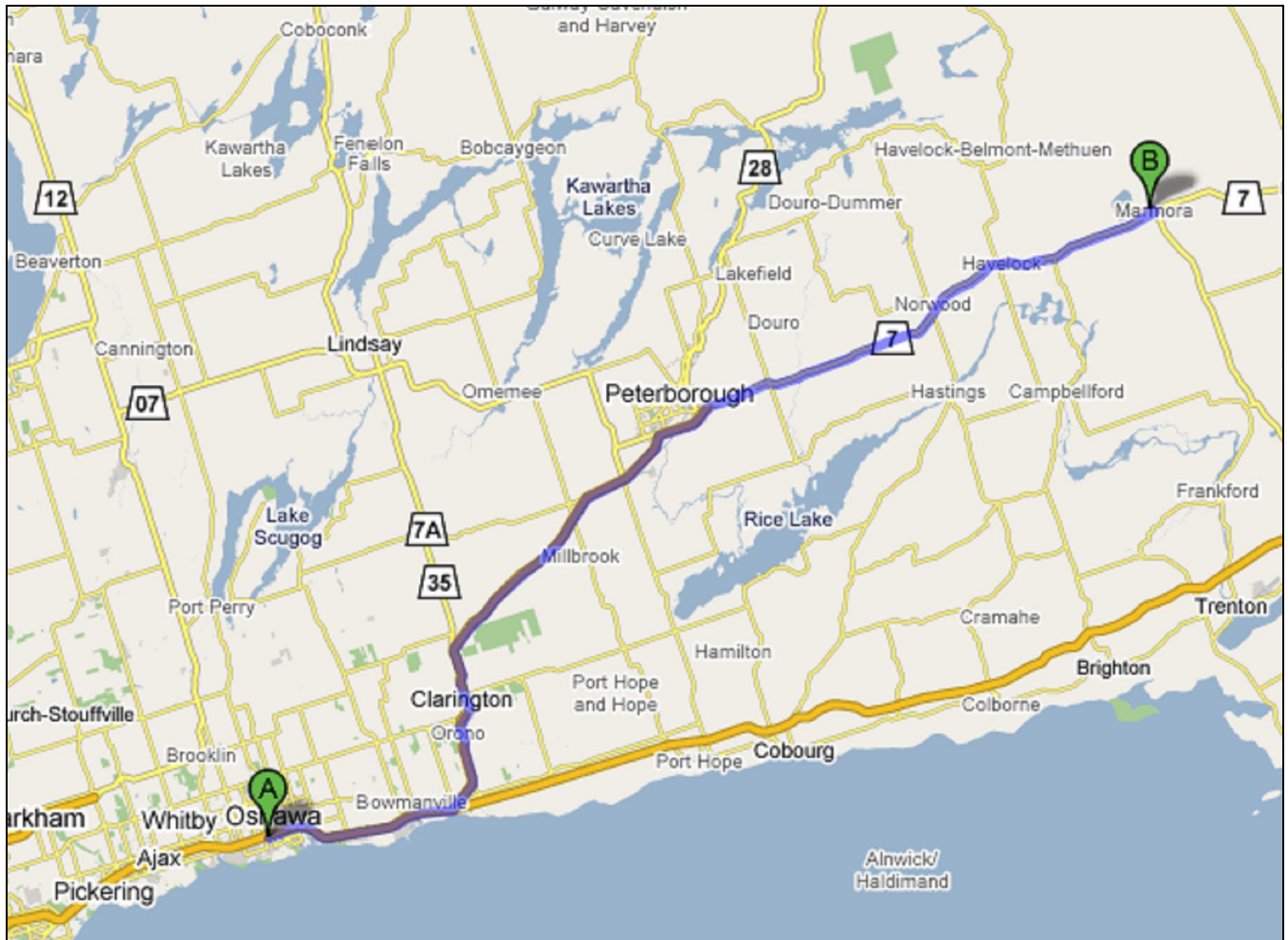
Other:

- Lunch, snacks, water, drinks (NOTE: There is a Subway nearby that offers all Dive Source students 15% off – just tell them you are with us)
- Spending money, wallet, ID etc.
- Camera (if digital please email some pic's to the shop!)
- Other stuff we haven't mentioned but you might want???

Directions to open Water site on the Crowe River in Marmora, ON: From Oshawa take the 401 east to Hwy 115 North. Travel north on Hwy 115 to Hwy 7 east. Travel East from Peterborough 52 km to Marmora.

Just after you cross the river on Hwy 7 turn (left) at the lights and go North on McGill St to Madoc. St. where you turn left and drive down to the River. Madoc will become Mill St./Water St.

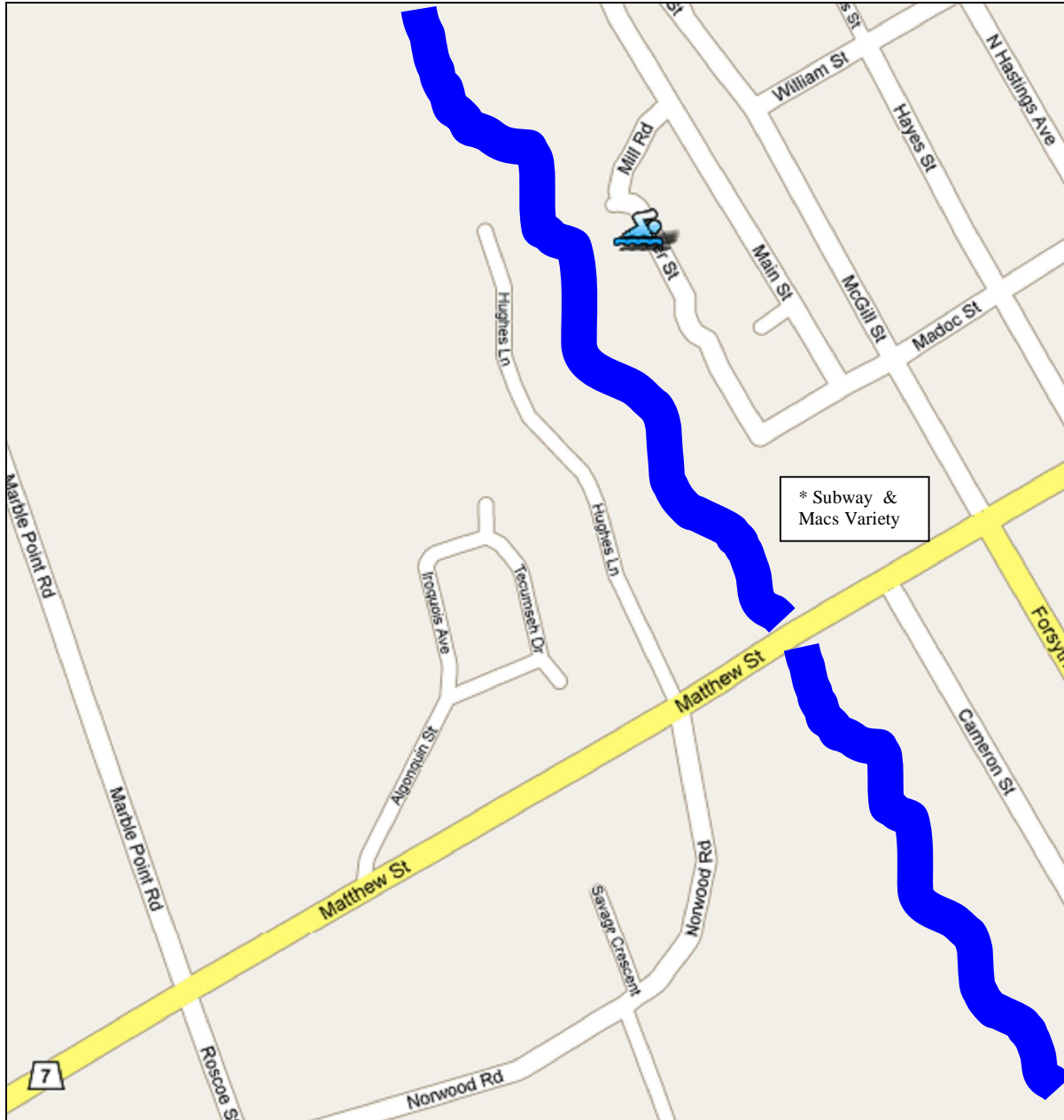
All dives takes place just below the Dam in the Crowe River, near covered sidewalk bridge



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Marmora Detail Map:



ON Sunday after your dives consider going to see the Marmora Iron mine. Simply head east on Hwy 7 for a couple km and look for the sign to the mine which is located on your right on Ambro Rd. It is a huge 500 ft deep abandoned open pit which is quite interesting and worth the 5 minute detour.

- Marmora website: <http://www.marmora.info>
- Marmora Tourism and information center: 1-866-267-0344
- Note: Subway offers all our students 15% off – just say you are with Dive Source.

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