

Valhalla Missile Silo, Abilene, TX

(210) 267-2027

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Contact information:

Stone Oak Scuba

www.stoneoakscuba.com

19141 Stone Oak Pkwy, Suite 403

San Antonio, TX 78258

Tim – tim@stoneoakscuba.com

Cell (210) 663-6778

Info – info@stoneoakscuba.com

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Valhalla Missile Silo, Abilene, TX

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: 911 service available

Cellular phone service available at surface for some networks

Taylor County Volunteer Fire Department & Ambulance Service- Responders for the site.

Taylor County Sheriff 450 Pecan Abilene, TX

(325) 674-1333

Fire / Rescue

ECCA Volunteer Fire Department (325) 572-3987 or 911

349 C.R. 278 Tuscola, TX 79562 <http://www.eccafire.com>

Ambulance

South Taylor EMS (325) 554-9222 or 911

PO Box 68 / 649 Kent St Tuscola, Texas 79562 <http://southtayloremms.com/>

HOSPITALS:

Hendrick Medical Center

1900 Pine Street Abilene, TX 79601

(325) 670-2000

www.hendrickhealth.org

Abilene Regional Medical Center

6250 Highway 83/84 @ Antilley Rd.

Abilene, TX 79606

(325) 695-9900

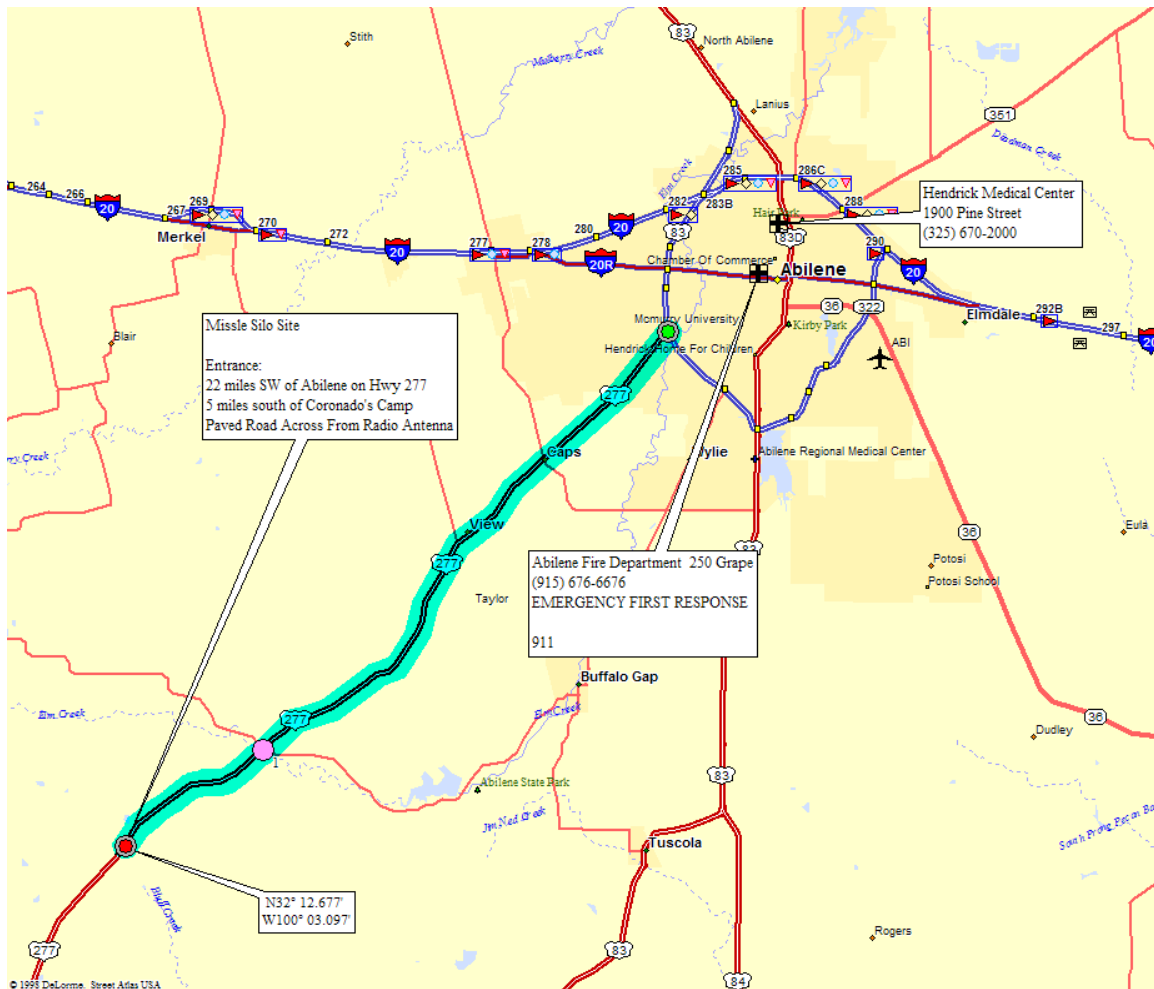
CALL DAN- Divers Alert Network

Diving Emergencies (Remember: Call local EMS first, then DAN!)

1-919-684-8111 1-919-684-4DAN (collect)

1-800-446-2671 (toll-free)

Valhalla Missile Silo, Abilene, TX



Directions to Site:

Southwest of Abilene, TX on HWY 277 (Approx. 22 miles from HWY 83 interchange)
Paved road on left side of HWY 277 opposite red & white radio antenna (on right)
Dive Valhalla is exactly 5 miles South of Coronado's Camp at Hwy 89 on HWY 277.

Toilets and a hot shower are available in the staging/changing area. Toilets and solar shower available on surface for use. Few gas stations and restaurants are available between the Dive Valhalla and Abilene on HWY 277. A wide selection of restaurants and lodging are available in Abilene. Most are located along the loop when you turn right off of HWY 277. Recommended hotels are near the Mall of Abilene for transit convenience.

Pereini Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap (15 minutes) is excellent and well known, but reservations are recommended, especially for larger groups. \$\$\$

Environmental Assessment:

Altitude: 2,450 Feet by GPS

GPS Coordinates: N 32degrees 12.677minutes W 100 degrees 03.097 minutes

Surface Temp.- Avg. annual temp.- 64.5' -hottest avg.- 83.9' -coldest avg. 43.7'

Interior Air Temp.- 68 f. avg. year-round

Water Temp.- 60 f. year-round

Surface to staging/changing level- 40' (2 set of stairs)

Staging/changing level to dive platform- 30' (suspended stairs)

Platform to metal debris- 105'

Metal debris field- 105-130'

(1) Overhead obstruction on side- 30-60' (inertial guidance system)

Down-line from surface to metal debris field @ 100'

Up-Line against west 'wall'

Stage/deco tank with regulator suspended from dock level to 15' for safety stops (only to be used in low air emergency)

Divers with physical considerations/concerns: Be advised equipment will have to be physically transported from the surface to the staging/changing level. Full gear will typically be worn from the staging/changing area to the platform, down the suspended stairway. Divers considering heavier type equipment (i.e. doubles) will want to seriously consider this climb during equipment selection. There are approximately 75 stairs from the surface to the platform. The descent from the staging/changing area is a walk down a suspended (moving) stairway and gangway to the floating platform 30' below.

Suggested Equipment:

Drysuit or heavy (7 or 5/7 mil) wetsuit

Hood

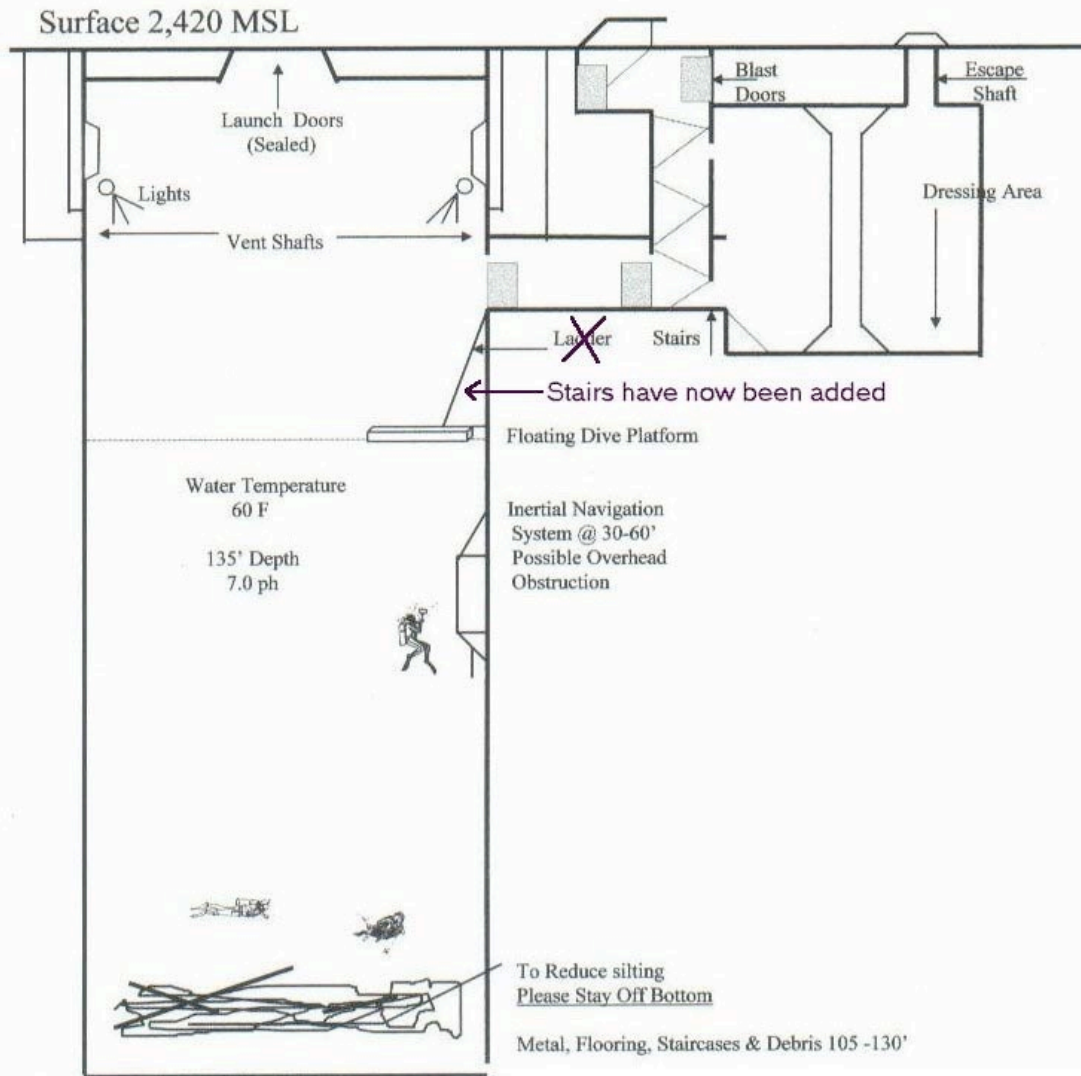
Gloves

Primary & backup lights

Blankets/Thermal Blanket/Extras Towels, Comms - Motorola walkie-talkies - the high frequency type work from the surface all the way down to the platform to save people trips bringing equipment, etc. or communicating with surface personnel in an emergency.

Cell phones now work in the dressing area by way of a cell phone extender wired to the surface. This only works if your provider has service in the area. AT&T works well, some others also work, some have no service whatsoever. Check your coverage area before assuming they work.

There should be adequate electrical outlets for recharging lights, cameras, phones, laptops etc.



Site map provided courtesy of Family Scuba Center.