

DIVING EPICENTER

with Ben & Jen

Snorkel & Dive Trip Planner

Fill it in the night before. A five-minute plan is the difference between a smooth day and a scramble.

1. THE PLAN

Destination / spot: _____ Date: _____
Backup spot (if wind/crowds): _____ Access: Walk-in / Kayak / Boat / Charter
Who's going: _____
Launch / meet time: _____ Target time in water: _____

2. CONDITIONS CHECK (the night before + morning of)

Weather forecast: _____ Air temp: _____
Wind (speed / direction): _____ Water temp: _____
Tide (high / low / time): _____ Visibility outlook: _____
☐ Checked for storms / afternoon thunderstorms (summer)
☐ Checked manatee-season closures (Nov-Mar) if paddling Kings Bay
☐ Confirmed the spot is open and any required certification

3. GEAR LOADED?

☐ Mask (defogged) + snorkel	☐ Fins
☐ Wetsuit / rash guard	☐ Dive flag (if snorkeling from a boat)
☐ Reef-safe sunscreen + hat	☐ Dry bag for phone/keys
☐ Water + snacks	☐ Cash for parking
☐ Camera charged + mounted	☐ First-aid kit

Anything spot-specific: _____

4. SAFETY PLAN

Dive buddy: _____ Buddy signal agreed? _____
Who I told my plan to (name + when back): _____
Nearest hospital / urgent care: _____

☐ Everyone knows the plan: entry, exit, and turn-around point
☐ No breath-hold or freediving in water without an active buddy

5. CONTACTS

Dive shop / charter: _____ Phone: _____
Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency: 911 • U.S. Coast Guard (VHF Ch. 16) • FWC Wildlife Alert: 888-404-3922

6. BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE WATER / HEAD HOME

☐ Everyone accounted for	☐ Gear rinsed / packed
☐ Trash packed out (leave no trace)	☐ Catch iced (scallops/fish)
☐ Camera footage backed up	☐ Restock what you used

Print one per trip, or keep a stack in your gear bag. The best days on the water start with a plan the night before.

See you at the next spot.

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