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2018 Florida Springs
Restoration Summit

Cave Diving and Support for Springs Protection

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North Florida Cave Diving Amigo's Dive Center Data

- 7,000 customers from all U.S. states and 90 foreign countries
- 500 to 600 new customers per year
- Foreign visitors - #1 Canada, #2 Russia
- Estimate \$7,000 per trip for foreign visitors

Clean and Healthy Springs

Recruit divers to pick up trash in the local rivers

- **2016 - 35 river trips; 337 hours; 1,758 pounds**
- **2017 – 75 river trips; 737 hours; 6,473 pounds**
- **2018 – 43 river trips; 318 hours; 3,661 pounds**

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An underwater photograph of a cave system. The scene is dimly lit with blue and green light filtering through the water. Large, dark rock formations and stalactites are visible. In the lower left, a diver is seen swimming away from the camera. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and adventurous.

North Florida is an International Cave Diving Destination

**Cave divers are both a critical group
needing education of springs issues as
well as a highly qualified and motivated
group of springs protection advocates**

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An Aquatic Wonderland



Ichetucknee River
Jenny Adler photo