

# **VISITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS for the national monument “MORSKÉ OKO” at the open-air swimming pool in Tornaľa**

**Operator: THE TOWN OF TORNAĽA**

In accordance with the Decree of the Regional Office of Environmental Coordination in Banská Bystrica No. 4/2011 dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 about the Visitor Regulations of the national monument “Morské oko“ published in the Government Journal of the Slovak Republic, volume 21, issue no. 3, issued 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the following Visitor Policies have been issued by the Town of Tornaľa

## **Section 1 Cave admission**

1. Peak season admission (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August): once every 21 days, up to 4 people per admission.
2. Off-season admission (1<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> June): twice a week, up to 10 people per admission.
3. The cave tour is carried out from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. off-season (1<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> June) and from 9.00 to 20.00 during peak season (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August).
4. Interest to enter the cave shall be announced 7 days in advance at the administration office of the open-air swimming pool in Tornaľa Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.  
Contact person: Eva Szepesiová or Irena Javošová  
Address: Urban Services Tornaľa  
Mierová 14, 982 01 Tornaľa  
Tel. no.: 0918 436 671 / 0917 880 409  
E-mail: [mestske.sluzby@mestotornala.sk](mailto:mestske.sluzby@mestotornala.sk)
5. The cave is open all year.
6. Cave admissions (dives) are charged at 10 Euros / dive / person.

## **Section 2 Dive requests**

1. Dives shall be carried out in accordance with the General Binding Rules on performing diving activities in the water area of “Morské oko“ at the open-air swimming pool in Tornaľa.
2. Prior to cave admission (dive) the visitor shall sign a written affirmation and declare, that he/she is of good health both physically and mentally. The dive shall be carried out on one's own responsibility. A declaration of consent with the conditions shall be agreed upon. They are listed in the General Binding Rules on performing diving activities in the water area of “Morské oko“ at the open-air swimming pool in Tornaľa. The visitor further declares having a diving qualification that entitles him/her for diving, is informed on binding conditions for diving activity and with operational rules and regulations.

3. Dives shall be carried out solely with a guide through a marked route (at least 3 metres from the cave wall), whilst the visitors are obliged to follow the guide's instructions.
4. Dive duration is 25 minutes provided that air is used as a respiratory medium, whilst it is necessary to keep all the decompression stops listed in actual tables or given by diving meters or other meters – computers.
5. Provided that other respiratory mixtures are used it is necessary to have a permission for using such mixtures and follow decompression procedures for such mixtures.
6. Every group of divers shall use the same respiratory medium whilst carrying out a dive. Should this not be possible, all divers in the group are obliged to follow the guide's – diver in charge's – instructions, who shall determine the group's duration of the dive based on the respiratory mix that allows sufficient time for a dive.
7. It shall be necessary to keep diving depths and durations, so that each dive is carried out with a security decompression stop.
8. The guide's – diver in charge's – decision on ending the groups' dive prior to the stated time has a priority over all other decisions.

### **Section 3** **Surface (outside) visits**

1. Visits of the educational site “Morské oko Tornaľa” on the surface (on the pier over the lake) are provided for individuals during peak season (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August) daily from 11.00 a. m., 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. or at other times as agreed upon.
2. The visit fee during peak season is included in the price of the ticket for the open-air swimming pool.
3. Visits outside these hours are to be announced at the address provided in Secion 1, paragraph 4.
4. The off-peak visit fee is 1 Euro/person.

In Tornaľa, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Mgr. Anna Szögédi  
City Mayor