



# 40 Fathom Grotto Visitor Policies

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By signing the 40 Fathom Grotto Guide Agreement, Guides agree to adhere to the most current Grotto policies and procedures, as posted on the [40FathomGrotto.com](http://40FathomGrotto.com) website.

Violation of any of these rules by guides or their guests may result in eviction from the property and/or revocation of guide privileges.

You will find the most up-to-date version of this document on the [40FathomGrotto.com](http://40FathomGrotto.com) website.

## Diving Rules

- Guides are responsible for ensuring that their students and guests adhere to all 40 Fathom Grotto policies and procedures.
- Divers are to be under the direct supervision of a qualified 40 Fathom Grotto Guide at all times. Any time a diver is in the water, his or her guide is to be in the water and in direct visual contact with the diver, controlling and supervising all activities. *This precludes any type of solo diving, even by Guides.*
- Guides are responsible for ensuring that the divers they supervise remain within the depth limitations imposed by divers' level of certification and/or the teaching standards for any courses they are taking, as defined by the sanctioning certification agency.
- In-water activities are to be limited to Guide-supervised scuba, rebreather and/or surface-supplied diving or diver training, or breath-hold diver training. Due to the Grotto's depths, there is no swimming or unsupervised free diving allowed.
- At no time is any diver at the Grotto to penetrate a natural overhead environment beyond direct sight of daylight. This precludes any form of overhead environment diving before sunrise or after sunset.
- **Important:** *Under no circumstances will any defacing, removal or damage to sea biscuits, sand dollars or any other fossil, rock or natural formation be tolerated.*

## Other Rules

- Minors are to be under adult supervision at all times.
- There is a property-wide speed limit of five miles per hour.
- Fires are allowed only in designated grills or fire pits.
- Smoking is not allowed on the docks at any time, and is limited topside to areas in which non-smokers will not be subjected to secondhand smoke.
- Alcohol consumption is not allowed during normal business hours. Use of profanity or other offensive behavior (as determined by the Grotto management) is prohibited at all times.
- Firearms, fireworks and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Damage to or defacing of any Grotto property, including grass, trees or plants, is prohibited.
- Common household pets are not allowed. Alligators must be on a leash at all times.