

## **Betreff: [divingaccidents] Devil's Eye / Ginnie Springs**

**Posted on 3/11/08 by Ken Hill on Cave Diver's Forum:**

This is an IUCRR notification to the cave diving community that yesterday. At about 1230 noon, a diver entered the water in Devils System, Ginnie Springs. Later that day Ginnie staffers learned the dive was for the purpose of exploration beyond the Hinkel restriction. The IUCRR learned that the diver was configured in a rebreather with sufficient scrubber to last 10 hours and also a side mount/no mount rig for the effort needed to make a passage through a suspected new lead.

The staff of Ginnie Springs reported the event to the IUCRR at 2130 hours yesterday. They also reported a degradation of visibility within the system making recreational diving unsafe. A preliminary inspection dive revealed that the visibility issue was caused by the attempted exploration and at that time the diver discovered a fatality at about 3300 or more feet in the system.

AT 0900 today an IUCRR recovery team extricated the body and later teams removed the individuals gear and paraphernalia used. Reports of the divers identity are being withheld at this time. The IUCRR extends condolences to the family. I would like to thanks Rose and Mark Meadows for their assistance, Lamar Hires the IUCRR Training Director and Jerry Murphy for their assistance in returning the body to the surface. The effort was enhanced by many others who gave surface support and diving assistance in this recovery.

As per IUCRR policy, a full report is being prepared for the Gilchrist County authorities for their evaluation and review. Once their review is concluded it will be released it to the cave diving community.

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Mr. Mark Fyvie, of Switzerland, has a detailed website of his accomplishments, including diving. He went from Full Cave in Nov 2005 to IANTD Cave Instructor by Nov, 2007. First Megaladon CCR Dive was in April 2007.

[http://www.fyvie.net/diving\\_news.html](http://www.fyvie.net/diving_news.html)

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Aus der lokalen Presse:

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A man, visiting the United States from Switzerland, died Monday when he apparently drowned while cave diving in Gilchrist County.

The body of Mark Fyvie was found about 3,800 feet into a cave system at Ginnie Springs, the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office reported.

Fyvie had been alone when he started his dive at about noon Monday into the cave system at an opening called the Devil's Eye.

Another diver began searching for Fyvie after he had failed to return by about 9 p.m., according to the Sheriff's Office. About one hour and a half later, Fyvie's body was discovered.

The man's body was not removed from the caves until Tuesday due to darkness and safety concerns for recovery team, the Sheriff's Office reported.

Fyvie had been using a diving system that would have allowed a diver to remain underwater for a longer period of time than usual, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Fyvie's death remained under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Wednesday.

The cave system is a popular area for divers. Called the Devil's Spring system, it houses three separate springs that produce about 80 million gallons of water daily, according to a Web site about Ginnie Springs. The Devil's Eye is a round opening about 20 feet across that serves as the entrance to a cavern.

In 2005, a 20-year-old University of North Florida student died in an underwater cave at the park after he apparently went free diving by himself.