

COTEAU CREEK
LAKE DIEFENBAKER

(Elevation)

(GPS Coordinates)

Coteau Creek Spill Way. Its coordinates are 51.2641° or 51° 15' 50.7" north -106.884° or 106° 53' 2.3" west.

Coteau Creek (Coteau Creek) is a stream (class H - Hydrographic) in (Saskatchewan), Canada (North America) with the region font code of Americas/Western Europe.

General: Danielson Provincial Park near Elbow Saskatchewan in Coteau Creek.

Phones: Pay phone located at the tourist center parking lot 1.5 kms away.

Services and Amenities: Camping available at Danielson Provincial Park. Full service marina located in Elbow at Elbow Harbor approximately 25 kms south Elbow is a small town with services and stores including gas and oil. Washrooms and change rooms at Danielson Park.

Air Fills: The Diving Center in Saskatoon.

Emergency:

DAN Emergency:

Nearest Recompression Chamber:

Directions to Dive Site: Danielson Provincial Park is approximately 18 kms north of Elbow on highway 19, and 15 kms west on highway 44. Accessible only by car as there are no facilities for boats. To get to the site you must take an access road staying on the west side of the power station and to the east of the spillway. The turnoff to this road is at the top of the dam near the tourist center.

Diver Experience Level:

Entry and Exit Points: Located just to the north of Gardiner Dam on Lake Diefenbaker. The creek is part of the outflow of the dam's power station. This is a fast-current drift dive and fluctuates with outflow.

Underwater Information:

- **Depths** Depth is approximately 2 meters with the deepest spot being 8 meters.
- **Hazards** Fast moving water with strong currents being created by the outflow of the power stations turbines. Due to the fast-moving water this dive is for experienced divers only. Due to changes at the power station the water level in the creek can fluctuate as much as 5 feet in as little as 10 minutes. Being that the objective of this dive is to ride the current, the diver should be aware of where to enter and exit the creek safely.
- **Visibility** Spring 15 feet. Summer 10 feet. Fall and winter 20-25 feet.
- **Water Temperature**
- **Bottom Contour**
- **Bottom Composition** Hard clay and very smooth due to the fast-moving water. In the middle towards shore the bottom becomes soft clay.
- **Currents**
- **Vegetation**
- **Marine Life**
- **Underwater Attractions**

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- **Comments** This site is not a sight seeing tour. It is a fast, thrilling ride comparable to a roller coaster ride. You cross the creek to the fast-moving water where your ride begins. You seem to fly down the creek with the current until the current breaks and then you can coast back to your starting point on the returning current. If the power station is shut down, this site makes for a good night dive to see fish. This is an adventure dive that requires quick thinking and good skills, it is comparable to a black diamond trail in skiing.

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