The WKPP is a non-profit affiliate of Global Underwater Explorers (GUE). The mission of the WKPP is to explore, survey, connect and protect the flooded underwater cave systems of North Florida’s Woodville Karst Plain. To this end, the WKPP promotes public awareness, education and scientific discovery through exploration and research support within these flooded underground cave systems. Through partnerships with state, federal and private landowners, the WKPP is uniquely positioned to facilitate scientific research and the gathering of valuable data. In turn, researchers, resource managers, policy makers and landowners can formulate necessary and responsible land use decisions to protect these unique and treasured resources for future generations.

**Project Highlights**

- **Officially Established:** 1990
- **17 years as an official project, 22 years total**
- **Total # current, volunteer team members:** 75
- **Total # volunteer team members since 1990:** 500

**Investment—ALL Volunteer**

- 300+ scheduled diving events and 300,000+ hours since 1990
- Amount of equipment moved per event: 15,000lbs
- Longest exploration dive exposure: 26.5 hours
- Average exploration dive exposure: 15 hours
- Direct expenses per event: est. $10,000
- Total direct expenses since 1990: est. $3 million
- Equipment cost per exploration diver: est. $85,000
- Equipment cost (total team): est. $1.5 million

**Turner Sink to Wakulla Springs Traverse**

- Water conditions permitting and barring any unforeseen logistical issues, the WKPP exploration team of Jarrod Jablonski and Casey McKinlay will enter Turner Sink on December 15 and travel approximately 7 miles downstream and underground to Wakulla Springs. The journey will take approximately 7 hours followed by 12 hours of decompression due to the extreme depths (300ft) of the cave passageway. No exit to the surface is possible along the way.

**Dive Plan Overview**

- **Friday, Dec. 14:** Decompression setup—Support teams at Wakulla Springs & Turner Sink position decompression tanks and equipment for all dive teams.

- **Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 7am:** Wakulla Springs setup—Dive team from Wakulla Springs will stage equipment 1 mile into Wakulla Springs for pickup by traverse team on final leg of trip—10hr dive.

- **Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 1pm:** Traverse team will depart Turner Sink for 7 hour journey to Wakulla Springs once delivery of Wakulla equipment confirmed. Exploration along the way may be possible.

**Equipment:**

- Halcyon RB80 Rebreather—12 hour range
- DPV—5 for each diver—3 mile range each
- Tanks—5 for each diver—1.5hr range each

**Plan:**

- Depart Turner Sink at 1pm
- @7,000ft downstream switch tanks & DPV—3pm
- @13,000ft downstream switch DPV—4pm
- **Abort no longer possible, committed to Wakulla**
- @19,000ft downstream switch tanks & DPV—5pm
- @25,000ft downstream switch tanks & DPV—6pm
- @30,000ft downstream pickup staged equipment, switch DPV and complete final 1 mile journey to Wakulla—7pm
- Arrive Wakulla Springs and begin decompression—8pm

- Surface Sunday, Dec. 16—8am

**WKPP Cave Diving Records**

- World Record—longest traverse between two openings into a flooded cave system—Big Dismal Sink to Cheryl Sink Traverse 1999—13,000ft
- World Record—longest penetration into a flooded cave system—23,810 ft. Wakulla Springs, June 23, 2007
- World Record—longest penetration into a flooded cave system—20,100 ft. Wakulla Springs, May 19, 2006
- World Record—longest penetration into a flooded cave system—19,000ft. Wakulla Springs, July, 2000.

**Wakulla-Leon Sinks Cave System**

- Ranks #1 in the US—longest underwater cave system
- Ranks #4 in the world—longest underwater cave system
- Ranks #64 in the world—longest cave system wet or dry

More information about the WKPP can be found at:

- www.gue.com
- www.wkpp.org