

Directions to Martha's Quarry

From Nashville take I-40 East toward Lebanon, TN.

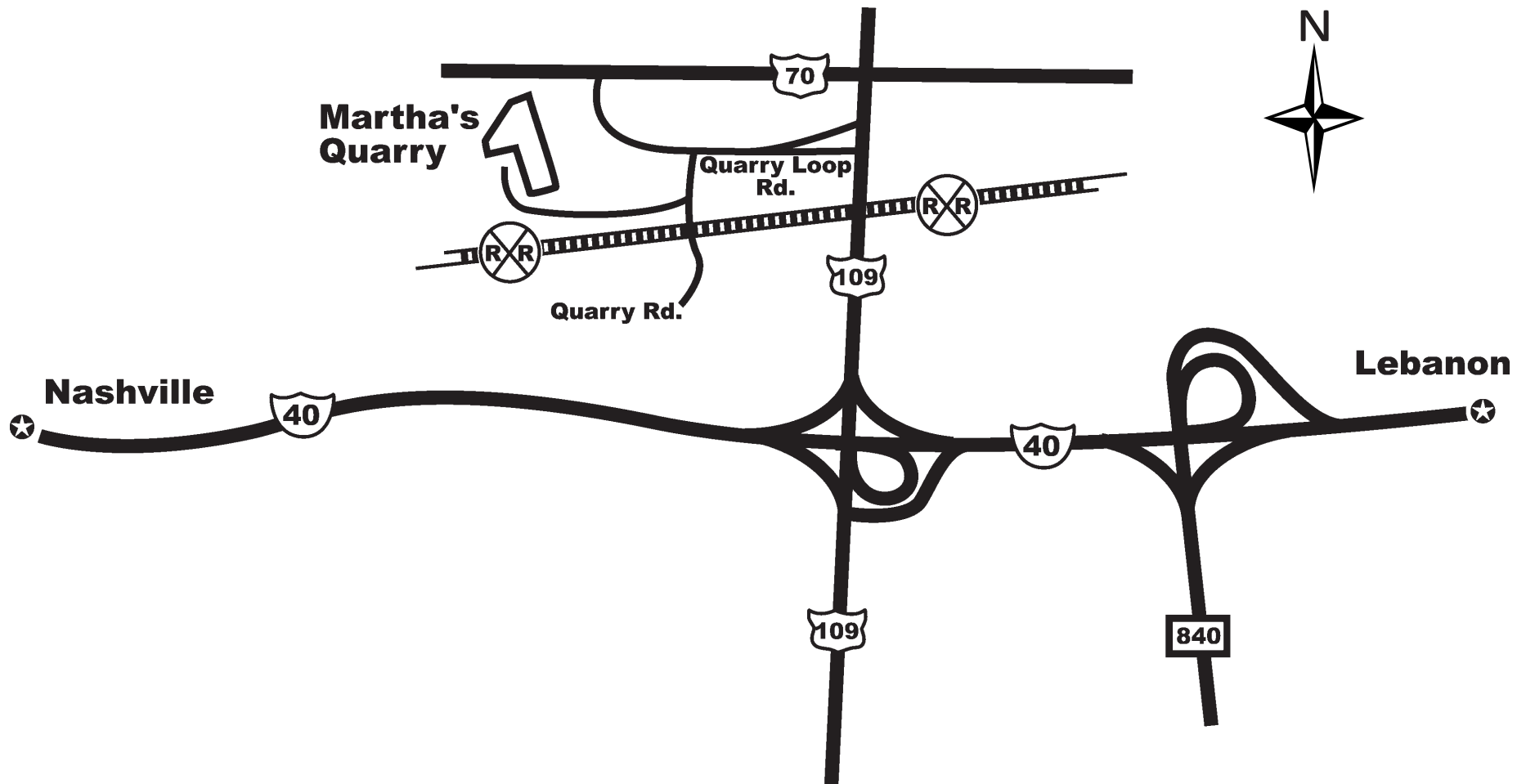
Take Exit 232-B Gallatin for Hwy. 109 North.

Follow Hwy. 109 North for approx. 4 miles. You will cross a set of railroad tracks. At 0.1 mile past the railroad tracks, turn left onto Quarry Loop Rd.

Follow Quarry Loop Rd. for approx. 0.5 mile and take a left onto Quarry Rd.

Follow Quarry Rd. for approx. 0.5 - 0.75 mile. At the curve there is a gravel road on the right with a gated entrance. Turn right onto the gravel road, and proceed to the white bus/air fill station for check-in to the quarry.

For more information please contact Sea Lovers Scuba at (615) 860-9390.



Underwater Forest

The U/W forest is one of the best dives around. You can easily navigate the wall swimming through a forest of standing hardwood trees. Rocks slope away from the wall and down forming a grass covered bank that is just loaded with fish who enjoy the safety and cover of the numerous trees. Average depth is 20' to 25'. If your airtime permits you can keep on swimming around to the second forest near the southwest corner of Martha's. Here the fish, turtles, etc. are even more numerous due to the lack of traffic.

Rock Crusher House

The Rock Crusher house is one of the most popular sites in the quarry. It is a four-story structure. The roof begins at approx. 8' and the very bottom is around 48 to 50'. The Rock Crusher and most of the huge gears and equipment are still inside and intact. This is a very accessible dive and makes a great site for Overhead Environment / Wreck dive training. Not to mention it is a lot of fun to swim down the many stairwells!

Shaker House

At the bottom of the **Crusher House** you will find a conveyor system that leads upward to the top of the Shaker house. Here the roof is approx. 16' deep. The Shaker House is a three-story structure with the bottom being around 48'. This is a favorite hangout for the local catfish and if you are lucky you may even get to see 'Miss Kitty'. The resident giant of a catfish that weighs in around 65 lbs.!!

Coach Bus

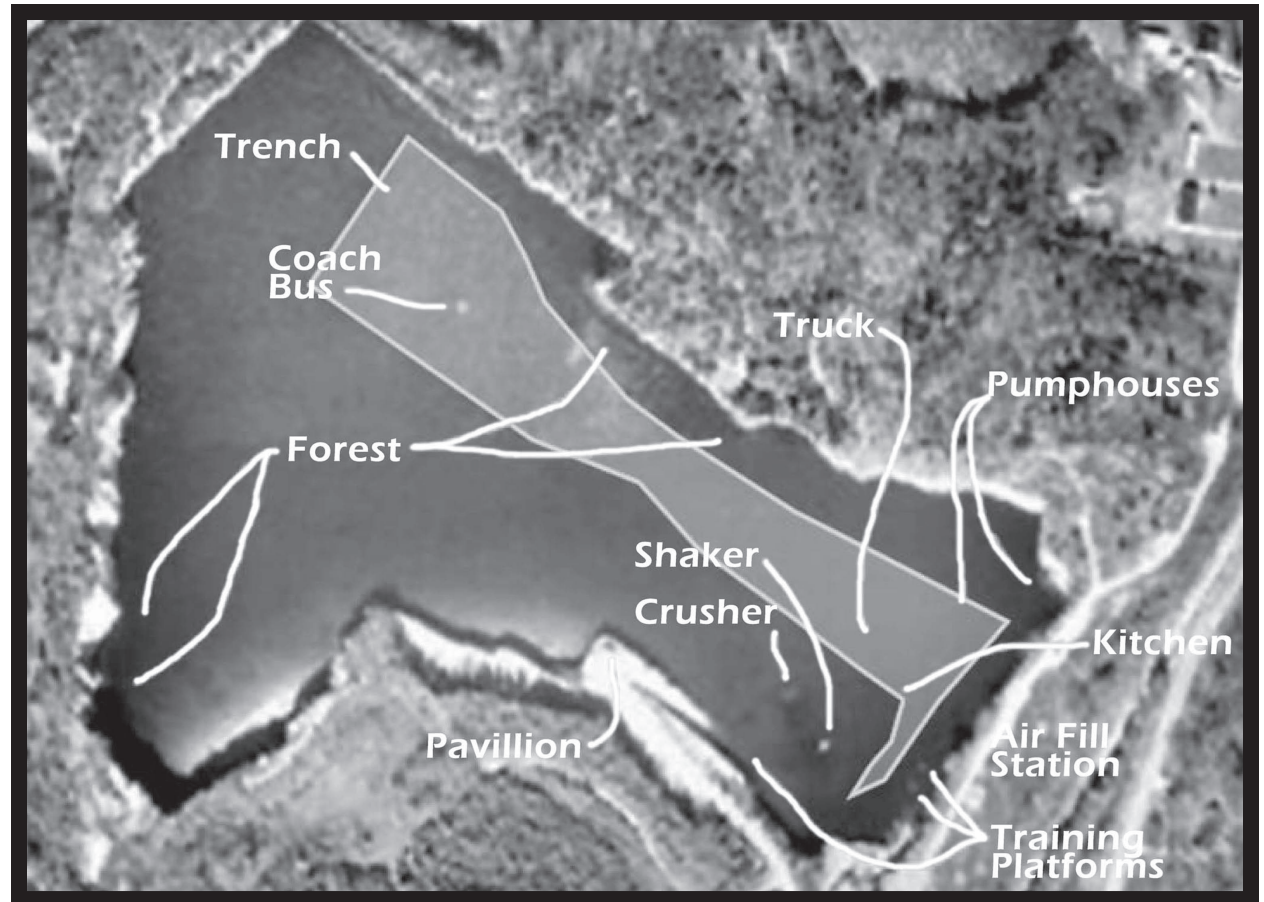
Don't expect to descend the line of the platform moored to the bus and see a small school bus. Yes, it is a full size coach bus! And with all the windows and seats removed it makes a pretty cool swim through (*also mean cool in a literal sense*). The bus sits in 55' of water so don't forget the hood because the temp down there averages 50° F (10 C) year around.

Pickup Truck

The location of the pickup truck is variable. Due to the fact that it is a favorite object to be used during Advanced Search and Recovery training. So just ask the Divemaster its current location so you can view the many painted slogans on the truck (*i.e., Divers do it etc.*)

Training Platforms

These training platforms make great places to practice your skills or perform them during a training dive, due to the fact that they are conveniently



located out of the main stream of traffic. There is also a floating dock nearby to practice your giant-stride or back-roll entries. Platform depth is approx. 16'.

Pump houses 1 & 2

The pump houses are part of the endless effort to keep Martha's Quarry from being a dive site when it was still in operation. Needless to say they lost. However, now they make two great dive sites. Pump house one is home to some rather large bass. Pump house number two is tucked within a small cove in the far southeast corner of the trench (one of the deeper places of the trench average 58' to 60'.

Bluegill Garden

Bluegill Garden is located just east of the Crusher and Shaker house at the beginning of the rock ridge. This is an excellent place to take a first tour during an

open-water training dive. This shallow ridge at about 15' is covered with grass swarming with juvenile bluegill and bass who are chasing them.

Underwater Kitchen

The U/W kitchen is an arrangement of Kitchen appliances at 45'. Washer, dryer, refrigerator, deep-freezer (no pun intended), television, stove, and chairs. Everything your average underwater kitchen would require. BTW: If you take a heading due North from the freezer you will run right into the **pickup truck**.

The Trench

Average depth of the trench is in the fifties. A good dive can be naturally navigated along the top of the trench wall that averages 20' - 25' or along the bottom of the trench as well. Depending on how much neoprene you feel like putting on.