

WELCOME

Established in 1973 through the efforts of the Florida Trail Riders and the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, the Croom Motorcycle Area or CMA, is dedicated to the needs of off-highway motorcycle (OHM) and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riders.

OHM/ATV users will find miles of trails, from easy to challenging, within the area's 2,600 acres. Know the rules that govern the use of the area. Only by becoming a responsible rider can you ensure your continued use of this forest treasure.

WARNING

CMA is natural terrain ranging from hardwood hammocks and tight scrubs to numerous pits left from historic mining operations. Unforeseen hazards exist. Conditions are subject to constant change. Operating OHM/ATVs in such terrain is inherently dangerous. Ride safely and follow all rules to reduce the risk to yourself and others.

FEES AND PERMITS

A permit is required for each OHM/ATV using CMA. Annual permits are valid from July 1st-June 30th with no refunds. Single Day Use permits are also available. Fees are posted at the entrance gate and are pro-rated in January. Payment is accepted in U.S. funds by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard at the CMA gatehouse.

Permits must be visibly displayed and permanently attached to the left front area of each OHM/ATV. Non-permitted OHM/ATVs will not be allowed entry into CMA and persons operating OHM/ATVs without a permit will be subject to expulsion and/or fine. Permits are issued for ATVs (including small side by sides meeting width/weight restrictions) and two-wheeled cycles (including dual sports). No mopeds, golf carts, go carts, dune buggies, rail buggies or other street legal vehicles.

After July 1, 2002, all newly purchased off-highway vehicles (OHV), are required to be titled through the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. OHVs purchased in states not requiring titling are not required to be titled in Florida (T. Mark Schmidt Off-Highway Vehicle Safety & Recreation Act).

CMA RULES

Everyone must enter CMA main gate located west of I-75 and north of SR 50 on La Rose Road. All unlicensed, non-street legal vehicles must be trailered or hauled in and out of CMA. All OHM/ATVs must remain within CMA boundary fencing as shown on CMA map.

- Day Use Areas are open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All riders are expected to exit the front gate no later than 5:00 pm. **Gate closes PROMPTLY at 5:00 pm.**
- Park only in designated areas. Do not leave trash on trails. Pack out trash/refuse.
- Off-road use within CMA is restricted to OHM/ATVs which are 55 inches or less in width and having a dry weight of 1500 pounds or less.
- All other street legal vehicles must remain on designated roads and are not allowed on trails.
- OHM/ATV operators under age 16 are required to have direct adult (18 or older) supervision in all areas, at all times, including while in the campground.
- The inexperienced riding areas are for children 12 and under and requires adult supervision at all times. Experienced riders, youth or adult, are not permitted to ride in this area.
- No double riding on OHMs, no exceptions. No double riding on ATVs unless unit was designed by the manufacturer for use by more than one rider.
- All riders must wear D.O.T. approved protective headgear designed for OHM/ATVs. All riders under age 16 must also wear eye protection and over ankle boots.
- All OHM/ATVs are required to have spark arresters and mufflers in accordance with Florida Highway Patrol Handbook.
- All riders are required to obey all traffic and information signs.
- All group activities require a Special Use Permit, obtained a minimum of two weeks in advance. Special Event requests must be made sixty days in advance. All groups and event coordinators using CMA are required to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Visitor Center.
- Florida Forest Service is not responsible for articles lost, damaged or stolen.

In case of emergency call 911, our 24-hour Dispatch Office at 352-797-4100 or CMA Gate House at 352-797-5759

ATV DEFINITION

Any motorized off-highway or all-terrain vehicle:

- 55 inches or less in width
- Having a dry weight of 1500 pounds or less
- Designed to travel on 3 or more non-highway tires
- Manufactured for recreational use by ≥ 1 persons

CAMPGROUND INFO AND RULES

There are 51 spacious campsites with water and 30/50 AMP electric hookup and 2 bath houses. Trails and the amphitheater are accessible from the campground.

- All campers must check-in on 1st day of reservation by 5:00 pm to receive gate combination.
- Check in at 3:00 pm and check out at 1:00 pm.
- OHM/ATVs may be ridden from the campground to riding areas in low gear at walking speed. They are not allowed on main roads outside of the campground.
- No riding after dark. This includes riding to the bathhouses or in the campground.
- Campfires only permitted in grills or designated sites.
- Firewood on forest floor may be picked up by hand (not trailered) and used in campground. Use of chain-saws (gas, electric or battery) is prohibited.
- Protect our trees as they provide beneficial shade. Do not cut, scar or mutilate them. Do not drive nails into or hang anything from trees. Use of tree straps is allowed.
- All garbage must be disposed of in trash houses.
- Alcohol and pets are prohibited within the campground and CMA.
- Sites 6 through 51 may be reserved by calling Reserve America at 877-879-3859 or by going on-line at:

<http://FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com>

WALK UP (Sites 1-5 ONLY)

- Walk up sites may be reserved upon arrival at gate house.
- Payment must be made at time of check in at gate house.
- Fee envelope stub must be placed on the dash to show proof of payment.

CROOM MOTORCYCLE AREA BUTTGENBACH MINE CAMPGROUND

Withlacoochee State Forest



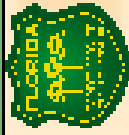
State Road 50 & Interstate 75
6420 La Rose Road
Brooksville, Florida 34602
Gatehouse Phone: (352) 797-5759

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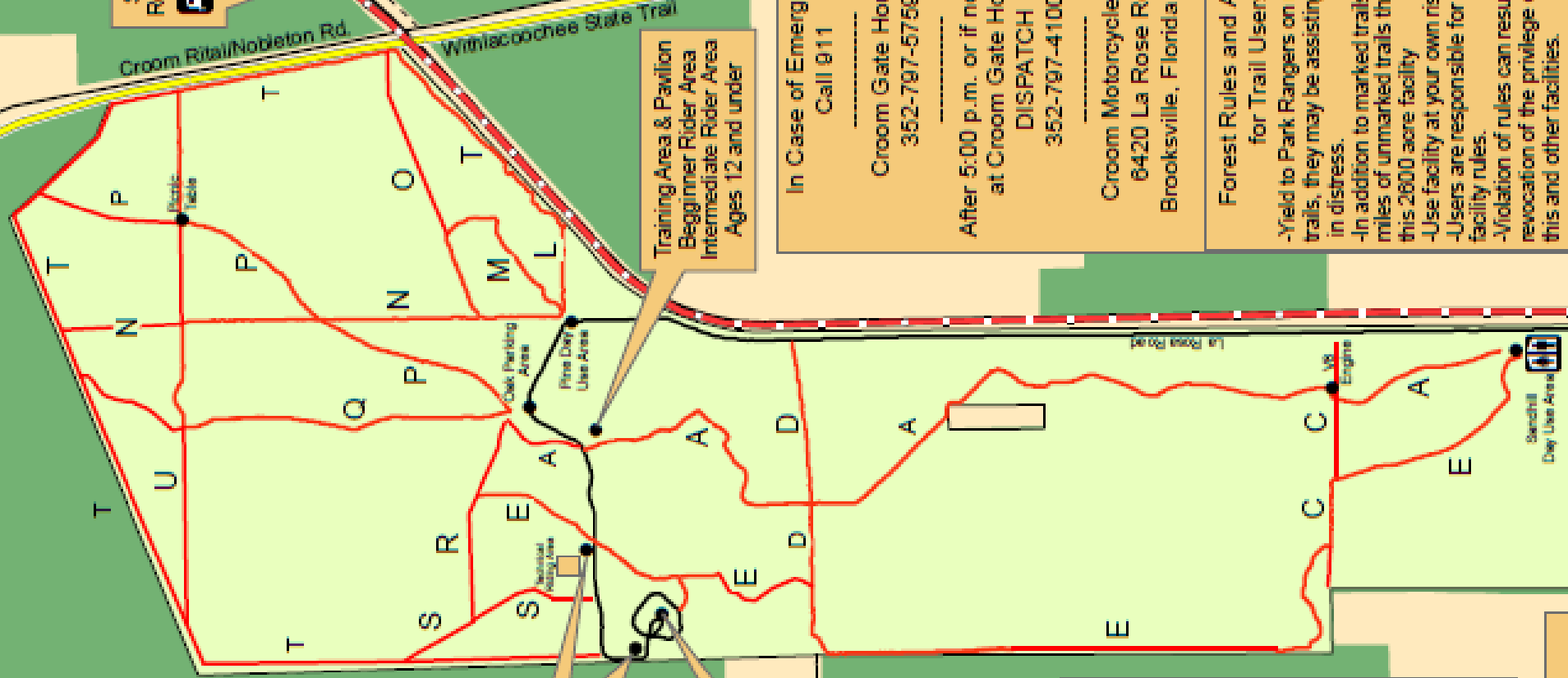
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Croom Motorcycle Area

Silver Lake Rec. Complex



Hammock Day Use Area

Campers Only Youth Riding Area Ages 12 and under

Buttgenbach Mine Campground

Training Area & Pavilion
Beginner Rider Area
Intermediate Rider Area
Ages 12 and under

In Case of Emergency
Call 911

Croom Gate House
352-797-5759

After 5:00 p.m. or if no answer
at Croom Gate House:
DISPATCH
352-797-4100

Croom Motorcycle Area
6420 La Rose Road
Brooksville, Florida 34802

Forest Rules and Advice for Trail Users

- Yield to Park Rangers on marked trails, they may be assisting riders in distress.
- In addition to marked trails, there are miles of unmarked trails throughout this 2600 acre facility
- Use facility at your own risk.
- Users are responsible for following facility rules.
- Violation of rules can result in the revocation of the privilege of using this and other facilities.

DISCLAIMER
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- Restrooms
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Camping Information

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