

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 scrub 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.

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The Friends of Florida State Forests is a direct-support organization of the Florida Forest Service dedicated to ensuring Florida's State Forests are available for future generations to enjoy. Make a difference by joining today to help protect Florida's State Forests.

Membership dues go to the forests for conservation and improvement projects. To join Friends of Florida State Forests or for more information, visit:

www.FloridaStateForests.org



Things to Know When Visiting Croom Motorcycle Area

- Everyone must enter CMA main gate located west of I-75 and north of SR 50 on La Rose Road. All OHV users and equipment must stop at the CMA gatehouse for access to the OHV riding areas. 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 require adult supervision at all times. Experienced riders, youth or adult, are not permitted to ride in these areas.
- 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.

For more information, visit:

www.FDACS.gov/OHV

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Withlacoochee State Forest Croom Motorcycle Area



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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 pro-rated in January. Day Use, Technical Riding Area (TRA) Passes, and Annual OHV Permits are purchased online at the FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com webstore.

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, or rail buggies allowed in the facility and other than dual sports, no street legal vehicles allowed on trails.

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).

For an additional fee, a Day Pass may be purchased for the Technical Riding Area (TRA). It is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday weather permitting, 9-12 and 1-4.

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 or more persons

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



ATV rider along a trail



Rider at the Technical Riding Area



Dirt bike rider at the Sandhill Day Use Area

**For more information contact:
Croom Motorcycle Area
6420 LaRose Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602
Phone (352) 797-5759 or (352) 797-4140
www.FDACS.gov/OHV**

Campground Info

Buttgenbach Mine Campground within the Croom Motorcycle Area has 50 spacious campsites with water, 30/50 AMP electric hookup, and 2 bath houses. OHV trails are accessible from the campground.

All campers must check-in on 1st day of reservation by 5:00 pm to receive gate combination.

All campers must purchase an Annual OHV Permit for all units entering this facility when camping.

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 are only permitted in grills or designated sites. Firewood on the forest floor may be picked up by hand and used in campground (not trailered). Use of chainsaws (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 bagged, tied and disposed of in waste containers.

Alcohol and pets are prohibited within the campground and CMA.

CAMPSITES

To make a reservation, please visit FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com or call (877) 879-3859.

Payment must be made at time of or prior to check in at gate house.