

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 many 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 and 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 throughout the year. Payment is accepted in U.S. funds by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard at the CMA gatehouse.

The permit 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 and two-wheeled cycles (excluding tractors and mopeds).

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 registered to out-of-state residents are not required to be titled in Florida (T. Mark Schmidt Off-Highway Vehicle Safety & Recreation Act).

CMA RULES

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

- Day use areas are open from 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.

- Off-road use within CMA is restricted to OHM/ATVs. All other vehicles must remain on designated roads. Vehicles that do not meet the definition for OHM/ATVs are prohibited in CMA. These include go-carts, golf carts, dune buggies, mopeds, ATV-style vehicles with car-style seats and any 4-wheel-drive type vehicles.

- 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 area is for children 15 and under which requires adult supervision at all times. Experienced riders, youth or adult, are not permitted to ride in this area.

- No double riding unless the OHM/ATV was designed by the manufacture 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.

- All OHM/ATVs are required to have mufflers in accordance with Florida Highway Patrol Handbook.

- All riders are required to obey all traffic and information signs.

- All group activities in CMA 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 using CMA are required to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Visitor Center.

In case of emergency call our 24-hour Dispatch Office at 352-797-4100 or dial 911

ATV DEFINITION

Any motorized off-highway or all-terrain vehicle:

- 50 inches or less in width
- Having a dry weight of 900 pounds or less
- Designed to travel on three or four low-pressure tires
- Having a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the rider and having handlebars for steering control
- Designed by the manufacturer for use by one or two riders

BUTTGENBACH MINE CAMPGROUND INFO AND RULES

Along with access to trails and 2 bath houses, there are 51 spacious campsites with electric and water hookups. Just a short walk from the campground is an amphitheater used for weekend programs.

- 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.

- 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.

- All garbage must be disposed of in refuse stations. All litter must be packed out.

- Alcohol and pets are prohibited within the campground and CMA.

Self-Service Pay Station Instructions:

- Select site & return to pay station within 30 minutes.
- Complete **ALL** required information on fee envelope and place exact amount due inside fee envelope.
- Remove stub and place it on the dash to show proof of payment.
- Place sealed envelope in slot at pay station.

CROOM MOTORCYCLE AREA

Withlacoochee State Forest



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6420 La Rose Road
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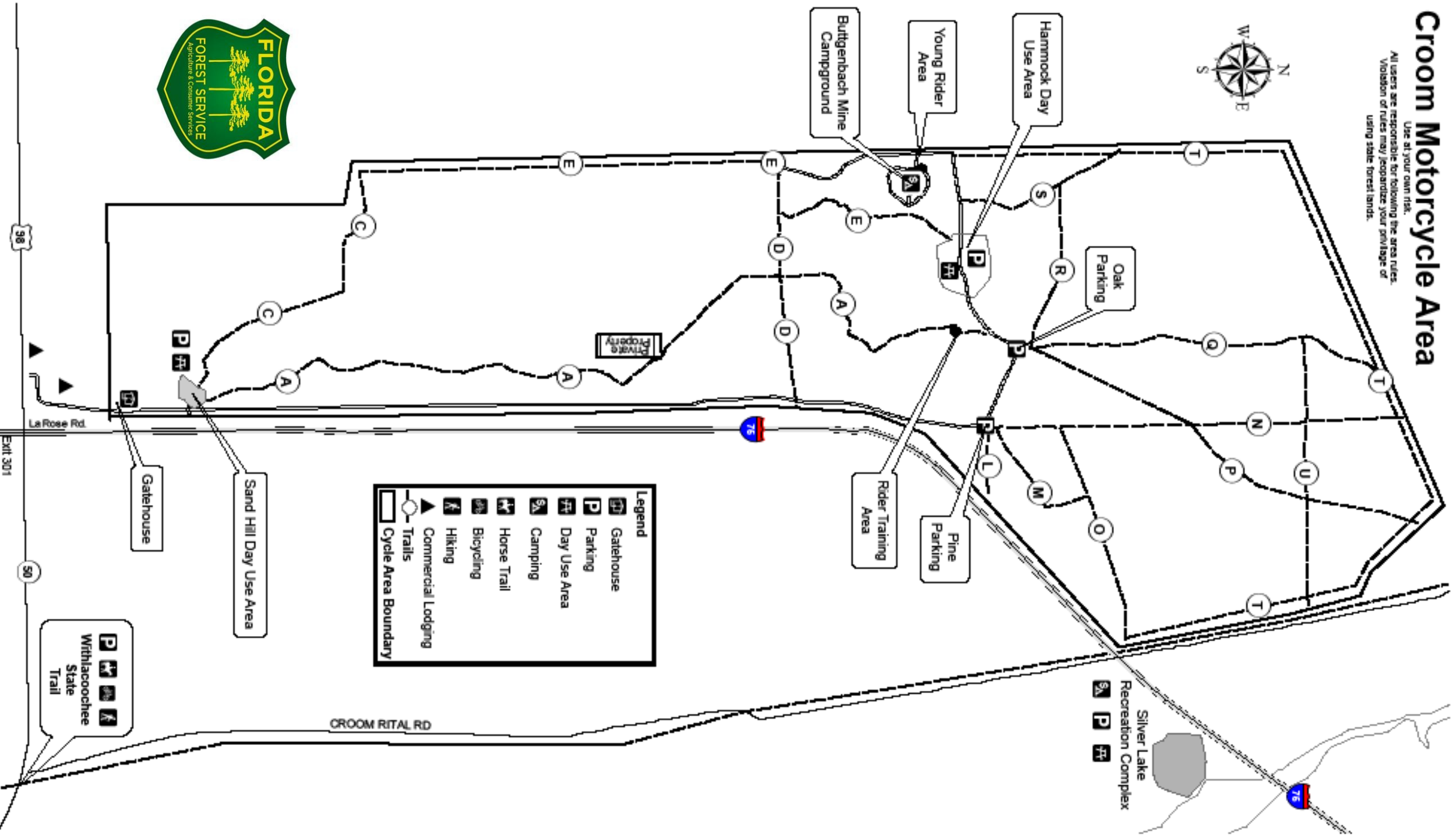


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Croom Motorcycle Area

Use at your own risk.
 All users are responsible for following the area rules.
 Violation of rules may jeopardize your privilege of
 using state forest lands.



Legend	
	Gatehouse
	Parking
	Day Use Area
	Camping
	Horse Trail
	Bicycling
	Hiking
	Commercial Lodging
	Trails
	Cycle Area Boundary



Withlacoochee State Trail

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Exit 301

La Rose Rd.

CROOM RITAL RD

Silver Lake
 Recreation Complex