

Welcome

Nearly 70 miles of ATV, motorcycle and mountain bike trails, winding in and out of deep, forested hollows and down long ridge tops, that's Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Area! Situated about four miles southwest of Chadwick, Missouri, from which it got its name, the Chadwick Area contains a 12 square mile chunk of rough national forest land in Ozark country. Camping facilities are close at hand for riders or other visitors.

The Area

Chadwick Area is mostly forested with oak, hickory, and pine woods on rocky ridge tops, with a few small open forest glades. Steep ridges break into narrow hollows with scattered surface rock and occasional rock ledges, and patches of eastern red cedar.



Riding the Trails

Most trails stay on the ridge tops or hollow bottoms, with connecting trails crossing slide slopes. Some trail sections offer greater challenges than others. These challenging trails are indicated on the Chadwick Area map included in this brochure, and by a black diamond marker at the intersection where the trail begins. Trails with only one or two short difficult sections may not have black diamonds at the intersections; study the map carefully. Occasionally, Chadwick trails are closed for maintenance and rehabilitation. Various methods may be used to indicate closed trails. Travel only open marked trails, and stay off closed routes.

Special Areas

Off-trail travel is allowed only at two locations in the Chadwick Area. One is the 3-acre Family Play Area just to the west of Camp Ridge Campground. The other is the 5-acre Trials Bike Area, located between Trails 110 and 135, near the head of Cobb Ridge. These areas are shown on the map. Area boundaries are marked with orange rectangular tags placed on the trees. Confine off-road activities to these specific areas within the surrounding tag markers.

Camping and Picnicking

The Cobb Ridge Campground provides a variety of campsite sizes, styles, development and locations. Single, double, and triple camp units are designed to accommodate groups of various sizes. Camp sites include traditional back-in units and easily maneuvered pull-through units; some with electrical hookups, and others with only basic facilities. Most sites are well separated and screened from adjacent units but some are close and open enough to promote visiting between neighbors. Choose a site that best suits you and your group. Camp Ridge is a picnic area, only for day use with no overnight camping allowed. Water and garbage pickup are available only at Cobb Ridge. KC Day Use Area has a pavilion (first come/first served). Please help keep the area clean.

Regulations

Safety is always first! Each rider should wear an approved safety helmet; riders under 18 **must** wear an approved Motorcycle safety helmet. Be especially careful on roads. Passenger vehicles as well as hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists use them. Practice safe riding habits. Passengers can only be carried on ATVs specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry passengers.

Reckless riding can endanger others and damage property.

You must observe all state laws established for vehicles used off-highway. Anyone operating a vehicle on Forest Service or county roads must have a valid driver's license, and their vehicle must display a license plate or county ATV permit. Vehicles used off-highway at Chadwick Area must have a valid Forest Service permit. Money collected from the sale of annual and daily permits are used to operate and maintain Chadwick Area trails and facilities.

When using Chadwick Area facilities, you must obey the following restrictions.

The Code of Federal Regulations requires the following when you operate a motorcycle or ATV on national forest land:

- Use only trails marked with diamond-shaped orange markers and areas marked with rectangular orange markers.
- Limit motorcycle and ATV use in campgrounds and picnic areas to that necessary for entering or leaving. Confine "exhibition" riding and test driving to the areas designed for that use.
- Motorized vehicles used in Chadwick Area must be no more than 50 inches wide.
- **FAULTY SPARK ARRESTERS CAN START FOREST FIRES.** Vehicles operated in Chadwick Area must have an appropriate muffler and approved spark arrester, maintained in effective working order. Such devices must meet either Forest Service standards, or the 80 percent efficiency level in accordance with Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended Practices J335 and J350. Be sure your spark arrester is working correctly, and always check it before heading into a forested area. A little extra care only takes a few minutes of your time. You could save a forest. If you're not sure about the condition of your spark arrester, take your vehicle to a qualified mechanic.
- **NOISE ANNOYS! KEEP YOUR SOUND DOWN.** All equipment must comply with applicable noise emission standards established by federal or state agencies. Noise doesn't equal horsepower. The fact is, not enough backpressure can mean less power and even cause engine damage. Maintain your exhaust system. A properly packed muffler is as important to performance as it is to sound control. Remember: less sound means more ground.
- All equipment must have operable braking systems.
- Vehicles not equipped with working headlights and taillights may not be operated no earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and no later than one-half hour after sunset.
- Drivers must not be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Motorcycles and ATVs must not create excessive or unusual smoke.
- Help protect plants, wildlife, the land and your riding opportunities by staying on marked trails. Trees in the National Forest need your protection. Be careful not to scar them or break their branches.

Rider Responsibilities and Etiquette

Chadwick Area belongs to you. Become familiar with its policies and its problems. Be respectful of Chadwick Area's neighbors. Take care not to trespass on surrounding private property. To others, you represent all riders. Operate your vehicle in a safe, courteous manner. Ride legal; stay on trails. Look for the orange diamonds.

Keep Chadwick Area clean.



- T** Travel only where you and your vehicle are permitted; stay on marked routes. Never blaze your own trail.
- R** Respect the rights of hikers and others enjoying the outdoors.
- E** Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking permission to cross private land.
- A** Avoid streams, lake shores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife and livestock.
- D** Drive and travel responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy recreation on wild lands.

Tread Lightly!



Commercial Facilities

Parts and services for most makes of ATVs and motorcycles are available nearby, either at Ozark, MO, 15 miles away or Springfield, MO, 25 miles away. Both communities are northwest of the Chadwick Area.





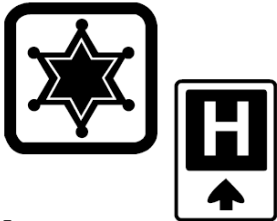
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Emergency Services

To report a crime or request search and rescue, dial 911, or call Christian County Sheriff at: (417) 581-2332 or Cellular *22 Weekdays, call the District Ranger's office at: (417) 683-4428

Nearest Hospitals

Cox Medical Center South
 3801 S. National Ave. (at Primrose St.)
 Springfield, MO 65801
 (417) 885-6000

Take Highway H north to Highway 125; north to Highway 14; west to Highway 65; north to Springfield, MO. Exit Highway 65 at James River Freeway (60 West); west to S. National Ave; north to Primrose St.

Mercy Regional Health Center
 Sunshine St. and National Avenue
 Springfield, MO 65802
 (417) 885-2000

Take Highway H north to Highway 125; north to Highway 14; west to Highway 65; north to Springfield, MO. Exit Highway 65 at Sunshine; West on Sunshine 2.5 miles to National Avenue.