TRAIL DESCRIPTION & LOCATION

Welcome to the Catahoula Ranger District! We hope you will enjoy your visit to the Kisatchie National Forest. Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use is one of the many recreation opportunities offered on the Catahoula District. We have established approximately 35 miles of designated ORV trail available for an enjoyable experience for all ORV users on the Catahoula Ranger District.

Just northeast of Ball, Louisiana, lies over 35 miles of Livingston Multiple-Use Trails. These trails loop through pine upland forest and the sandy hardwood bottoms, including numerous creek and stream crossings. The trails consist of two connected loops that vary in distance, and difficulty level.

- Little Creek Trail 22.6 miles
- Hickman Trail 12.5 miles

Along with ORV use, the Livingston Multiple-Use Trails are enjoyed by bikers, mountain bikes, and horseback riders. The trail loops are marked with yellow markings, and the primary trailheads/staging areas are shown on the map. From Alexandria, take Louisiana Hwy 165 to Ball, Louisiana and turn right (east) onto LA Hwy 1204 and travel approximately 3 miles to the Little Creek Trailhead. To reach the Hickman Trailhead, keep traveling north on Hwy 165 from Ball and turn right onto Louisiana Hwy 5130. Turn left into the staging area at the trailhead signs.

GENERAL VISITOR INFORMATION

Visitors to the Kisatchie National Forest, are asked to follow certain rules designated to protect the natural environment, to ensure the health and safety of visitors, and to promote pleasant and rewarding outdoor recreation experiences for all. Please become familiar with the posted Code of Federal Regulations and Forest Supervisor’s Orders governing the use of ORV’s on National Forest lands. These regulations and orders are enforced and are punishable by law if violated.

Jeeps and 4-wheel drive vehicles are restricted to open roads and must be properly licensed for road use. Use of these vehicles on closed roads, in sensitive stream areas, and certain utility rights-of-way is strictly prohibited.

Please remember to be careful! You are primarily responsible for your own safety. Look out for natural hazards and dangers when you are in the forest. Above all, think of yourself as an ambassador for trail riding. Your actions speak for all riders so be sure that everyone you meet remembers trail riders as good citizens!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RULES

1. Stay on the ‘Designated Trail’ only. No cross country travel.
2. Do Not Ride OHV on roads or the road right-of-way.
3. Do Not Ride your OHV in the Camping Area or Parking Lot. Use the Trail provided.
4. OHV in excess of 50 inches in width is prohibited.
5. OHV tires with lug length in excess of 1” (2.5 cm) are prohibited.
6. All OHV’s must have a spark arresting device (muffler).
7. OHV in violation of applicable noise emission standards in excess of (99) decibels at (20) inches from exhaust is prohibited.
8. Careless or reckless operation without regard for safety of any person or property (wheelies, donuts, excessive speed) is prohibited.
9. Camp Areas 5 m.p.h. for OHV’s and motorcycles and vehicles.
10. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions for ‘Day Use / Overnight Camping’ is prohibited.
11. Riders under 16 years of age are the responsibility of legal guardians.
12. Day Use hours are 6:00 am to 8:00 pm or daylight to dark.
13. Quiet Time is 10:00 pm to 6:00 am in the camping areas.
14. Discharging any type of firearm, fire works or explosives within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, or occupied area is prohibited.
15. Short cutting a switchback on any designated trail is prohibited.
16. Cauising resource damage - Operation of OHV’s in ponds, creeks, power line or water line right-of-ways (or sensitive areas) is prohibited.
17. Do Not damage or cause damage to the trail.
18. Mud mudding or riding when soil conditions are wet.
19. Do Not ride on private property.
20. Removal of any historic or archeological resource is strictly prohibited.
21. Threw all garbage and litter in containers provided for this purpose, or take it with you.

CAMPING AND CAMPFIRES

- Campgrounds and other recreation sites can be used only for recreation purposes. In campgrounds, camp only in those places specifically marked or provided.
- Obey restrictions on fires. Fires may be limited or prohibited at certain times. Within campgrounds and other recreation sites, build fires only in fire rings, stoves, grills or fireplaces provided for that purpose.
- Remove all personal property and trash, and be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving. You are responsible for keeping fires under control.

THINK! SAFETY FIRST
WEAR YOUR SAFETY GEAR

PUBLIC BEHAVIOR

- Must operate any audio devices, such as a radio or musical instrument, at responsible sound levels so that it does not disturb other visitors.
- Pets must always be restrained or on a leash while in developed recreation sites. Saddle or pack animals are allowed in recreation site only where authorized by posted instructions.
- No fighting or lewd or licentious behavior.
- Firing a gun is not allowed: (a) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area, (b) across or on a road or body of water; (c) in any circumstance whereby any person may be injured or property damaged.

HOW TO TREAD LIGHTLY

Traveling only where permitted.

Respecting the rights of hikers, campers, horse back riders and other trail users to enjoy their activities undisturbed.

Educating myself by obtaining maps and regulations from public agencies; complying with signs and barriers; and asking owners’ permission to cross private property.

Avoiding streambanks, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife and livestock. Ford streams only at designated crossings.

Driving and traveling responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy recreation on wild lands.

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