

# Maddox to Mud Cut



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## Designated Equestrian Route



### TREAD Lightly

**T**ravel responsibly on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

**R**espect the rights of others including private property owners, all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

**E**ducate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

**A**void sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams by staying on designated equestrian routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

**D**o your part by leaving the site better than you found it. You should always properly dispose of waste, minimize the use of fire, avoid the spread of invasive species, restore degraded areas and join a local enthusiast organization.

**Talladega National Forest  
Oakmulgee District**

Maddox to Mud Cut is the first designated equestrian route located in the Oakmulgee District. It has a beautiful landscape filled with steep ridges and rolling hills that fades away to hardwood bottoms. Its diverse terrain provides scenic views of the longleaf foliage and unique wetlands. So whether your equestrian adventure includes a quiet afternoon or an overnight camping retreat under the stars, an outing on the Maddox to Mud Cut Designated Equestrian Route will be a treasured experience.

### Supported by Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to continue to provide the Maddox to Mud Cut equestrian riding opportunity. Together, we can continue to provide riding experiences for all. Please contact the Oakmulgee District at 205-926-9765 for volunteer information.

### Primitive Camp Sites

Primitive sites marked on the map are used by equestrians and hunters. These sites do not offer any amenities, so please plan accordingly for you and your horse. There are no picnic tables, water or electricity. There is no water for horses. There is ample room to park a truck and trailer. The primitive camps are great places to camp and can serve as bases for horse riding trips.

### Riding on Roads

Equestrian use is permitted on open public roads and on closed roads, provided the road has been officially designated and signed.

### Respect Private Property

*There are multiple private property in-holdings within the boundaries of the national forest. These properties may be intersected by open public roads with rights of way held by the Forest Service. These rights allow the rider the privilege to cross this private land, but not to trespass on the property.*

**Hunting:** The Talladega National Forest-Oakmulgee District is considered a destination for both large and small game hunting. Hunting activity is often prevalent during the fall and spring. Call 205-339-5715 for current information on hunting seasons or visit the Alabama Department of Conservation website at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

**ATVs:** The Talladega National Forest-Oakmulgee District is closed to all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use except for those licensed for highway use or under a special use permit. Licensed ATVs are only permitted on open roads. To report illegal ATVs, please contact the Oakmulgee District at 205-926-9765.



**Remember:  
Pack It In and Pack It Out**

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact:

Talladega National Forest  
Oakmulgee District  
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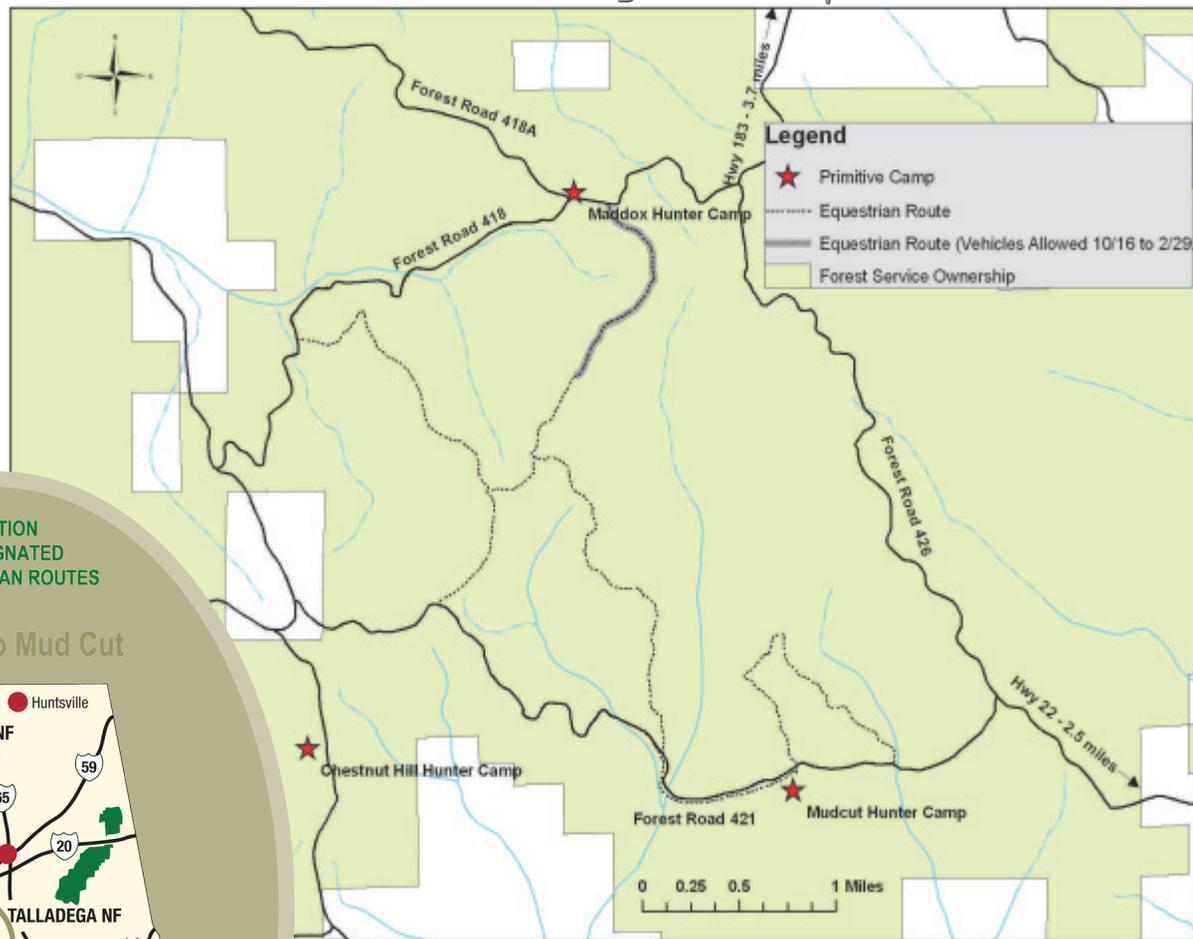
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## Maddox to Mud Cut Designated Equestrian Route



The Maddox to Mud Cut Designated Equestrian Routes are located south of Alabama Highway 183 in Chilton County on the Oakmulgee District.

*Directions:* From the intersection of Alabama 183 and U.S. 82 follow 183 approximately one mile. Turn south on Chilton County Road 307, just past the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Chilton County Road 307 turns into Forest Service Road 426 once you enter the Talladega National Forest. Follow Forest Service Road 426 approximately two miles. Turn right on to Forest Service Road 418. Follow 418 approximately one mile and the Maddox Camp (GPS: -86.98/32.77) will be on your right.

**Cross-country equestrian use is not permitted in the national forest.**

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