

## Welcome

Nearly 80 miles of ATV, motorcycle and mountain bike trails, winding in and out of deep, forested hollows and down long ridge tops creates the Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Area! Located 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

The 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. Various methods may be used to indicate closed trails and each user is responsible to obtain trail maps. Travel only open marked trails, and stay off closed routes.

## Special Areas

The only area where Off-trail travel is allowed is located in the Chadwick Area at the 3-acre Family Play Area just to the west of Cobb Ridge Campground on trail 118.

## Camping and Picnicking

The Cobb Ridge Campground provides a variety of campsite sizes, styles, development and locations. Single and double camp sites are designed to accommodate groups of various sizes. Campsites include traditional back-in units and easily maneuvered pull-through units; some have electrical hookups, and others have 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 day use picnic area with no overnight camping allowed. Water and garbage pickup are available only at Cobb Ridge. The 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.
- Motorized vehicles used in Chadwick Area must be no more than 50 inches wide.
- **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 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.
- 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.



## Tread Lightly!



**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.

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.



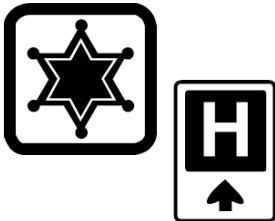


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### Nearest Hospitals

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.