**Day Use Areas**

When staging or parking in one of the Day Use Areas of the forest, the Day Use Fee of $2 per person will be applicable.

**Annual Day Use Entrance Passes** are may be purchased for $45 at the Visitor Center, McKethan Lake DUA, Silver Lake Gatehouse, CMA Gatehouse or online at www.floridastateforests.org. Pass allows entry for up to 6 passengers per vehicle in any Florida State Forest and is valid for one year.

**Overflow Parking**

- Campsites allow for 2 vehicles in addition to 1 camper unit and up to 2 tents.
- All other vehicles must park in the designated overflow parking areas if available. The Park Ranger or Host will be able to guide you to the overflow parking area.
- Extra vehicles on campsites are subject to a $5 (per vehicle/per night) Extra Vehicle Fee.

For maps, brochures and more detailed information about these and other recreational opportunities contact the Visitor Center.

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**Group Guidelines**

- All groups using the Withlacoochee State Forest need to obtain a State Forest Use Permit from the Florida Forest Service.
- Group activities include forest road/trail rides, trail hiking, equestrian riding, bike riding, orienteering, etc.
- A group consists of 6 or more people or vehicles.
- Permits are free of charge and may be obtained by calling the Withlacoochee Visitor Center at 352-797-4140.
- Permits may be requested up to six months in advance with a minimum two week notice.
- Written documentation is required and must be received within 72 hours of the event to cancel a permit.
- A copy of the permit must be placed on the dashboard(s) of all vehicles associated with the group activity/trail ride.
- All Florida Forest Service and Wildlife Management Rules and Regulations apply.
- Please clean area thoroughly prior to departure.
- Ground fires are permitted in designated areas and in the fire rings provided.
- REGISTERED CAMPERS ONLY are allowed to use bath houses located inside campgrounds.

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**Florida Forest Service is not authorized to assist and/or tow disabled or immobile vehicles.**

In case of emergency, call our 24-hour Dispatch Office at (352) 797-4100 or dial 911.
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

DAMAGE TO PUBLIC LANDS

According to Florida Statute 375.314:

Damage to public lands-

1. Whoever damages public lands by the use of a motor vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.085 or by restitution.

2. For the purpose of this section, damage shall include, but is not limited to, injury to or destruction of trees, flora, sand dunes or other environmentally sensitive land, roads, trails, drainage systems or natural watercourses or sources, wildlife resources, fences or gates, crops or cultivated land.

3. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on lands owned by the state or its agency shall be civilly liable for the actual damage to the lands by reason of his or her wrongful act, which damages may be recovered by suit and, when collected, shall go to the state or its agency to be used to restore or replace the damaged property.

NOTE: A misdemeanor of the second degree is punishable by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days and/or a fine of $500 per individual.

Per Florida Statute 375.314 (2):

OFF-ROADING STRICTLY PROHIBITED within the Withlacoochee State Forest

There are no specified 4x4 trails within the Withlacoochee State Forest. Only registered, licensed street legal vehicles may be driven on Open Named and Numbered forest roads as designated on the approved Wildlife Management Area maps or area brochures.

Use caution and do not assume that any unmarked roads are “Open Roads”.

ATV or OHV traffic is restricted to the Croom Motorcycle Area (CMA) only. Trails for ATV or OHV Traffic are located and permitted ONLY in the Croom Motorcycle Area, a 2,600 acre area for use by off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. Restrictions may apply. CMA Fees are $15 (Single Day Permit) & $80 (Annual Permit). Call the Visitor Center or CMA Gatehouse at 352-797-5759 for more information.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION & POSSESSION

Per Florida Statute 589.011 and Florida Administrative Code 5I-4.005(1)(j):

Alcoholic Beverage possession and consumption is prohibited in the Withlacoochee State Forest unless otherwise posted.

CAMPING INFORMATION

Citrus County/Citrus Tract
- Holder Mine 27 electric
- Mutual Mine 13 non-electric, no showers
- Tillis Hill 37 electric

Hernando County/Croom Tract
- Croom Motorcycle Area
- Buttenbach Mine 51 electric
- Silver Lake Recreation Complex
- Silver Lake 23 electric
- Cypress Glen 34 electric
- Crooked River 26 non-electric (tents only)

Sumter County/Croom Tract
- Hog Island 20 non-electric
- River Junction 20 non-electric

Group Camping Areas
- Hog Island Youth Group Area
- Mutual Mine Youth Group Area
- Crooked River Youth Group Area
- Colonel Robins Group Area

For Reservations
Visit our reservation website at: FloridaForestService.ReserveAmerica.com
Via telephone at: 877-879-3859
For our hearing impaired visitors, you may call the TDD line at 800-373-3851.

Primitive Camp Zones are located along the hiking trails. These zones are marked by yellow bands. These zones are hike in/hike out only.

Pets are ONLY allowed at the Holder Mine, Silver Lake and Cypress Glen Campgrounds.

Camping Fees
- Electric Campsites $25
  - Discounted Rate** $15
- Non-electric Campsites $15
  - Discounted Rate** $10
- Mutual Mine/Bear Head Hammock $10
- Primitive Camp Zones-Hiking/Canoe Free

**Seniors, 100% Disabled, US Military Veteran/Active Duty/Retired/Honorable Discharge