



## Florida Cracker Ranch

Your Outdoor Adventure

FLORIDA CRACKER RANCH, INC

### Handbook and General Rules

- Obey ALL posted speed limit and directional signs.
- ALL trails or roads **NOT POSTED** with speed limit sign are to be assumed 15 mph.
- Do not run equipment in the ditches on the side of the roads.
- All dirt bikes & ATV's operating on main roads or areas that are **NOT** designated for them shall have an **ORANGE** or **RED** Flag on back of bike **NOT LESS THAN** 6' in height.
- All off-road equipment must have a FCR Club Sticker on **BACK FENDER** or on a plate mounted on the **BACK** of bike, truck, or ATV.
- **DO NOT** spin up or cut donuts/figure 8's ...in staging area, fields, and roads. You must always maintain a safe operating speed.
- There will be absolutely **NO** operating of any equipment at any time on property if the driver is over the legal limit of alcohol or any other drugs.
- There will be no throwing **TRASH OF ANY KIND** into the woods, on trails, or anywhere! You must keep the trash on your equipment until you return to a staging area and place trash in cans provided. **THIS INCLUDES CIGARETTE BUTTS!**
- Absolutely no cigarette smoking in the woods, OK to smoke on main roads, staging areas, or picnic / viewing areas. **THIS IS TO PROTECT FROM FOREST FIRES.**
- Open fires are allowed in staging areas, all other camping areas are restricted to small 2 X 2 cooking fires in a burn barrel or metal ring. They must be 25' minimum from the woods & brush. They must be **COMPLETELY OUT** when you leave or turn in for the night. They must have dirt ring around the outside of the barrel minimum of 1' of clear dirt and shall NEVER be left unattended.
- Any one under the age of 21 **MUST** be always accompanied by an adult.

- No one under the age of 21 is allowed to ride alone to any areas of the Ranch.
- If the drought index rises over 500 (this is found on Florida Forestry website [www.flame.fl-dof.com/fire\\_weather/KBDI/ THIS OPENS RIGHT TO PAGE](http://www.flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/KBDI/)) There will be no fires of any kind allowed in the club; however, charcoal grills will be allowed in staging area only and smoking will only be allowed on **MAIN ROADS MARKED IN RED ON CLUB MAP**.
- All camping sites in woods or staging areas are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. The site size 30' wide X 50' deep. All sites should be cleaned of trash (including cigarette butts) and all fires extinguished fully with water prior to you leaving.
- All trailers, campers, and equipment must be removed NO LATER THAN 6pm Sunday evening when club closes. However, this does not pertain to the founder's camping area.
- Use only the trails that currently exist. This included mowed trails, fire lines, grades, skidder trails, old roads, paths that are at least 3'wide. This is so to protect the land and wildlife habitat.
- There will also be large mudding areas designated by signs.
- All pavilions are shared and are 1 come 1<sup>st</sup> serve.
- **GUEST:** ALL guests must download the appropriate waiver from the website, have it signed **PRIOR TO SHOWING UP** to the ranch and **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER**. The Member is responsible for their Guest understanding each of the Rules stated herein. A Member's Guest disobeying any of these Rules will be considered a violation of these Rules by the Member who is sponsoring the Guest.
- **NO GLASS BOTTLES** allowed on property. Cans, plastic, or paper is acceptable.
  
- There are two (2) types of waivers:
- **ADULT WAIVER:** This is for all guest of members over the age of 18, must be notarized. **UNDER AGE WAIVER:** This is for all guests that are under the age of 18, this **MUST BE** signed by child, a legal guardian.

- Trails will have a color coated routing system: **GREEN** being easy, **BLUE** being moderate, & **BLACK** being advanced only, **RED** will designate all main roads.
- The pee-wee areas adjacent to the dirt bike & ATV areas are for children and their chaperones only.
- Machines over 125cc are **NOT** allowed in the pee-wee area unless you are accompanying your child.
- **Night time riding:** after dark the club speed limit drops to 10 mph.
- We require that you always ride with a partner at night. We recommend that you stay off all Blue / Black or Black trails at night because the difficulty is dramatically increased after dark.
- Absolutely no riding in or around saw grass areas after dark. Absolutely no spot lighting from vehicles at night unless you are on a guided tour with a **STAFF MEMBER**.
- The front field by showers, & wash station will be the only place that camping sites cost extra and you will need to register at the main office. They will be <sup>1<sup>5</sup></sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. Lake Mitigation Area: Around the lake where the beach is located there is a mitigation area. Absolutely **NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES** what so ever is allowed to enter this area, which will be clearly marked; furthermore, no motorized vehicle is to enter the lake or allowed on the beach!
- Some of our roads are only wide enough for one vehicle. To pass someone you will need to pull over. The LARGER vehicle always has the right of way especially if it is pulling a trailer. Members are solely responsible for their guest.
- **WILDLIFE:** Under no circumstance is anyone allowed to feed, spook, kill, or in any way mess with any of the wildlife on the property this includes snakes.
- **TREES:** This is a working timber ranch so under no circumstance shall anyone run over trees; also, extreme care will be taken by everyone to not bump, scar, or damage any trees on site, this includes nails or scraping of bark.
- All members shall always have their card on them when on property (including children).
- All guests shall have wrist bands on. Failure to have proper ID when asked by staff will result in being escorted off property.
- **SMALL** pets are allowed less than 60 pounds on a lease. Any dogs that are aggressive, overly protective or bark excessively are not allowed.
- **MUD PITS:** All mud pits are NOT free of stumps and debris so always use caution.

#### ATV AREA

- ATVs are not to enter dirt bike, mountain bike areas, except on main roads; however, the mud truck / swamp buggy area is to be shared if the rider has a 6' high Florissant orange or red flag on the back of bike (must be able to be seen at night).

- **MUD PIT AREA:** These are large areas that have been mostly opened. Be advised that there are stumps and debris in these areas so if you are not following a trail go slow and be cautious.
- The ATV and dirt bike area are separated by a main road called "The Syrup Barrel Road".
- The ATV and swamp buggy area are separated by "Chaffe's Road".
- Always ride with a friend or follow a group especially at night.
- All children under age 16 must always wear a helmet.
- All roads and fields that you ride on are used for sod farming, timber, ranching, and many other agricultural uses during the week. Please take care not to spin them up or create ruts in them.
- Always maintain a safe operating speed as there are lots of blind curves on property and someone may come from the opposite direction.
- Your staging / camping area is the 2<sup>nd</sup> large field on your left once you enter property. This is called the "Horseshoe Field". This connects the "Main Road" to the "Syrup Barrel Road" it features a pavilion, a water hole for snorkeled bikes, the pee-wee area, and large fire pit.
- Always follow all directional arrows and road signage.

### **DIRT BIKE AREA**

- Your staging / camping area is the 1<sup>st</sup> field on your left, called "Old Farm Field" it features a pavilion, pee-wee area, viewing area for an adjacent mud pit and large fire pit.
- All trails are one way so pay close attention to all signage. Most all trails have a U-turn at the end so be always cautious of your speed.
- Dirt bikes are not to enter ATV, mountain bike, or paint ball area, except on main roads; however, the mud truck / swamp buggy area is to be shared if the rider has a 6' high Florissant orange or red flag (must be able to be seen at night). Should you decide to trial ride other areas you must stay 15 mph or under, at no time shall you "open it up" or use the power band anywhere except in dirt bike areas.
- All riders should always wear appropriate safety gear. All riders under 16 years of age must always wear appropriate helmets and safety gear.
- Remember someone may break down in front of you so always use the upmost care and slowdown when coming up on a blind curve or U-turn.
- All trails are mowed through existing vegetation and have natural woods all around. This being said always make your 1<sup>st</sup> run of the day slowly and cautiously to check for fallen trees, stumps, and other naturally occurring obstacles.
- The U-turns at the south end of the course have a property line fence that runs east to west, the whole length of course, so be sure to slow down and compensate for this SHARP U-turn.

## SWAMP BUGGY / MUD TRUCK / JEEP AREAS

- Do not spin up or rut up the main roads or staging fields. These areas have agricultural business operations on them all week and this could hinder production.
- Always operate trucks and swamp buggy slowly enough to see other forms of equipment (i.e. ATV, dirt bikes, golf carts...).
- Always travel with groups or a partner as the club does not have towing service.
- Your staging / camping area is located on "Chaffe's Road" near the oak hammock and saw grass marsh. This area will have a fire pit, portable toilets, pavilion, and viewing area for saw grass trails.
- Additional camping areas will be located near the "21 and up area" and in the "Back 40" area near the swamp buggy trails area of the map.
- There are many blind curves on the road leading to the back and may areas with a steep ditch on both sides of road so we ask that no large trailers be taken past the oak hammock, unload at the 1st staging area.
- No one will be allowed in or around saw grass area at night, this is to protect the wildlife and you.
- The only high-speed mudding area will be located in the mud pit / rock crawl area located off of the main road. The rest is trail riding and should be 15 mph or less.
- Clear line of sight shall be always maintained, this includes front, rear, and side windows. If they are covered in mud STOP and clean them off.
- Absolutely no spot lighting is allowed unless you are on a guided tour with a **STAFF MEMBER**.
- All swamp buggies must have a railing around the perimeter of the deck. Trucks must have doors and beds in order to have passengers in the cab or in the back, if it is a flatbed, it must have a railing of some sort to allow passengers.

## LAKE AREA

- The lake has "wildlife mitigation area" around % of it, absolutely no motorized equipment is allowed in this area!
- No motorized equipment is allowed on the beach area or in the lake itself.
- There is NO life guard on duty at the lake at any time, swim at your own risk.
- Absolutely no swimming after dark, this is when alligators are most active!
- All children that are in diapers must have a clean diaper on and one that is designed for swimming. This is so that a cholorophorm bacteria does not pollute the lake. This is required by Flagler County Health Department.
- No glass bottles allowed in or around the lake. Cans and plastic cups are acceptable. Always dispose of the trash in trash cans provided, this includes cigarette butts.

  

- Be mindful that this is a natural lake with all sorts of wildlife in it. Do not feed the wildlife you might end up the next meal!

## FISHING

- Catch and release fishing is always allowed. Members may keep 1 catfish or 1 tilapia or 4 bream or 3 specks per day. Bass must always be released. The idea is to catch dinner and not fill the freezer.

## 21 AND up AREA SAW GRASS ISLAND

- Absolutely **NO** one under 21 is allowed in this area **EVER**.
- This area is located near the back, off of "Chaffe's Road" on the north side and it will be clearly marked.

## SHOWER AREA / WASH STATION

- You must always wash off all thick mud in outdoor shower before entering the shower building.
- Do your best to leave the showers and sinks the way you found them, or better, so the next person has a nice, clean, hot shower like you did.
- Outdoor showers are available to hose all the mud off first.
- When ashing your machine please make sure you are being mindful of anyone waiting.
- Remember to treat the hoses with care and do not run them over.
- **ALWAYS** turn off the generator after using the wash station/showers.
- If the generator runs out of fuel please let the gate know.

## FCR AMMENDUM 1

- Must stop at the sign in gate show ID for each person in vehicle, have guest sign waiver and pay guest fee.
- Members are to have their member ID always cards on them when riding.
- Founders camping area do not use lime rock as it changes the soil Ph.
- **NO** mudding in ditches on side of any roads.
- Trails close at 10 pm, Roads close at 1 am, and back mud holes close at dust.
- Sunday's trail riding ends at 4 pm, roads until 5:30 pm, and out of gate by 6 pm.
- Gates close at 6pm SHARPE.

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