

Get dirty!!!!

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ATV Parks accessible to Family PowerSports customers

Here are some good options for off-highway vehicle operation for Family PowerSports customers. All Family PowerSports customers who purchase a dirt bike or ATV receive a membership to Family PowerSports Park, just outside of Post. There are other places near Big Spring and San Angelo, and north of the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan. I was able to visit Family PowerSports - Park and 5 other ATV parks this August. Quick and "dirty" impressions follow.



Family PowerSports Park
Post, TX
FM211 to CR164

Details: www.familypowersports.com/
Phone: 800-207-4002

Directions: 40 miles southeast of Lubbock, TX/10 miles northeast of Post, TX
2,500 acres of rugged terrain. Miles and miles of dirtbikes and ATV trails on high and low land.

Membership only for Family PowerSports customers. Campground with electricity. String your own wires.

My analysis: This place is FANTASTIC! Trails, sand, rocks, cactus, mesquite. Close to the Lubbock area. Can be hot in the summer, and really dirty when rain has been scarce. Lots of mud after a rain.

Moss Creek Lake, City of Big Spring, TX,
10000 East Moss Lake Road
Big Spring, TX 79720

Details: www.ci.big-spring.tx.us/Recreation/Moss_Lake.htm
Phone: (432) 903-5246

Directions: Exit 184 off I-20, approximately 5 miles east of Big Spring. Follow Moss Lake Road south and east. Office and campground are at the end of the paved road. ATV trails across the dam.

400 acres of rugged terrain, from flat and easy to rugged and challenging. About 10 miles of ATV trails under development, funded by grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the City of Big Spring. \$5.00 per day per vehicle plus \$0.50 per person. Membership \$100 per year (see website for additional requirements). Campground with electricity and water, lake, swimming, fishing, paintball area, picnicking.

My analysis: For Odessa and San Angelo customers, this is an up-and-coming opportunity, a public facility that is just now being developed. This is an up-and-coming opportunity, a public facility that is just now being developed. It's certainly worth a visit. Good trail design. Lots of terrain change, trees, grass, trails both challenging and easy. More ATV-friendly, not as challenging for bikes.

Twin Buttes Reservoir
8901 US Highway 67 South
San Angelo, TX 76904

Website: www.twpd.state.tx.us/info/about/boathouse/recreational/leisure/leisure_buttres/ (fishing information; not much available on ATV access)
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If you own a bike, what kind?

Directions: US Highway 67, 12 miles south west of San Angelo Public Land, west of Texas Parks and Wildlife.

MILES AND MILES of FREE access trails all over behind the Twin Buttes Reservoir. No fee. Lots of mud holes, nice trails for kids as well. Make sure you have Texas OR Highway/Vehicle safety certification and sticker!

My analysis: In two words: Close and Free. In the back yard of San Angelo customers. Trails are well maintained. I didn't have a lot of the property, but what I saw looked like fun. Access to the reservoir offers water-based recreation and other things to do whenever you are not playing in the dirt.

Outback Adventure Track
13000 West Interstate 20 (West of Big Spring, TX)
Stanton, TX 76782

See link at www.alsource.com/hillheads/ousa.htm for additional information
Phone: (432) 758-3838

Directions: Exit 165 off I-20, 5 miles east of Stanton; take north-south road; park is on right.

640 acres, dry lake bed and off-road trails. Open weekends; call before you head on weekends. \$10 per day per vehicle. Membership \$200 per year; \$20 per additional vehicle. Free camping.

My analysis: This is a place with experience. It has been here for a while. Wide-open spaces on the dry lakebed that invite wide-open freeriding. Not as much change in elevation as some the other parks, but lots and lots of trails. No trees and very little shade, so this is a hot one on an August afternoon. Spring and Fall should be very pleasant, however. This would be a riding place after a rainstorm!

Red River Cycle Ranch - Bulcher, TX
15383 North FM 373 (West of Camanche, TX)
Bulcher, Texas 76252

See link at www.alsource.com/hillheads/ousa.htm for prices and hours.
Phone: 940-866-2900 (Call 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

Directions: Exit 35 on Hwy 62 westwards. Milemarker then FM 373 north, about 15 miles. Look for green pipe-line on right.

Very large wooded area with well-maintained trails. Camping. Some covered picnic areas. Electrical hookups.



My analysis: The trip to Red River Cycle Ranch (RRCR) is an experience in itself. BEAUTIFUL winding country road through north Texas. Trees and green everywhere. RRCR has been around since the beginning of time, or at least since the beginning of ATVs—35 years. Awesome structure from many ATV parks.

Rocky Ridge Ranch
14467 North FM 51
Decatur, TX 76234

See link at www.alsource.com/hillheads/ousa.htm for prices and hours.
Phone: (940) 466-7392

Directions: I-35E on I-35W to Sanger (north of Denton) exit 474 then east on FM 455 to FM 51. South FM 51 4 miles, the park is on the left.

About 1,000 acres, miles of wooded trails with hills, jumps, creek beds, a drag strip, small motorcross/ATV tracks. Open weekends (weekdays by appointment, call to schedule). RV park with electrical hookups, a shower with hot and cold water, and primitive camping. \$10 per person per day; kids 3 and under are free. Small lake for fishing. ●



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