

# COMPETITIVE MOUNTED ORIENTEERING (CMO)

Fun for the Thinking Rider

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area

October 17-19, 2025 (Pending)

long and short rides all three days

WHERE: Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area (near Collison, IL)

WHEN: Friday: registration, practice, teams out starting at 12 PM.

Saturday registration at 9:30 am. Rider's meeting at 10:00 am, first team out at 10:30 am.

Sunday: one hour earlier than Saturday. All times will stop at sunset.

FEE: \$12.00/adult \$6/youth under 18 (per ride)

(+ \$5 one-day insurance fee each day for NACMO non-members)

FACILITIES: Ample camping on designated sites (first come first served) for \$8/night (please have your Driver's Lic #, and vehicle Lic # available to register). Highlines are provided and mandatory. Complete cleanup of campsites upon departure is mandatory, or a fee/ticket will be issued by the park. Pit toilets, picnic tables and central water hydrants available. Office will be set up at the pavilion/ Pot luck in the pavilion Saturday at 6 PM, main dish provided. Generators may be used 24/7 in all campgrounds as long as they are below 75 decibels. Quiet time (no louder generators or other noise) at camp is 10 pm to 7 am.

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**CMO is a non-profit organization that welcomes all riders.**

**Competitive Mounted Orienteering** is a mounted, timed event where the goal is to find 5-10 markers using a set of written clues on a map (provided) and an orienteering compass. You may ride as an individual or in teams and go at any pace you like. Teams are released 5-10 minutes apart. The winner is the person or team who finds the most markers in the fastest time. Number of markers found counts more than time in determining placing.

We provide a practice marker to find in the campground on foot before the ride. Orienteering compasses are available at many stores that carry camping equipment. (We have a few loaners.) Our chapter also has mentors who are willing to ride or work with persons who are new to the sport.

The Middle Fork area is large and scenic. Trails vary from grassy and flat to wooded and hilly, with stream and river crossings. All riders are strongly encouraged to wear helmets.

The campground is on 2250 N. From IL 1-74, get off at exit 206 (Oakwood). Go north through Newtown, then watch for campground sign on the left for a right turn. From IL Rt. 49 headed south or IL 136, the best way is through Collison. From there, go east to 900 E. then turn south and watch for campground sign on the right for a left turn. From northern Indiana, it's just as fast to go to I-74 as through Collison.

