Regulation of the

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park (W&OD Park)

Regulation No. 2.0

Definitions:

Vehicle: means every device in, on or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn which is at least in part moved by human power

Electric power-assisted bicycle: the same meaning as in Virginia Code Section 46.2-100 -a Vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground and is equipped with (i) pedals that allow propulsion by human power, (ii) a seat for the use of the rider, and (iii) an electric motor with an input of no more than 750 watts. Electric power-assisted bicycles shall be classified as follows:

1. "Class one" means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour;

2. "Class two" means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour; and

3. "Class three" means an electric power-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Law Enforcement Officer: the same meaning as in the Virginia Code Section 9.1-101.

Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park: Park owned and operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks) including a 45-mile trail that runs through the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun, the City of Falls Church and the Incorporated Towns of Vienna, Herndon, Leesburg, and Purcellville.

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Regulations:

Section 2.1: **Operating Hours:** The operating hours on all parts of W&OD Park are 5 am – 10 pm daily. No person shall remain on the property during non operating hours.

Section 2.2: **Assembly**: No assembly of more than twenty-five people is permitted in W&OD Park unless a written permit is issued by NOVA Parks. Such permit must be available for display at the assembly.

Section 2.3 **Pets**: Pets must always remain on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length and under a person's control.

Section 2.4: **Posted Signs:** All drivers of Vehicle within W&OD Park shall obey lawfully erected signs, signals, markings, or other devices used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic placed on, over, or adjacent to the W&OD Park by NOVA Parks. This Section shall not be enforced against an alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, any such control device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person.

Section 2.5 **Reckless Behavior**: No person shall operate a Vehicle within W&OD Park recklessly or at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.

Section 2.6 **Prohibited Devices:** The following Vehicles are prohibited within W&OD Park:

2.6.1: Class 3 Electric Power Assisted Bicycle

2.6.2: motorized Vehicles with electric motors greater than 750 watts.

2.6.3: motorized Vehicles without pedals other than scooters or skateboards capable of speeds no more than 20 miles per hour

2.6.4 motorized Vehicles that have one wheel

Section 2.7 **Exceptions:** Section 2.6 does not apply to (i) motorized wheelchairs and other power-driven mobility devices used by persons with mobility disabilities or (ii) vehicles operated by law enforcement or emergency services in the course of their duties.

Enforcement:

This regulation was adopted by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority on November 19, 2026 after having published notice of intent to adopt the regulation in accordance with the procedures set forth in Virginia Code Section 15.2-1427. As such, violation of such regulation is a Class 4 misdemeanor enforced by the law enforcement of the jurisdiction in which the violation occurs. See Virginia Code Section 15.2-5704 (18[1]), Virginia Code Section 15.2-5705[2] and Virginia Attorney General Opinion 13-024[3].

Violation of the hours of operation could also result in an action for trespass. Violation of this regulation can also result in removal from W&OD Park by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

[1] https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter57/section15.2-5704/

[2] https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter57/section15.2-5705/

[3] https://www.oag.state.va.us/files/Opinions/2013/13-024_May.pdf