

Draft Guidelines for the Use of E-Bikes on NOVA Parks Trails

The following guidance is provided for novice and experienced e-bike riders wishing to ride within NOVA Park facilities.

Guidelines applicable to electric power-assisted bicycles are as follows:

What to Ride: For the purpose of these guidelines, NOVA Parks will define e-bikes as: An "Electric power-assisted bicycle" (e-bike) means a wheeled vehicle equipped with (i) pedals that allow propulsion by human power and ii) an electric motor with an input of no more than 750 watts that reduces the pedal effort required of the rider. This applies to both road and mountain style (e/MTB) e-bikes. They are not, and do not function like a wheelchair, motorized bicycle, moped, scooter, motorcycle, or ATV.

Where to ride: To protect NOVA Parks' valuable environmental and cultural resources, e-bike riders are strongly encouraged to operate only in areas where traditional (human pedal powered only) bicycles are allowed. Please do not disturb wildlife, livestock, or domesticated animals on park property.

Please ride responsibly: E-bike riders are expected to follow the same regulations and rules regarding access to the parks as other visitors. Please observe the established hours of operation and any posted signage.

Riders assume responsibility for the safe and respectful operation of their e-bike. It is expected that all bicycle riders yield to pedestrians and equestrians. In consideration of trail conditions and the safety of others, please maintain speeds under 20 miles per hour.

Reporting a problem: If you see an e-bike being operated in an unsafe or reckless manner, please call local police or park staff. (In case of emergency, call 9-1-1).

For general questions and inquiries about e-bikes in the parks, please contact NOVA Parks at feedback@nvrpa.org