

Proposed Change to Regulations to Allow the Use of E-Bikes on NOVA Parks Trails

To allow e-bike use on NOVA Parks trails, staff recommends modifying 1.14 B. (3) from the Park Authority Regulations as noted below in blue.

The proposed amendment reads:

§1.14 Motor Vehicles and Traffic

A. Speed Limit Where None Is Posted. Where no speed limit is posted, no person shall operate a motor vehicle within a park at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.

B. Prohibited Vehicles.

(1) No person shall operate within a park a motorized vehicle not licensed for regular use upon public highways, except motorized carts furnished or approved by the Park Authority may be operated within designated areas, and motorized wheelchairs may be operated in areas as provided for in §1.14 (C) below

(2) No person shall operate within a park a farm tractor or other farm machinery or a type of vehicle used primarily for earth-moving operations, whether or not licensed for regular use upon public highways, without the express written permission of the Park Authority.

(3) Mopeds are permitted only in areas where motor vehicles are permitted. **(Added: Mopeds, removed: motor-assisted bicycles, commonly referred to as "mopeds")**

C. Motorized Wheelchairs and Assistive Devices. Motorized wheelchairs and other motorized assistive devices for mobility-impaired persons are permitted in all areas where pedestrian access is permitted, unless otherwise posted by the Park Authority.

D. Off-Road Vehicle Operation. No person shall operate any type of motorized vehicle in areas of a park other than established roadways without the express written permission of the Park Authority, except as noted in §1.14 (C) above.

(Added)

E. E-Bikes. Electric power-assisted bicycles (e-bikes) equipped with pedals that allow propulsion by human power are considered bicycles and non-motorized vehicles for the purpose of these regulations, and are allowed in the same places that traditional, pedal-powered only bicycles are allowed.