



E-Bikes in the Oakland County Parks

Electric bikes, or e-bikes, are regulated like bicycles. The same rules of the road apply to both e-bikes and human-powered bicycles. E-bikes are not subject to the registration, licensing, or insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles.

E-bikes are designed to be as safe as traditional bicycles, do not compromise consumer safety, and benefit bicyclists who may be discouraged from riding a traditional bicycle due to limited physical fitness, age, disability or convenience.

There are 3 types of 3-bikes defined in the Michigan law:

Class 1: Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance **only when the rider is pedaling**, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bike reaches 20 mph.

Class 2: Bicycle equipped with a **throttle-actuated motor**, that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 20 mph.

Class 3: Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bike reaches 28 mph.

Use Within Oakland County Parks

Similar to the DNR, class 1 e-bikes are allowed on paved and crushed limestone trails within the parks. They are NOT allowed on rustic/mowed/dirt trails. Class 1 e-bikes or E-mountain bikes (E-mtbs) are allowed on designated mountain bike single track within the parks. Class 2 and 3 e-bikes are not allowed on trails within Oakland County Parks.

E-bike guidelines:

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Minimum age to operate	None	None	14
Rider required to wear a helmet	None	None	If aged 14-18
Max Electric Motor Power	750 Watts	750 Watts	750 Watts
Rider must be pedaling for motor to function	Yes	None	Yes
Top speed for motor assist	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph