NEW MEXICO'S E-BIKE LAW

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» E-bikes are defined as a "mopeds," and are subject to the licensing and insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles. However, New Mexico's Department of Motor Vehicles does not recognize e-bikes as vehicles with these requirements and has no system for supplying licensing. Therefore, riding an electric bicycle in New Mexico is illegal.

» The maximum power output of mopeds under this definition is defined in CCs, which is inapplicable to electric bicycles. The helmet age minimum and access restrictions that apply to mopeds are also inapplicable to electric bicycles.

* The following New Mexico laws are referenced: N.M. Stat. § 66-1-4.11; § 66-1-4.2; § 66-5-2.

eMTB GUIDELINES

» On federal, state, county and local trails, e-mountain bike (eMTB) access varies significantly.

» Generally, any natural surface trail that is designated as open to both motorized and non-motorized uses is also open to eMTBs.

» eMTBs may not be allowed on trails managed for non-motorized activities.

» Do not ride your eMTB in areas where the local rules are unclear. Ride legally and only on authorized trails to show that mountain bikers are responsible trail users.

» When in doubt, ask your local land manager about access to specific trails. Local land rules change frequently.

CHECK OUT

» **A map of great eMTB rides at** peopleforbikes.org/emtb

» **eMTB "Adventures"** at peopleforbikes.org/e-bikes

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» LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.

» STATE: The New Mexico State Parks does not currently have an eMTB policy. Contact the department for the most up to date information. PeopleForBikes is monitoring this policy and will update this document as needed.

» FEDERAL: On federal lands, eMTBs are considered motorized vehicles and have access to motorized trails. Contact the U.S. Forest Service Southwestern Regional Office or the BLM New Mexico State Office for more information.

GREAT eMTB RIDES IN NEW MEXICO

» **Rim Trail**
La Luz | 19 miles

» **North Cedro Singletrack**
Albuquerque | 18 miles

With an e-bike, bicyclists can ride more often, farther, and for more trips.

Electric bicycles 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.

In many states, e-bikes are regulated under antiquated laws primarily aimed at combustion engine vehicles such as mopeds or scooters. PeopleForBikes and the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association are clarifying state laws governing the use of e-bikes in the U.S. Every state's law is different, but the objective is to ensure that low-speed e-bikes are regulated similarly to traditional, human-powered bicycles.



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