



WISCONSIN'S E-BIKE LAW FOR THE ROAD

- » E-bikes are classified as “motor bicycles,” and are regulated like bicycles, so long as the bicycle’s motor has a maximum power output of 750w, has pedals that propel the bike with human power and the bike doesn’t exceed 20mph.
- » Anyone operating an electric bicycle must possess a valid license. Electric bicycles are considered bicycles for vehicle registration purposes.

- » E-bikes are not allowed on bike paths. Sidewalk rules vary by city.
- » E-bike riders are not required to wear a helmet but the rider must be at least 16 years of age.
- » In the City of Madison, electric bicycles must be registered.

* The following Wisconsin laws are referenced: Wis. Stat. § 340.01 (30); § 346.02 (4); § 346.79 (5); § 343.05(3)(c)

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.

WISCONSIN'S E-BIKE LAW FOR TRAILS

- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: The Wisconsin Bureau of Parks and Recreation does not currently have an eMTB policy, but will revise their policy in the near future. Contact the bureau for the most up to date information.
- » FEDERAL: The majority of public lands managed for recreation in Wisconsin are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, where eMTBs are considered motorized and have access to motorized trails. Contact the US Forest Service Eastern Regional Office for more information.

CHECK OUT

- » A map of great eMTB rides at peopleforbikes.org/emtb
- » eMTB “Adventures” at peopleforbikes.org/e-bikes

GREAT eMTB RIDES IN WISCONSIN

- » **Cheese Country Trail**
Monroe | 47 miles
- » **Pecatonica Trail**
Belmont | 10 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.



Learn more at PeopleForBikes.org/e-bikes

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