



## NORTH DAKOTA'S E-BIKE LAW FOR THE ROAD

- » E-bikes are defined as “motorized bicycles.” As “motorized bicycles,” e-bikes are not subject to all of the same rules of the road that apply to bicycles.
- » As “motorized bicycles,” e-bikes are subject to some motor vehicle laws, including requirements for licensing, registration, and insurance.
- » The minimum user age for an e-bike is 14 years of age.

- » E-bikes are not allowed on sidewalks.
- » Consult your local authority or agency for information regarding whether e-bikes are allowed on bicycle paths.

\* The following North Dakota laws are referenced: N.D. Cent. Code § 39-01-01 (48); 39-06-14.1.

## 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.

## NORTH DAKOTA'S E-BIKE LAW FOR TRAILS

- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: According to North Dakota Parks and Recreation, Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed wherever bikes are allowed. This is an informal policy that may be subject to change. Contact the department for the most up to date information. PeopleForBikes is monitoring this policy and will update this document as needed.
- » FEDERAL: The majority of public lands managed for recreation in North Dakota are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, where eMTBs are considered motorized vehicles and have access to motorized trails. Contact the U.S. Forest Service Northern Regional Office for more information.

## CHECK OUT

- » A map of great eMTB rides at [peopleforbikes.org/emtb](http://peopleforbikes.org/emtb)
- » eMTB “Adventures” at [peopleforbikes.org/e-bikes](http://peopleforbikes.org/e-bikes)

## GREAT eMTB RIDES IN NORTH DAKOTA

- » **Roughrider Trail**  
Fort Rice | 34 miles
- » **Badlands Little Loop**  
Medora | 44 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](http://PeopleForBikes.org/e-bikes)

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