GEORGIA’S E-BIKE LAW

GEORGIA’S E-BIKE LAW FOR THE ROAD

» 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.
» Georgia designates three classes of e-bikes:
  • Class 1: Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance
    only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide
    assistance when the e-bike reaches 20 mph.
  • Class 2: Bicycle equipped with a throttle-actuated motor, and 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 e-bike reaches 28 mph.

» Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on a bicycle path or shared use path
  unless it is within or adjacent to a highway or roadway, or they are
  specifically allowed by the local authority or state agency with
  jurisdiction.
» The local authority or state agency with jurisdiction can restrict where
  e-bikes are allowed to ride. When in doubt, check locally for local rules
  and regulations.
» You must be 15 or older to operate a class 3 e-bike, although a person
  under 15 may ride a class 3 e-bike as a passenger.
» Helmets must be worn by any person who operates or rides as a
  passenger on a class 3 e-bike.

* The following Georgia laws are referenced: Ga. Code § 12-13-114, 40-1-1,
  40-6-294, 40-6-300, 40-6-301, 40-6-302, 40-6-351, 40-6-352.

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

GEORGIA’S E-BIKE LAW FOR TRAILS

» LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
» STATE: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources 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: The majority of public lands managed for recreation in
  Georgia 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 Southern Regional Office for
  more information.

GREAT eMTB RIDES IN GEORGIA

» Town Park OHV Trails
  Greensboro | 16.6 miles

» Southern Cross Gravel Route
  Dahlonega | 49 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 is 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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