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.

Ohio's E-Bike Law

Ohio Designates Three Classes of Low-Speed Electric Bicycles:
- Class 1: An e-bike 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: An e-bike equipped with a throttle-actuated motor, that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 28 mph.
- Class 3: An e-bike 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.

Ohio's E-Bike Law for the Road

- E-bikes are classified as "electric 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.
- Ohio designates three classes of low-speed electric bicycles:
  - Class 1:
  - Class 2:
  - Class 3:

Ohio's E-Bike Law for Trails

- LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- STATE: The Ohio Division of Parks & Recreation currently does not allow e-bikes on division trails. 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 Ohio 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 Eastern Regional Office for more information.

GREAT E-MTB RIDES IN OHIO

- Hanging Rock OHV Trails
  Ironon | 26 miles
- Superior OHV Trail
  Pedro | 17 miles
- Scioto Trail State Park
  Gravel Route
  Chillicothe | 33 miles

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