



## NEW YORK'S E-BIKE LAW FOR THE ROAD

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

» In New York City, the law is interpreted to imply that pedal-assist e-bikes are legal to ride but throttle-actuated e-bikes are not legal to ride.

\* The following New York laws are referenced: N.Y. Veh. & Traf. Law § 102; § 123

## 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.

## NEW YORK'S E-BIKE LAW FOR TRAILS

- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: The New York State Office of Parks, Recreations & Historic Preservation classifies e-bikes as motorized vehicles and provides eMTB access on motorized trails.
- » FEDERAL: New York has very little federally managed public lands, but on federal lands managed for recreation, eMTBs are considered motorized and have access to motorized trails.

## GREAT eMTB RIDES IN NEW YORK

- » **Oswego County Trail**  
Fulton | 27.6 miles
- » **Rivergate Trail**  
Rivergate | 30.2 miles

## 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)

## 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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