



NEW JERSEY'S E-BIKE LAW FOR THE ROAD

- » E-bikes are defined as “motorized bicycles,” and are subject to the registration, licensing, and insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles. However, New Jersey’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 Jersey is illegal.
- » Motorized bicycles are defined as vehicles with a power output no greater than 1,119w, maximum speed of 25mph, and without fully operable pedals.

- » Helmets are required for motorized bicycle use and the age minimum for motorized bicycles use is 15 years. Motorized bicycles are not allowed on bike paths or sidewalks. However, these restrictions are inapplicable to electric bicycles, since they fall outside of New Jersey’s definition of a motorized bicycle.

*The following New Jersey laws are referenced: N.J. Rev. Stat. § 39:1-1; § 39:3-10.

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.

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- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 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: There is little federal land managed for recreation in New Jersey. However, for reference, eMTBs are considered motorized vehicles and have access to motorized trails on federal lands.

CHECK OUT

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

GREAT eMTB RIDES IN NEW JERSEY

- » Delaware River Gravel Ride | Hopewell Township | 60 miles
- » Pottersville Gravel Ride | Tewksbury | 13.4 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.



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