

Connecticut's E-Bike Information Guide



E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS:

| |  Class 1 |  Class 2 |  Class 3 |
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| Max Speed | 20mph | 20mph | 28mph |
| Motor Engagement | Only when the rider uses the foot pedals | While the rider pedals or with a throttle | Only while the rider uses the foot pedals |
| Motor Disengagement | When the rider stops pedaling or when it hits top speed | When the brakes are applied or when it hits top speed | When the rider stops pedaling or when it hits top speed |
| Allowed on CT surfaced trails? | Yes, unless restricted by local ordinance | Yes, unless restricted by local ordinance | No |
| Allowed on CT natural trails? | Yes, unless restricted by local ordinance | No, unless permitted by local ordinance | No |

The new law states that e-bikes without pedals and with motors 750 watts and above will be classified as motor-driven cycles and require a driver's license to operate them.

CT'S E-BIKE RULES FOR THE ROAD

- The same operating rules that apply to bicycles generally apply to e-bikes
 - Like bicycles, e-bikes must have and display lights and reflectors at certain times and under certain conditions
 - Unlike bicycles, all e-bike riders are required to wear helmets
- When traveling slower than traffic, e-bike riders must ride as far to the right side as is safe, as judged by such person, except when: passing a vehicle, preparing to turn left, avoiding hazards etc
- When traveling on a sidewalk or crosswalk, e-bike riders, like bicyclists, must yield the right of way to any pedestrian and give an audible signal when passing
- Municipalities are allowed to regulate e-bikes use within their jurisdiction
 - There are local ordinances prohibiting riding on sidewalks, certain trails, etc
 - Check with your town or city for local rules and regulations

E-Bikes allow riders to ride more often, farther, and for more trips. However, the faster you are going, the more serious any crash will be. Always wear a helmet and ride responsibly.

Find more information about bicycle safety at
ct.gov/saferoutes

