

MAINE'S E-BIKE LAW



MAINE'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.
- » Maine 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.

- » A Class 3 electric bicycle may not be operated on a bike path unless it is within a highway or roadway, or Class 3 operation is allowed by the local authority.
- » Helmets are required for riders or passengers under 16 years of age. A person under 16 years of age may not operate a Class 2 or Class 3 e-bike unless it is designed to accommodate passengers.
- » Municipalities, local authority or governing body of a public agency that has jurisdiction can restrict where e-bikes are allowed. When in doubt, check for local rules and regulations.

* The following Maine laws are referenced: Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 29-A §101-1(22-B), 29-A §2063 (14).

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

- » Haoqi Leopard belongs to the Class 2.
- » eMTB Haoqi Leopard at <https://haoqiebike.com/>

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. HaoqiEBikes 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.

MAINE'S E-BIKE LAW FOR TRAILS

- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: The Maine Department of Conservation and Recreation does not have a law or policy specifically addressing e-bikes. In general, though, e-bikes are defined as motorized vehicles. If an eMTB rider wants to ride on trails, the vehicle must be registered as an ATV. 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 Maine. However, the majority of public lands managed for recreation in Maine 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 eMTB RIDES IN MAINE

- » **Androscoggin State Park Tour** Turner | 21 miles
- » **Mt. Agamenticus** Ogunquit | 10 miles



Fat tire all terrain electric bike.

					
750W	48V 16AH	35~60 MI	7 SPEED	ALUMINUM	350 LBS
Geared Hub Motor	Panasonic Battery	Miles per Charge	Shimano	Bike Frame	Payload Capacity