

Superintendent's Compendium Update for Electrical Bicycle Use in Cuyahoga Valley National Park



The National Park Service has instituted a change in the regulation of bicycle use in the National Parks. These new regulations allow three classes of electric bikes (e-bikes) to be used on the same trails as traditional bikes. Cuyahoga Valley National Park is considering how to implement this change on the park's existing bike trails. The regulation allows park superintendents to tailor the use of e-bikes by bike class or by trail in consideration of safety concerns, resource protection needs or other conflicting uses.

An e-bike is a two- or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) that provides propulsion assistance. E-bikes are categorized into three classes:

Class 1 electric bicycle shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour;

Class 2 electric bicycle shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour; and

Class 3 electric bicycle shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Traditional bikes are authorized on the following trails;

- East Rim Trails
- Old Carriage Connector Trail
- The Towpath Trail
- Carriage Trail Connector (paved section).
- Stanford House Connector Trail
- Hail Farm Connector Trail
- Everett Covered Bridge
- Old Stanford Roadbed
- Old Akron-Peninsula Roadbed

- Hemlock Trail