E-BIKE SAFETY STANDARDS

Know the rules. Share the trail.

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E-Bike Etiquette:

Yield. Signal. Ride Predictably

- Max speed on ALL trails is 20 mph (unless posted otherwise).
- Yield to pedestrians, equestrians, and slower-moving traffic.
- Wear a helmet.
- Communicate! Use a bell or speak loudly, and always pass on the left.
- Follow trail signage for speed limits, restrictions, and caution signs.
- Ride predictably, and use slower speeds in crowded areas.
- Foot traffic always has the right-of-way.
- Always slow down when confronted with other trail users, traveling downhill, or when presented with other hazardous conditions.

Know Your E-Bike Class:

	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
Max Speed	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph
Pedal Assist	✓	✓	✓
Throttle Assist	✗	✓	✗
Motor Under 750 Watts	✓	✓	✓

Powered Micromobility Devices: devices such as e-skateboards, e-scooters, one wheel hover boards, e-skates, etc. defined by max curb weight (100 lbs), max top speed (30 mph), and type of motor (<750 watts).

All Powered Micromobility Devices are prohibited on unpaved trails.

Where Can I Ride My E-Bike?

Park sidewalks are not trails. E-bikes are not allowed on any park sidewalks.

Class 1, 2, and 3 E-Bikes & Powered Micromobility Devices are allowed on all paved trails within the City of Albuquerque.
**Albuquerque, N.M., Code of Ordinances § 8-3-3-6 (2026)*

Class 1, 2, and 3 E-Bikes are generally allowed on all unpaved trails within the City of Albuquerque, but some trails may be closed to e-bikes via posted sign. **Note: All unpaved trails in the Rio Grande Bosque are currently closed to e-bikes.**
**Albuquerque, N.M., Code of Ordinances § 5-8-8 (2026)*

Please check for trail closures on posted signs and the City website: **cabq.gov/e-bikes**.

E-motos are not allowed on sidewalks, bike lanes, or multi-use trails. **They are motor vehicles**, in terms of where and how they can operate.



E-motos are over 750 watts, can go over 28 mph, and often have pedals that don't move.

No person under the age of 16 shall ride a Class 3 e-bike unless they are a passenger on a class 3 e-bike that is designed to accommodate passengers. E-bike operators who are 16 or 17 years of age must wear a helmet.
**NM Stat § 66-3-709 (2024)*