

Electric Assist Devices and Trail Etiquette on City Byways

Parks & Recreation Reminds Trail Users of Rules and Approved Devices

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 19, 2020-As spring weather encourages more people to recreate outside on city trails, the City of Steamboat Springs wants users to be aware of the rules of the trail and how to recreate safely.

“With increased trail use this spring, we have observed a surge in new electric assist devices that may not be permitted on city trails,” commented Craig Robinson. “Prior to investing in electric assist devices, it is important that you understand where these devices are permitted.”

The Yampa River Core Trail and Walton Creek Trail connect the mountain and town area for transportation and recreational purposes. In addition to bicycles and pedestrians, Class 1 E-bikes and electric scooters can travel these two trails.

The following summarizes areas approved for e-assist devices:

- ONLY Class 1 e-bikes and e-scooters are allowed on the Core and Walton Creek Trails.
- Class 2 e-bikes are not allowed on city trails per municipal policy.
- Class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes and e-scooters are allowed on city streets.
- Electric toys (*one wheels, electric skateboards, hover boards, etc.*) are not permitted on city trails, streets or sidewalks.
- All bikes and skateboards must be walked on sidewalks along Lincoln Avenue from 3rd to 12th Streets*.
- Class 1 & 2 e-bikes and e-scooters allowed on city sidewalks with Lincoln Ave exception above.

| Electric Mode | Yampa River Core Trail | Walton Creek Trail | City Streets | City Sidewalks* |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| E-Bikes | | | | |
| Class 1 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Class 2 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Class 3 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ |
| E-Scooters | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| E-Toys <i>(one wheel, e-skateboards & hover boards)</i> | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |

When out on the trails, it is important to remember and practice proper etiquette so everyone can enjoy the trails safely. For example:

- Respect each other, share the trail and utilize protective equipment.
- Keep right and pass on the left when safe. Bikers should use a bell or notify others before passing.
- Slow down and maintain a safe speed.
- Always use caution and stop at intersections.
- Keep pets on short leashes and remove pet waste.
- Call 911 for emergencies or 970 879-1144 for non-emergencies.
- Smile, have fun, and enjoy the trails!

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