

Jurisdiction	Enforcement Challenges	Who and how Do They Enforce? Rangers, PD, or Volunteers	Notes	Outreach	Regulations/Rules/Ordinance/Memorandum
East Bay Regional Park District (EBRD)	No response received	No response received	No response received	No response received	<p>Class I E-Bikes: Permitted on all trails where traditional bicycles are allowed</p> <p>Class II E-Bikes: Allowed only on paved regional trails</p> <p>Class III E-Bikes: Not permitted on any EBRPD trails</p> <p>Speed Limit: All e-bikes must adhere to the 15 mph speed limit on trails</p> <p>Trail Etiquette: Riders should slow down around others, use a bell or call out when passing, and stay on designated trails</p> <p>Ordinance: 38/ ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 09 - 196 & Section 409.8</p> <p>Link to Ordinance</p> <p>Memorandum:</p> <p>Link to Memorandum</p> <p>Rules:</p> <p>Link to Rules</p> <p>E-bike Website:</p> <p>Link to Website</p>
Santa Clara County Parks (SCC)	No response received	No response received	No response received	No response received	<p>Class I E-Bikes: Permitted on designated trails where traditional bicycles are allowed</p> <p>Class II E-Bikes: Permitted on designated trails where traditional bicycles are allowed</p> <p>Class III E-Bikes: Not permitted on any EBRPD trails</p> <p>Speed Limit: Maximum speed is 15 MPH or slower when passing or in poor conditions</p> <p>Trail Etiquette: All bikes must stay on designated trails.Absolutely no reckless and/or negligent riding. Yield to all other users and announce your passing to other users</p> <p>Helmet: All visitors under 18 must wear a helmet while riding bikes. Helmets are also required on unpaved dirt trails for everyone, regardless of age</p> <p>Ordinance: NS-702.93 Sec. B14-11.2 Definitions., Sec. B14-13.1 Activities., and Sec. B14-42.3. Bicycle Use on Trails and Park Roads.</p> <p>Link to Ordinance</p> <p>Rules:</p> <p>Link to Rules</p> <p>General Policy:</p> <p>No fully electric bicycles or scooters are allowed within County Parks.</p> <p>E-bike Website:</p> <p>Link to Website.</p>
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space (Midpen)	Electric bicycles (e-bikes) are not allowed on Midpen natural trails, except for individuals with a mobility disability, as per the Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) policy. E-bikes are permitted on all public roads and parking areas open to motor vehicles. Under the ADA, proof of a qualifying disability is not required, but individuals may be asked for credible assurance, such as a valid state-issued disability card or placard, or a verbal representation. E-bike riders must also adhere to the same ordinances as regular bicycles, including speed limits, which are enforced by rangers using radar.	Rangers - verbal warnings, written warnings, and citations. Running radar and targeted intercept events on our multi-use trails focused on safety and sharing the trails helps get the word out too.	A policy is only effective if it can be properly enforced. The park system's urban interface presents challenges in accommodating various e-devices, including Class 3 commuter e-bikes, which are often ridden by teenagers. These e-bikes should not be allowed on multi-use trails and are better suited for bike lanes or roadways. It's recommended to collaborate with the police department to review relevant vehicle codes for e-bikes and other devices, including CVC 312.5, CVC 21207.5(b), and CVC 24016(b).	website + added more signage	<p>Class I E-Bikes: Permitted in Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve</p> <p>Class II E-Bikes: Permitted in Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve</p> <p>Class III E-Bikes: Not permitted</p> <p>Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs): E-bikes are authorized for use by individuals with mobility disabilities on trails where bicycles are allowed, including narrow-width unpaved trails.</p> <p>Speed Limit: Control your speed at all times and obey the 15 mph speed limit (5 mph when passing or on blind turns)</p> <p>Trail Etiquette: Bicyclists should always yield to all other trail users. On wide trails, slow down and pass with care. When encountering equestrians and hikers on narrow trails, make your presence known well in advance, particularly when approaching from behind. Stop and wait for them to pass or signal you through. Yield to other bicyclists traveling uphill.</p> <p>Helmet: Bicyclists are required to wear</p> <p>Policy: 4.07</p> <p>Link to Policy</p> <p>E-Bike Policy Evaluation:</p> <p>Link to E-Bike Policy Evaluation</p> <p>Rules:</p> <p>Link to Rules</p> <p>General Policy:</p> <p>E-bikes are not permitted on most Midpen trails</p>

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City of Palo Alto	No enforcement challenges as we don’t differentiate between e-bike classifications or other e-devices.	Park Rangers handle enforcement, with education being the primary tool. Visitors are typically warned about regulations, and to date, no citations have been issued.	It’s suggested to review the policies of neighboring communities to create a consistent regional approach, making rules easier to follow for riders and improving commuting. Additionally, a permit for ADA Reasonable Modification has been implemented to address mobility concerns. This annual permit requires riders to provide a copy of their DMV-issued handicap placard and must be carried when riding an e-bike on gravel or dirt trails. The permit has been approved by the Palo Alto City Attorney’s Office.	No response received	<p>Open Space Policy: All e-bikes (class 1,2, and 3) are allowed on paved roads and trails and are prohibited elsewhere including on unpaved roads and trails All e-bikes (class 1,2, and 3) are allowed for city staff in open space and parks for maintenance and enforcement purposes, consistent with P.A.M.C. 22.04.150(f) Other electric powered mobility devices are allowed on paved roads and trails at theBaylands Nature Preserve and are prohibited in other open space preserves (PearsonArastradero Preserve, Foothills Nature Preserve, and Esther Clark Park) Parks Policy: All e-bikes (class 1, 2, and 3) are allowed on paved and unpaved trails in parks, and are prohibited elsewhere (turf, sports courts, playgrounds, landscaped areas, etc.) in parks Other electric powered mobility devices are allowed on paved and unpaved trails in parks, and are prohibited elsewhere (turf, sports courts, playgrounds, landscaped areas, etc.) in parks</p> <p>Note: We don’t differentiate between e-bike classifications or other e-devices. We have had a speed limit rule in place since 2001-ish: 15 mph for all riders, 5 mph passing or overtaking Speed Limit: The maximum speed for all trail uses is 15 miles per hour, unless a lesser maximum speed is posted, and no person shall exceed the maximum speed on any trail Trail Etiquette: , e-bike and other electric powered mobility device users, and equestrians are required to slow to 5 miles per hour when passing others or approaching blind turns Helmet: No person shall operate a bicycle or similar device on Parks or Open Space preserves without wearing an A.N.S.I. or Snell-approved bicycle helmet for head protection. No parent or guardian shall allow any child under the age of 18 to ride a bicycle without a helmet.</p> <p>Ordinance: Section 22.04.220 Link to Ordinance Rules: Link to Rules</p>
San Dimas	The Parks and Recreation Department manages 13 miles of multi-use trails for horses, bikes, and pedestrians, but motorized vehicles are not allowed. There is an issue with Class 3 electric bike operators, as they should not be on the trails due to their motor.	Violations on our trails are addressed by the Sheriff’s Department on a complaint basis.	No response received	No response received	<p>Access: The City of San Dimas has specific ordinances regarding the use of bicycles and "wheeled toys," which include e-bikes. Sidewalk Usage: Operating any bicycle or wheeled toy is prohibited on sidewalks within certain areas, such as Bonita Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Cataract Avenue, and San Dimas Avenue between Bonita Avenue and Arrow Highway. However, walking alongside a bicycle or carrying a wheeled toy is permitted in these areas. Street Usage: Operating, parking, or leaving any wheeled toy on the traveled way of any public street or alley is prohibited. Parking Restrictions: Bicycles and wheeled toys must not be parked or left in a manner that obstructs pedestrian or vehicle passage. Violations may result in impoundment by the police department. Public Assembly Areas: The use, operation, parking, or leaving of skateboards and other wheeled toys is prohibited in places of public assembly where such prohibitions are posted.</p> <p>Ordinance: Section 10.18.010 Link to Ordinance Rules: Link to Rules</p>
City of San Jose	The situation is complex as motorized bikes, Class III electric bikes, scooters, and motorized boards are only prohibited if specified by the city. While some municipal codes restrict them, ordinances haven’t yet aligned with state laws. The focus is on ensuring safe riding, with posted speed limit signs in parks and plans to use radar guns for educational enforcement.		No response received	Durning summer months we provide education about helmets and remind vistors to stay on path.	<p>Access: e-bikes are permitted on streets and bike lanes where regular bicycles are allowed. However, local regulations may impose additional restrictions or requirements. For instance, Santa Clara County Parks and San José Parks permit e-bikes to travel anywhere that ordinary bicycles are permitted, aligning with California Law AB 1096, which states that Type-1 and Type-2 e-bikes are permitted on any paved surface that any regular bicycle is permitted to travel. Ordinance: 21207.5 (a) Notwithstanding Sections 21207 and 23127 of this code, or any other law, a motorized bicycle or class 3 electric bicycle shall not be operated on a bicycle path or trail, bikeway, bicycle lane established pursuant to Section 21207, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail, unless it is within or adjacent to a roadway or unless the local authority or the governing body of a public agency having jurisdiction over the path or trail permits, by ordinance, that operation. (b) The local authority or governing body of a public agency having jurisdiction over a bicycle path or trail, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail, may prohibit, by ordinance, the operation of a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on that path or trail.</p> <p>Ordinance: Link to Ordinance Rules: Link to Rules</p>

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State of California Parks	No response received	No response received	No response received	No response received	<p>The following is State Parks’ e-bike policy:</p> <p>No person shall operate an e-bike in a park unit of the State Parks System, except on public roadways [i] and in areas allowed through a Superintendent’s Order.</p> <p>E-bike use on trails and nonpublic, controlled-access [ii] roads shall be allowed only where designated by Superintendent’s Order in the following park unit classifications:</p> <p>State recreation area</p> <p>State vehicular recreation area</p> <p>Regardless of park unit classification, e-bikes may be allowed on paved (asphalt or concrete) bike trails used for local or regional commuting where such designation (e.g., classification of e-bikes allowed) is consistent with e-bike designations of adjoining trails operated by other agencies.</p> <p>Regardless of unit classification, upon issuance of a Superintendent’s Order, class 1 e-bike may be allowed for research or demonstration purposes necessary to improve knowledge and understanding of potential issues related to e-bike use. E-bike designations for these purposes may only occur on trails and non-public access (controlled access) roads already designated for traditional (non-electric) bicycles, or new routes constructed for test purposes.</p> <p>Requests for the use of e-bikes to provide access for people with disabilities shall follow the Department’s Other Power-Driven Mobility Device policy.</p> <p>E-bike use in park units:</p> <p>State recreation areas:</p> <p>Except for public roadways, only class 1 e-bikes shall be allowed by Superintendent’s Order on controlled-access roads and trails.</p> <p>Except for public roadways, class 2 or 3 e-bikes are not allowed.</p> <p>Class 1 e-bikes may be designated for use only on trails and controlled-access roads that already allow traditional (non-electric) bicycles.</p> <p>State vehicular recreation areas:</p> <p>Class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes may be allowed by Superintendent’s Order for use on trails and controlled-access roads.</p> <p>All other park unit classifications:</p> <p>Class 1 e-bikes may be temporarily allowed by Superintendent’s Order for use on trails and nonpublic, controlled-access roads for research and demonstration purposes.</p> <p>Except for public roadways, class 2 or 3 e-bikes are not allowed.</p> <p>Link to E-Bike Website</p> <p>Are e-bikes and/or other power-driven/motorized devices allowed at Open Space Preserves?</p> <p>To increase recreational opportunities for those with disabilities, the Open Space Authority allows the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) on Authority lands, where they can be operated safely, without posing a risk of harm to natural and cultural resources. Persons without mobility disabilities may not use OPDMDs on Authority lands. An OPDMD is a battery, fuel or other engine-powered mobility device that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion (e.g. Segway® PT, ATVs, electric bicycles or other mobility devices designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes). Please see our Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices Policy for more information.</p>
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Marin	Enforcing e-bike rules has been challenging due to limited resources within police departments, sheriffs, and park rangers. A report by the Civic Grand Jury in Spring 2024 highlighted these difficulties. A newly launched Special Committee on Youth E-bike Safety will focus on education and outreach, rather than enforcement. Additionally, many school districts have introduced e-bike registration programs, ensuring bikes are of a legal speed class for students’ ages.	Enforcing the rules is challenging as police departments, sheriffs, and park rangers, responsible for enforcement within their jurisdictions, are stretched thin.	No response received	No response received	<p>Access: You may ride a Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike on multi-use paved pathways maintained by the County of Marin.</p> <p>The speed limit for all bicycles is 15 mph on County-maintained pathways. Some pathways may have a speed limit of 10 mph. Always check the speed limit. Follow the Share the Path rules: be courteous, know the rules, and be responsible.</p> <p>You CANNOT ride a Class 3 e-bike on a bike path. Class 3 e-bikes MUST be ridden in a bike lane or bike route. Class 3 e-bikes MUST stay on public roadways and in parking lots within Parks facilities.</p> <p>10.05.030 - Bicycles.</p> <p>a) No person shall operate any bicycle or similar vehicle within parks except upon paved roads, fire protection roads, designated bicycle and multi-use pathways, or public roads not signed against such use. Furthermore, no person shall operate or possess any bicycle or similar vehicle elsewhere within parks, including trails, unless signed specifically to permit such operation.</p> <p>b) No person shall operate any class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle within parks except upon paved roads, paved designated bicycle and multi-use pathways or public roads not signed against such use. Furthermore, no person shall operate or possess any class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle elsewhere within parks, including fire roads and trails, unless sign specifically to permit such operation.</p> <p>c) No person shall operate any class 3 electric bicycle within parks except upon public roads or parking lots or other areas signed specifically to permit such operation.</p> <p>d) Any person operating a bicycle or electric bicycle on a designated multi-use pathway shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and horses.</p> <p>Rules:</p> <p>Link to Rules</p> <p>Ordinance: 3711</p> <p>Link to Ordinance</p> <p>E-Bike Website:</p> <p>Link to E-Bike Website</p> <p>Special Committee on Youth E-Bike Safety:</p> <p>Link to Special Committee on Youth E-Bike Safety</p> <p>Civil Grand Jury Completed Report:</p> <p>Link to Civil Grand Jury Complete Report</p>

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Town of Los Gatos					<p>Town of Los Gatos</p> <p>Class I E-Bikes: Definition: 20 MPH max pedal assist only, no throttle Access: Allowed wherever regular bicycles are allowed. Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling. Power maxes out at 20 mph.</p> <p>Class II E-Bikes: Definition: 20 MPH max throttle assist, pedal assist Access: Allowed wherever regular bicycles are allowed. Equipped with a throttle-actuated motor. Power maxes out at 20 mph.</p> <p>Class III E-Bikes: Definition: 28 MPH max peddle assist, no throttle Access: Allowed in bike lanes or separated bikeways adjacent to the roadway. Not allowed on trails. Riders must be 16 years old and all ages must wear a helmet. Power maxes out at 28 mph. Any e-bike that can go over 28 mph is not street legal. Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling.</p> <p>Rules: Link to Rules</p> <p>Ordinance: 2340 - Chapter 5 - Section 5.10.010, Sec. 5.10.020, Sec. 5.10.030, Sec. 5.10.040, Sec. 5.10.050, Sec. 5.10.060, Sec. 5.10.070, Sec. 5.10.080, Sec. 5.10.090, Sec. 5.10.100 Link to Ordinance</p> <p>Link to Ordinance</p> <p>Ordinance: (Ord. No. 2212, § I, 2-4-13) Section 19.10.035, 19.10.037, 19.10.038 Link to Ordinance</p> <p>E-bike Website: Link to E-Bike Website</p>