Electric Bikes (E-bikes) on Hard Surface Trails

Connecting you to Durango parks, neighborhoods, and business areas, Class I pedal-assist and Class II throttle-assist E-Bikes are allowed on City of Durango hard surface trails, such as the Animas River Trail.

Hard Surface Trail Etiquette

Be predictable. Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Keep right and pass on left. Look behind before changing positions on the trail.

Be respectful. Slow down and use caution when approaching other trail users and blind turns. Please keep speed under 10 mph on City hard surface trails. When passing, use bell and let the person know you are passing in a friendly voice.

Electric-assist bicycles ONLY. Class I pedal-assist and Class II throttle-assist e-bikes are allowed on City of Durango hard surface trails. No electric-assist motorized skateboards, scooters, onewheels, etc. allowed on City trails.

E-Bikes yield to all other trail users. Yielding the right-of-way requires slowing down to a safe speed, being prepared to stop, establishing communication and passing safely.
**Class I Pedal-assist eMTB Twin Buttes Trial**
The City of Durango is hosting a one-year trial for use of Class I pedal-assist electric mountain bikes (eMTB) at Twin Buttes with winter seasonal trail closures in effect. Trial period is June 29, 2020 - June 29, 2021.

**eMTB Riding Etiquette**

**Ride open trails only.** eMTB use is only allowed on the Twin Buttes natural surface trails in Durango City limits. For information on area trails where eMTBs are allowed, please visit [durangogov.org/ElectricBikes](http://durangogov.org/ElectricBikes). Respect motorized/non-motorized trail use regulations. Never ride your eMTB on a trail that doesn’t allow electric-assist bikes. No electric-assist motorized skateboards, scooters, onewheels, etc., allowed on City of Durango natural surface trails. Check the City website for other trail information.

**Yield appropriately.** eMTB riders yield to all other trail users, regardless of direction. Anticipate other trail users when coming around corners. All bikes yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians and bikes yield to equestrians. All downhill traffic yields to all non-electric assisted uphill traffic.

**Stay on the trail.** Whether you are on an eMTB or a regular mountain bike, always stay on the designated trail. Don’t cut corners, ride through vegetation, or create new trails.

**Directional travel suggested.** It is recommended bikes travel in the same direction on the upper part of the trail system as indicated on the map. Pedestrians may travel in either direction and should expect two-way traffic. All users should be in control at all times and practice Share the Trails ethics.

**Keep your speed in check.** When riding near other trail users, slow down. If you must pass, be polite. Ask the other trail users if you can pass and allow them to respond before maneuvering around. Control your speed and be prepared to stop.

**Plan ahead.** Know your equipment, your ability and the area in which you are riding and be prepared.

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**Trial Period Feedback Welcome**

Please send your feedback regarding the eMTB Twin Buttes Trial to Durango Parks & Recreation Department at rec@durangogov.org