



E-Bike Policy & Trail Etiquette

Effective Date: July 15, 2025

Background. E-bikes have become a popular and convenient option for enjoying the outdoors and provide accessibility to those who cannot otherwise pedal over our rolling terrain. However, with advances in technology, the e-bike brings some safety concerns when sharing our King’s Deer trails with pedestrians due to their additional weight and speed. After careful consideration of laws in Colorado Springs and El Paso County, the King’s Deer HOA Board of Directors approved classifying Class 1 e-bikes as non-motorized vehicles (pedal-assist ceases when the rider stops pedaling) and will be permitted on the natural surface of King’s Deer single- and double-track trails to a maximum speed of 20 mph. All other e-bikes (Class 2 & Class 3) are considered motorized and are restricted to the King’s Deer roadways.

E-Bike Classifications. It can be visually difficult to distinguish the various classes of e-bikes:

Class	Description	Status for KD Trails
1	Pedal assist only while pedaling. Motor stops above 20 mph. No throttle.	Permitted in accordance with Trail Etiquette below. Considered “non-motorized”
2	Pedal assist and throttle capabilities. Maximum assisted speed of 20 mph. Throttle allows motor to propel with or without pedaling.	Not permitted
3	Pedal assist with or without throttle. Maximum speed of 28 mph.	Not permitted

Trail Etiquette. We ask that all trail users be courteous and informed about trail etiquette. Only trails belonging to King’s Deer HOA are to be used. Owners and their guests are not allowed to use the trails belonging to King’s Deer Golf Course. A [map of the trails and recreation areas](#) is located on the HOA website. **Parents, please make sure your children understand the following:**

- Class 1 e-bikes are permitted on natural surface trails belonging to King’s Deer HOA. Class 2 & Class 3 e-bikes are restricted to roadways.
- The maximum speed of any bicycle on HOA trails is 20 mph.
- All bicycles should yield to pedestrians, wildlife, and uphill traffic.
- Ride on the right; pass on the left. Announce yourself before passing.
- No combustion engine vehicles are permitted on trails – dirt bikes, motorcycles, ATVs, golf carts

Trail users should operate all bicycles in a safe manner that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, with due regard to the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, and all other attendant circumstances. We kindly ask that bicyclists wear bright colored clothing and a protective helmet.

Enforcement: Violations will be addressed under the Covenant Enforcement Policy and its associated Fine Schedule.