

Dickinson County Trails Board Policy for Use of Trails & Power-Driven Mobility Devices

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Bicycles

In Iowa, a bicycle is defined by the following:

1. A device having 2 or 3 wheels and having at least one saddle or seat for the use of a rider.
2. Has pedals that are designed for human-assisted propulsion.
3. If it has a motor, it must produce less than 1 horsepower or 750 watts if electric.
4. Has a maximum speed on a paved level surface of less than 20 mph (with no human-assisted pedaling).

Low-Speed Electric Bicycles

Low-speed electric bicycles are allowed on Dickinson County Trails and are defined by classification numbers in [Iowa Code section 321.1, subsection 36A](#).

- Only low-speed electric bicycles meeting [Iowa Code section 321.1, subsection 36A](#) shall operate on Dickinson County Trails.
- All low-speed electric bicycles shall be operated in a manner that is in compliance with [Iowa Code section 321.235B](#).
- **Maximum speed** on Dickinson County Trails is **20 MPH**.
- When riding on the trails, remember to yield to pedestrians and slower trail users, and give an audible signal if passing.

Segways or Electric Personal Assistive Devices

Segways and electric personal assistive devices are allowed on Dickinson County Trails but must be operated at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions.

- **Maximum speed** on Dickinson County Trails is **20 MPH**.
- When using these devices on Dickinson County Trails, remember to yield to pedestrians and slower trail users, and give an audible signal if passing.

Accessibility and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices

Single-user electric devices, such as electric wheelchairs are allowed on Dickinson County Trails. For more information and permits for Use of Motorized Vehicles on Recreational Trails visit www.dickinsoncountytrails.com.

Snowmobiles on Dickinson County Trails and Designated Routes

Snowmobiles are allowed where specifically permitted on the [Spine Trail and designated snowmobile routes](#) in DOT (county & state) right of way (Winter ONLY).

Vehicles and Uses that are not allowed on Dickinson County Trails

- Golf carts (except in accordance with the [DCTB motorized vehicle policy](#) and permitted for use by persons with disabilities).
- Motorized bicycles or any vehicle operated with a gas engine.
- Any vehicle that is larger than half of the width of the trail treadway, as all users must stay on the right half of the trail when meeting or passing other trail users.
- Motorized vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, or off-highway vehicles.