

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

## Bicycles and E-bikes

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).

## Electric-Assist/Pedal-Assist Bicycles

Electric-assist or pedal-assist bicycles are allowed on Dickinson County Trails if they meet the following criteria.

- 2 or 3 wheels
- A saddle and fully operable pedals for human propulsion
- An electric motor that is:
  - less than 1 horsepower or 750 watts if electric,
  - incapable of propelling faster than 20 miles per hour,
  - incapable of further increasing the speed of the device when human power alone is used to propel the vehicle at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, and
  - disengages or ceases to function when the vehicles brakes are applied.
- Throttle operated e-bikes or any other motorized bicycles that do not meet the definition of an electric-assist bicycle are not allowed on Dickinson County Trails.
- 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 Mobility Devices

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

- Segways or Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices are defined as a self-balancing, nontandem two-wheeled device powered by an electric propulsion system that averages 750 watts and is designed to transport one person, with a maximum speed on a paved level surface of less than twenty miles per hour.
- When riding a segway 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.dickinsoncountyrails.com](http://www.dickinsoncountyrails.com)

## Vehicles and Uses that are not allowed on Dickinson County Trails

- Golf carts
- Motorized foot scooters
- Throttle operated e-bikes and motorized bicycles
- 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, except when specifically permitted, such as the Spine Trail (snowmobiles & ATV's – Winter ONLY).