

M-NCPPC Montgomery County Park Directive

SUBJECT: E-Bike Policy for Natural Surface Trails No. MC-26-001

AUTHORITY: M-NCPPC Park Rules and Regulations, Chapter I, Section 3

RELATED: No. MC-21-001

EFFECTIVE: June 18, 2026 EXPIRATION: N/A

A. Effective March 25, 2021, the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Parks (“**Montgomery Parks**”), authorized the use of Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters on hard surface trails located on parkland owned or controlled by M-NCPPC in Montgomery County, pursuant to the terms of the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Park Directive No. MC-21-001.

B. This Park Directive expands the type of trail on which Electric Bicycles may be used.

Pursuant to Chapter I, Section 3 of the M-NCPPC Park Rules & Regulations (2025) (The “**Parks Rules**”), the Director of Montgomery Parks issues the following Park Directive:

1. An Electric Bicycle is defined in Park Rules Chapter II, Section 1(G) as a type of bicycle that (1) is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of an electric motor; (2) is equipped with fully operable pedals; and (3) has a motor with a rating of 500 watts or less.
2. Park Rules Chapter V, Section 14(A), Motorized Devices, prohibits the use of Electric Bicycles on Parks Department property except as authorized by permit or in areas where expressly designated by Park Directive and posted accordingly.
3. This Park Directive hereby authorizes the use of Electric Bicycles as defined in the Park Rules, on natural surface trails located on parkland owned or controlled by M-NCPPC in Montgomery County, Maryland, except where they are expressly prohibited and posted accordingly.
4. Electric Bicycle users on M-NCPPC Montgomery County Parkland must adhere to the Park Rules.

5. Except as described in this Park Directive, all other restrictions on the use of motorized vehicles on M-NCPPC Montgomery County Parkland remain in effect.

Authorized and approved as provided under the Parks Rules and Regulations adopted on July 1, 2025, by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

SIGNATURE:



Miti Figueredo, Director

Montgomery County Department of Parks

DATE:

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