



RULES, REGULATIONS & TRAIL ETIQUETTE

ELECTRONIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE Forest Preserve District of Kane County

RULES AND REGULATIONS

An electronic personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD) is a device used by a person with mobility impairment for ambulation. This definition does **not** include non-single rider golf carts, ATVs or riding lawnmowers, nor does it include any device designed to carry more than one person. Power-driven wheelchairs do not require registration. The Forest Preserve District of Kane County authorizes persons with mobility impairments to use EPAMDs in District facilities and sites subject to the following restrictions:

1. The operator of the device must be a person with a mobility impairment, and upon request by District officials, shall provide credible assurance of such status in accordance with the requirements of the regulations under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
2. The device, if used in a facility or in a park, is allowed in any area of the facility or park in which the general public is allowed, with the exception of employee only spaces, stairways, and identified hazardous areas;
3. The device, if used in a facility, must be controlled by the operator. It:
 - a. May not be gasoline/fuel-powered;
 - b. May not exceed 4 mph;
 - c. Shall be driven on the right side of the circulation route;
 - d. Is prohibited from carrying another person on the frame, or any object on the frame that may make the EPAMD less stable; and
 - e. Must not be operated in a dangerous or reckless manner that jeopardizes the safety of the operator, District employees, or District participants.
4. The device, if used in a preserve or out-of-doors, must be controlled by the operator. It:
 - a. May not be operated between dusk and dawn;
 - b. May not exceed 6 mph;
 - c. May not exceed 38 inches in width;
 - d. May not be driven into wet or ecologically sensitive areas which are posted as prohibited areas by the District;
 - e. Shall be driven on the right side of the circulation route;
 - f. Is prohibited from carrying another person on the frame, or any object on the frame that may make the EPAMD less stable; and
 - g. Must not be operated in a dangerous or reckless manner that jeopardizes the safety of the operator, District employees, or District program participants or visitors.
5. The District accepts no responsibility for storage of the device.
6. The District accepts no liability for damage to the device, or injury to the operator, whether caused by the operator, another visitor to a District facility or site, or any other circumstance.
7. The District accepts no liability for damage to property caused by the operator of the device, or injury to others caused by the operator of the device. In each instance the operator shall remain fully responsible for the safe operation of the EPAMD and to avoid harm to property and others.



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8. The District reserves the right to suspend the use of facilities or sites by the operator if doing so is in the best interests of the District and its participants.
9. The District reserves the right to change, modify, or amend this policy at any time, as it would any other policy.
10. The District has considered several assessment factors in compiling the foregoing restrictions and limitations on mobility aids, generally, including the following:
 - a. The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the possible devices;
 - b. The District facilities' volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month or year);
 - c. The District facilities' designs and operational characteristics, specifically considering the extent of outdoor preserves and related facilities and limitations and safety concerns associated with same;
 - d. The extent of legitimate safety concerns necessary to permit the safe operation of the mobility devices within the District's facilities, preserves and areas;
 - e. The extent to which the used of mobility devices creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, or poses a conflict with other lawfully mandated limitations.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

For the safety and enjoyment of everyone using the trails, please follow these simple rules of common courtesy.

- Slower traffic should stay to the right. Pass only on the left and only when your line of vision is unrestricted. Passing on a blind curve or hill is risky.
- Ride under control. Watch your speed, especially on curves and in parking lots, and be aware of changing trail conditions.
- Please leave room on the trail for others to pass. Single file is the best procedure for groups of people on busy days.
- Be extra careful when approaching horses. They may startle easily, so slow down and give them as much room as possible. Do not pass horses on a bridge. A bridge may cause even an experienced horse to be nervous.
- Be aware of wildlife both on and off the trail. Remember, you are a visitor in their habitat.
- Dogs are welcome on the trails, but they must be on leashes no greater than 10 feet in length at all times. As a courtesy to other trail users, please clean up after your dog.
- Practice "leave no trace" policies by packing out what you pack in.
- Refrain from riding on trails during wet and muddy conditions.