



Use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices in California State Parks

California State Parks is pleased to increase recreational opportunities for people with mobility disabilities by allowing the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) in areas where they can be operated safely, without posing risk of serious harm to natural and cultural resources, and in conformity with Federal land management laws and regulations.

In order to ensure that OPDMD operation does not pose significant safety risks nor fundamentally alter the nature of services, programs, and activities provided by California State Parks, all OPDMDs operated in state parks¹ must meet the standards below:

- **Size:** OPDMDs shall not be wider than 36" or longer than 48"
- **Weight:** The overall weight of the device and user(s) shall not exceed 550 pounds
- **Speed:** OPDMDs shall not be operated at speeds in excess of 5 miles per hour

Note: Devices capable of exceeding speeds of 5 mph will not be prohibited from use but individuals observed exceeding the speed limit will be subject to citation and penalties.

- **Noise:** OPDMDs shall not produce noise levels in excess of 70 decibels
- **Emissions:** OPDMDs shall not exceed zero emissions during use

Areas of Authorized Use

OPDMDs which meet the above criteria will be allowed in the following locations within state park units:

- Class I designated trails that are either designated accessible or multiple-use
- Exterior routes of travel designed for pedestrian use within developed public use areas
- Controlled access roads such as fire roads

¹These standards do not apply to State Vehicular Recreation Areas operated by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

Who can use OPDMDs

Notwithstanding OHV parks, the use of OPDMDs in California state parks is restricted to people with mobility disabilities as defined in §35.104 of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. All users of OPDMDs must provide credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of their disability. Credible assurance may be provided by showing park staff a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass, proof of assignment of any state's valid disabled parking placard, or other State-issued proof of disability assigned to the person who will be using the OPDMD. Individuals who provide only verbal representation, not contradicted by observable fact, that the device is required because of a mobility disability will not be denied the benefit of this program. However, persons who falsely represent themselves as disabled in order to use an OPDMD in California state parks will be cited.