

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Electronic Bicycle Use

August 24, 2021

Inland Empire District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS ORDER NO. 950-21-003

Whereas: California Code of Regulations (CCR) tit. 14, § 4360 states, “Unless designated by the Department, all trails are open to pedestrians and closed to all other uses.” This regulation prevents bicycles, to include e-bikes, on trails unless otherwise designated by the Department through a superintendent’s order.

Whereas: Revisions to the California Vehicle Code (CVC) have removed e-bikes from the definitions of “motorized bicycle” and “motorized vehicle.” Section 312.5(a) of the CVC redefines e-bikes into three classes depending on the bicycle’s level of assistance and speed:

- (1) A “class 1 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hours
- (2) A “class 2 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- (3) A “class 3 electric bicycle,” or a “speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a speedometer and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour

Whereas: Except as otherwise permitted, e-bike use on trails and non-public access (controlled access) roads shall only be allowed in the following unit classifications:

- State Recreation Area (SRA) Class 1 e-bikes only
- State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA)

Therefore:

1. Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes are allowed on public roadways within all Inland Empire District park units per applicable California Vehicle Code sections. Public roadways are roads currently open to public vehicle use.
2. Inland Empire District has three State Recreation Areas (SRA) within the jurisdiction of the Department. Class 1 e-bike use is permitted in the below listed SRAs on trails and non-public access roads already designated for traditional (non-electric) bicycles.
 - a) Lake Perris State Recreation Area
 - b) Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area
 - c) Providence Mountain State Recreation Area
3. Regardless of park unit classification, e-bikes are permitted to use paved (asphalt or concrete) trails used for the purpose of local or regional commuting where such use would be consistent with adjacent agency or organization's trail use.
4. Chino Hills State Park and Mount San Jacinto State Park– All trails closed to e-bikes, personal electric transporters and other motorized transportation devices.
5. Requests by individuals for e-bike use for the purpose of providing access to people with disabilities shall follow Departmental Notice 2015-04 Other Power Driven Mobility Devices.
6. The District Superintendent, or designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Inland Empire District, 17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, California, 92571.
7. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private contract or property rights.
8. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

Kelly Elliott

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District Superintendent

Authority:

State of California Public Resources Code, Sections 5003 and 5008
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4300, 4301(i), and 4326, 4360
Departmental Notice 2021-04
Copies of this order have been filed with the Desert Division Chief's office.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER NO. 950-21-003

I hereby declare that on August 24, 2021, District Superintendent's Order No. 950-21-003, hereto attached, was posted at the office of the Sector and parks where it is to be in effect, as well as at other locations, which were determined necessary by the Superintendent of the Inland Empire District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Kelly Elliott

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District Superintendent

Inland Empire District

08/24/2021

Date