What’s the deal with e-bikes?

Electric-assist bicycles, or e-bikes, are bicycles that include a small electric motor and aid the rider. For one year starting May 2019, Fort Collins will allow Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes on paved multi-use trails as part of a pilot program.

- Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes provide electric assistance up to 20 miles per hour.
- Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on any trails in Fort Collins.
- E-bikes must be labeled by the manufacturer according to their class and top speed.
- E-bikes are allowed on streets but not allowed on unpaved trails in Fort Collins.*
- Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are also allowed on paved trails in Larimer County and other Colorado jurisdictions.

Happy Trails for All

Riding an e-bike, regular bike, skateboard or walking your dog? Whatever you do, the trails are for everyone and should be shared with respect. Follow these important tips to keep you safe, legal and friendly when traveling trails.

- **Buzzing is for Bees Not Trail Users:** Use an audible signal (a bell or your voice) and give at least three feet when passing. Make sure to pass on the left!

- **Use Safe Speeds:** The trails have a courtesy speed limit of 15 mph, and less when passing or where congested. Control your speed to create comfortable trails for all!

- **Do the “Right” Thing:** Keep your dogs, kids, strollers and whatever else you bring along to the right side of the trail, allowing two-way traffic and safe passing.

- **Be Seen:** At night or when visibility is poor, bicyclists are required to use a white front light and rear red reflector. When walking, jogging or using another mode, wear visible clothes or reflective gear so other trail users can see you.

*In Fort Collins, e-bikes can be used as personal mobility devices for people with disabilities. For more information on these regulations, please visit the website below.

The E-bike Pilot Program is your opportunity to provide input!

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