



Cherokee County E-Bike & Scooter Ordinance

Key Objectives

- Promote safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and trail users.
- Align County regulations with Georgia's e-bike classifications and operating rules.
- Provide clear, enforceable standards for device types and permitted locations.
- Preserve the natural character and durability of County trails.

INFRASTRUCTURE	HUMAN FOOT TRAFFIC	EQUINE	BICYCLES, HUMAN POWERED	E-BIKE CLASS 1	E-BIKE CLASS 2 & LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER	E-BIKE CLASS 3	ADAPTIVE CYCLES	SMALL PERSONAL WATERCRAFT	PERSONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE	SKATES, SKATEBOARD, SCOOTER (NON-ELECTRIC)	MOTOR VEHICLE (INCL. ELECTRIC & OFF-ROAD)
FOOT/HIKING	◆	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
MULTI-USE, PAVED	◆	No	◆	◆	◆	No	◆	No	◆	◆	No
EQUESTRIAN	◆	◆	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
WATER	◆	No	No	No	No	No	No	◆	No	No	No
SIDEWALKS	◆	No	12U only	12U only	12U only	No	12U only	No	12U only	12U only	No
MNT. BIKE*	◆	No	◆	◆	◆ /No	No	◆	No	No	No	No
TRACK, RUNNING OR WALKING	◆	No	12U only	12U only	12U only	No	12U only	No	12U only	12U only	No

Legend: ◆ = permitted; No = not permitted; 12U only = permitted only for operators 12 years of age or younger
*Class 2 E-Bikes are allowed on Mountain Biking Trails. Low-speed electric scooters are not.



Definitions

Infrastructure definitions:

- Foot / Hiking: Narrow, natural surface, reserved for walkers, runners, and backpackers.
- Multi-Use, Paved: Greater than or equal to 8 feet wide, paved surface, may or may not be bidirectional, multiple uses allowed.
- Equestrian: May be natural or artificial surface, primary use is horses, pedestrians allowed.
- Water: Utilizes a natural body of water with put-ins and take-outs for small personal watercraft.
- Sidewalks: A paved path or footpath for people to walk on, may or may not be built alongside a road or parking lot.
- Mountain Bike: Natural surface trails where primary use is mountain bikes, pedestrians allowed.
- Track, Running or Walking: Paved surface, width may vary, usually circular or looped, primary purpose is walkers and runners.

Device definitions:

- Human Foot Traffic: People traveling on foot.
- Equine: Riding upon a horse or other domesticated member of the Equidae family.
- Bicycles, Human Powered: Human powered, 2 or 3 wheels with a seat, handlebars, and pedals.
- E-Bike Class 1, Class 2, Class 3: As defined per state law (see section 58-92).
- Electric Scooter: Every device weighing less than 100 pounds that is equipped with handlebars and an electric motor, powered by an electric motor or human power or both, and capable of a maximum speed of no more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor; does not include an electric assisted bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, moped, or personal electric vehicle (see section 58-92).
- Low Speed Electric Scooter: An electric scooter, as defined in section 58-92, with an electric motor of not more than 750 watts that is not capable of more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the motor. Afforded the same treatment as a Class 2 e-bike, except that it is not permitted on mountain bike trails or other County trails.
- Adaptive Cycles: A specially designed cycle with custom modifications, such as extra wheels, hand cranks, or supports.
- Small Personal Watercraft: Small boat such as a canoe or kayak.
- Personal Electric Vehicle: Electric powered hoverboard, onewheel, scooter, unicycle, etc. Defined as "electric personal mobility device" in section 58-92.
- Skates, Skateboard, Scooter (non-electric): Non-electric skates, skateboard, scooter, etc.
- Motor Vehicle: Anything meeting the definition of motor vehicle under Georgia state law, including E-motos, ORV, and ATV.