E-BIKE & E-MOTO REGULATIONS

BIKE-WALK ALLIANCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

	E-BIKES FALL INTO 3 "CLASSES" — RSA 259:27-A			OHRV RSA 215-A	MOPED RSA 259:57	MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE RSA 259:65	MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE RSA 259:65
	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3				
FUNCTIONAL PEDALS	✓	✓	✓	NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED
PEDAL ASSIST	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
THROTTLE	—	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
MAX MOTOR SPEED (MPH)	20	20	28	NO LIMIT	30	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
POWER/DISPLACEMENT LIMIT	750 WATTS ~1 HP			NO LIMIT	50CC ~3-5 HP	5 HP	NO LIMIT
RIDE ON MULTI-USE PATHS? [1]	✓	✓	—	RESTRICTED[2]	NO	NO	NO
MINIMUM AGE (YEARS)	—	—	16	RESTRICTED[2]	16	16	16
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING REQUIRED	NO	NO	NO	REGISTRATION REQUIRED NO LICENSE REQUIRED FOR GENERAL USE	YES	YES	YES

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1. Class 3 e-bikes may not be ridden on a bicycle or multi-use path in New Hampshire unless the path runs within or adjacent to a roadway, or a city, town, or state agency expressly permits Class 3 use (RSA 265:144-a). Local sidewalk ordinances vary by municipality.
2. New Hampshire Department of Transportation may approve a town or city request to designate specific urban sidewalks as "trail connectors" to allow OHRVs (RSA 236:56). Otherwise state law prohibits OHRVs from operating on the traveled portion of any public way, including roads, highways, bridges, and sidewalks.
3. OHRV operator age is restricted by type of vehicle, supervision, and rider safety certification rather than a single flat age — see New Hampshire Fish and Game's OHRV safety education requirements at wildlife.nh.gov/education/safety-education.

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