

Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Board

Policy Name: Micromobility Vehicles

Adoption Date: August 5, 2026

Amendment Date(s):

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to govern the Hendricks County Parks & Recreation Department (“Department”) in protecting pedestrians on trails in the Department’s parks while also recognizing the popularity of micromobility vehicles – specifically e-bikes and e-scooters – and the desire of park patrons to operate these vehicles on multipurpose trails.

This policy applies to McCloud Nature Park, W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park, and the Department’s section of the Vandalia Trail. Policies regarding the section of the Vandalia Trail in Plainfield are determined and governed by the Town of Plainfield and/or Plainfield Parks & Recreation, not by the Department or the Board.

II. Policy Statement

The Board desires to protect pedestrians and the operators of micromobility vehicles from collisions and injuries on multipurpose trails in the Department’s parks. At the time this policy is adopted, the Board is not aware of any collisions, injuries, or complaints involving micromobility vehicles and pedestrians in the Department’s parks, but with the current and rising popularity of micromobility vehicles, the Board wishes to be proactive in establishing a policy to maximize the safety and harmony of all park trail users.

III. Guidelines

Pursuant to Indiana Code 9-21-11-13.1 regarding e-bikes and Indiana Codes 9-13-2-49.4 and 9-21-11-13.6 regarding e-scooters, the Board recognizes and understands the definitions of the three (3) classes of e-bikes and the differences between their abilities. Further, the Board recognizes and understands the definition of an e-scooter and its abilities.

The Board recognizes and understands State law and local policies from multiple locations in Central Indiana regarding the use of micromobility vehicles.

McCloud Nature Park

The trails at McCloud Nature Park are not multipurpose trails, and bicycles are not allowed on the trails. Therefore, by State law, micromobility vehicles are not allowed on trails at McCloud Nature Park.

No other motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails at McCloud including, but not limited to, gas-powered or electric golf carts, motor vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, e-motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, and RTVs. Exceptions to this policy are:

- Motorized wheelchairs
- First responders
- Vehicles and machinery operated by Department staff or contracted by the Department

W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park

The trails at W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park are multipurpose trails, and bicycles are allowed on the trails.

The Board now establishes a speed limit on the trails at W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park of 15 miles per hour, matching the speed limit for vehicular traffic on the park's roadways. This speed limit on trails applies to bicycles and micromobility vehicles.

For all other rules and policies governing micromobility vehicles at W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park, the Board defers to State law, meaning:

- Class 1 e-bikes are allowed on the trails at Gibbs at a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- Class 2 e-bikes are allowed on the trails at Gibbs at a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on the trails at Gibbs. They are, however, allowed on the roadways and parking lots at a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- E-scooters, as defined by State law, are allowed on the trails at Gibbs at a maximum speed of 15 mph.
- No other motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails at Gibbs including, but not limited to, gas-powered or electric golf carts, motor vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, e-motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, and RTVs. Exceptions to this policy are:
 - Motorized wheelchairs
 - First responders
 - Vehicles and machinery operated by Department staff or contracted by the Department

The Department's Section of the Vandalia Trail

The Department's section of the Vandalia Trail is a multipurpose trail, and bicycles are allowed on it.

The Board defers to State law with regards to micromobility vehicles operated on the Department's section of the Vandalia Trail, placing no additional restrictions of its own, meaning:

- Class 1 e-bikes are allowed on the Department's section of the Vandalia Trail.
- Class 2 e-bikes are allowed on the Department's section of the Vandalia Trail.
- Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on the Department's section of the Vandalia Trail.
- E-scooters, as defined by State law, are allowed on the Department's section of the Vandalia Trail.

- No other motorized vehicles are allowed on the Department's section of the Vandalia Trail including, but not limited to, gas-powered or electric golf carts, motor vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, e-motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, and RTVs. Exceptions to this policy are:
 - Motorized wheelchairs
 - First responders
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IV. Administration

This policy will be made available on the Department's website, and summaries of it will be added to park brochures and on signage within the Department's parks.

All Department staff will be made aware of this policy and are authorized to make courteous and professional contact with park patrons to educate them on this policy as necessary.

Repeat or egregious violations of this policy will be reported to law enforcement by the Department's Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent at their discretion.