



Wood River Trail Ebike Ordinances

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What are the regulations for ebikes on the Wood River Trail?

The regulations that dictate use of the Wood River Trail (WRT) are set by ordinance at the city and county level. The cities of Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley, as well as Blaine County, have passed ordinances regarding ebikes.

City of Hailey Ebike Ordinance:

<https://bcrd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Hailey-ord-1307-ebikes.pdf>

City of Ketchum Ebike Ordinance:

https://www.ketchumidaho.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/36113/1197_-_amending_title_10_and_title_12_-_ebikes.pdf

City of Sun Valley Ebike Ordinance:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/sunvalleyid/latest/sunvalley_id/0-0-0-1420

Blaine County Ebike Ordinance:

<https://bcrd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Blaine-Co-869243.pdf>

I saw someone riding an ebike (too fast/too dangerously) on the Wood River Trail. What do I do?

The enforcement of city and county ordinances are under the jurisdiction of law enforcement. Please contact Blaine County Dispatch at (208) 578-3831.

What is the role of the BCRD regarding ebikes on the Wood River Trail?

Blaine County Recreation District does not set or enforce policies on the Wood River Trail. We do, however, encourage all users to follow these etiquette tips for a safe and fun experience:

- Maintain a reasonable speed
- Keep right, except to pass
- Give advance notice before passing by using your voice or a bell
- Stay aware and be respectful of other users at all times — the Wood River Trail is a multi-use community trail where each user, regardless of their mode of allowable transportation, should feel safe and welcome

Does the BCRD have an official statement on ebike use on the Wood River Trail?

In 2018, the Blaine County Recreation District Board of Directors passed a resolution regarding the use of e-bikes.

The resolution states, in part, that:

- There is a clear need for consistency in statutory language, signage, enforcement, education, and ongoing management of all usage, including ebikes and other vehicles, across all the jurisdictions that govern and comprise the more than 35 miles of multi-use pathways in Blaine County.
- The Blaine County Recreation District supports the use on public “multi-use” pathways in Blaine County of ebikes with electrical assist(s) totaling no more than 750 watts and that enable speeds equal to or less than 20 miles per hour.

The entire resolution can be viewed here: <https://bcrd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/EbikeResolution.pdf>