

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
GOLD FIELDS DISTRICT
AUBURN SECTOR

ORDER NO. 690-054-2024

January 1, 2024

THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ORDER NO. 690-054-2023

Trail Use Policy

Amended regulation Section 4360 and 4360(a) of Title 14, California Code of Regulations, "Trail Use" Unless designated by the Department, all trails are open to pedestrians and closed to all other uses. All allowable trail uses will continue as they are designated at the date of adoption of these regulations unless and until a change is made by order of the District Superintendent. The Department may establish speed limits for designated trail use for units or portions thereof. If established, these speed limits will be posted.

4360(a) Trails in Reserves and Preserves as defined in Public Resource Code Sections 5019.65, 5019.71 and 5019.74 may be designated for bicycle or equestrian use when the District Superintendent has determined that such use is important for public access to the area or to make important connections to other trails and where it has been determined that impacts to the resources for which the area was established will not be significant as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21068 and Section 15382, California Code of Regulations Title 14.

Revisions to the California Vehicle Code (CVC) have removed e-bikes from the definitions of "motorized bicycle" and "motorized vehicle." Section 312.5(a) of the CVC redefines e-bikes into three classes depending on the bicycle's level of assistance and speed:

CVC § 21207.5(a) states, "a motorized bicycle or class 3 electric bicycle shall not be operated on a bicycle path or trail, bikeway, bicycle lane established pursuant to Section 21207, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail, unless it is within or adjacent to a roadway or unless the local authority or the governing body of a public agency having jurisdiction over the path or trail permits, by ordinance, that operation". CVC § 21113(g) stipulates that a public agency may adopt rules or regulations to restrict or specify the conditions for the use of e-bikes on public property under the jurisdiction of that agency. In Section 21207.5(b), a public agency having jurisdiction over a bicycle path or trail, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail, may prohibit the operation of a class 1 or class 2 e-bikes on that path or trail.

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 4326 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations and the above referenced California Vehicle Code sections, the following locations are the only routes designated open to bicycles, Class 1 e-Bikes, off-highway vehicles and/or equestrians on trails. All other trails or trail use shall adhere to the regulations established above in section 4360 and 4360(a) of Title 14, California Code of Regulations. All designated routes must be posted open by the use of a California State Parks approved and produced sign with a bicycle or equestrian symbol.

Trail Name	Hiking	Equestrian	Bicycle & Class 1 e-Bike	Off-Highway Vehicles
American Canyon Trail	X	X		
Bridgeview Trail	X	X	X	
Browns Bar Trail	X	X		
Cal 2 Connector Trail	X	X		
Cardiac Trail	X	X		
Cardiac Bypass Trail	X	X		
Castle Rock Trail	X		X	X
Codfish Falls Trail	X			
Confluence Trail	X		X	
Contour Road	X	X	X	
Culvert Trail	X		X	
Dead Truck Trail	X	X		
Eastside Trail	X		X	X
Flood Road Trail	X		X	
Foresthill Divide Loop Trail	X	X	X	
Fuel Break Trail	X		X	
Grizzly Trail	X		X	X
Haul Road (Maidu Dr. to Portland Avenue)	X	X	X	
Hillside Trail	X		X	X
Hoosier Trail	X		X	X
Indian Creek Trail	X			
Knickerbocker Road	X	X	X	
Lake Clem. Access Trail (Doc Gordon's Road)	X	X	X	
Lake Clementine Trail	X		X	
Long Point Fuel Break Trail	X	X	X	
Maine Bar Trail	X	X		
Manzanita Trail	X		X	
McKeon-Ponderosa Trail	X	X	X	
Mossy Rock Trail	X		X	
No Hands Bridge Bypass	X	X		

Shirland Canal Trail	X	X		
Stagecoach Trail (Upper and Lower)	X	X	X	
Olmstead Loop Trail	X	X	X	
P.G. & E. Road Trail	X		X	
Park Access Trail	X	X		
Pennyweight Trail	X			
PCWA Access Road	X	X	X	
Pig Farm Trail	X	X		
Pointed Rocks FB Trail (Training Hill)	X	X		
Quarry Trail (Hwy 49 to Poverty Bar)	X	X	X	
Ranch Trail	X		X	X
River Bar Trail	X		X	X
Riverview Trail	X			
Robie Pt. Fire Trail	X	X	X	
Rocky Island Bar Road (Salt Creek Road)	X	X	X	
Rocky Trail	X		X	X
Shortcut Trail	X		X	
Squaw Flat Trail	X		X	X
Stonewall Trail	X		X	X
Tinker's Cutoff Trail	X			
Waterfall Trail	X	X		
Wendall T. Robie Trail	X	X		
Western States Trail	X	X		
Windy Point	X			

2. No person shall operate a bicycle in such a way as to endanger hikers, equestrians or others using State Park Property, or in such a way as to damage park resources. No person shall operate a bicycle within the Auburn Sector of the Gold Fields District at a greater speed than is reasonable and prudent, nor in any event in excess of 15 miles per hour. No person shall operate a bicycle in excess of 5 miles per hour when passing hikers or equestrians or when approaching and negotiating a blind turn. Blind turn is defined as not being able to see oncoming traffic from a distance of 100 feet or less.
3. Non-motorized, operator propelled devices including, but not limited to, skateboard, tricycles, unicycles, roller blades may only be used on trails open to bicycle use.
4. The use of Class 2&3 e-bikes are prohibited on all trails.
5. Class 1, 2 and 3 e-Bikes are allowed on all roads open to vehicle traffic.

6. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual, and residential or property rights.
7. Exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by the Gold Fields District Superintendent, 7806 Folsom Auburn Road, Folsom, CA 95630.
8. Nothing herein shall be construed to be in derogation of other provisions of law.

Definitions

- Roads are paved and intended for motor vehicle traffic.
- Fire roads are unpaved and have limited or emergency motor vehicle use only.
- Trails are routes of six feet width or less and designed for foot traffic only, unless otherwise open by this order.

So Ordered:

Signature on file of Barry C. Smith on behalf of Steve Hilton

1/1/2024

Steve Hilton, District Superintendent

Date

AUTHORITY: California Public Resources Code, Section 5003 and 5008, California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Sections 4301(i), 4326, 4360

DECLARATION OF POSTING

District Superintendent's **Order Number 690-054-2024**

**Auburn Sector
Trail Use**

Effective January 1, 2024

I hereby certify that on this date, in compliance with California Code of Regulation, Section 4301(i), *Posting*, copies of this order were posted at the Gold Fields District Office, the Northern Division Chief's Office Sacramento, California and at locations convenient to the public within Folsom Sector Units, Gold Fields District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED:

Signature on file of Barry C. Smith on behalf of Steve Hilton

1/1/2024

Steve Hilton, District Superintendent

Date