

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 01 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

08.01.07 Chesapeake Forest Lands

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§5-209(a) and 10-808, Annotated Code of Maryland

.10 Vehicles.

A. The Service may restrict the use of bicycles[[[, mountain bikes,]]] **and electric bicycles, subject to COMAR 08.01.10**, and animals on certain forest roads and trails on Chesapeake Forest Lands.

B—C. (originally proposed text unchanged)

08.01.10 Use of Bicycles and Electric Bicycles on Department Lands

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§5-209, 5-1211, and 10-808, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 **Applicability.** (originally proposed text unchanged)

.02 Definitions.

A. (originally proposed text unchanged)

B. *Terms Defined.*

(1)—(2) (originally proposed text unchanged)

(3) **“Class 1 electric bicycle” has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, § 11-117.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.**

(4) **“Department” means the Department of Natural Resources.**

[[[(4)]]] (5) **“Department lands” means Chesapeake Forest Lands, State Forests, State Parks, Wildlife Management Areas, Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas, Natural Environmental Areas, Natural Resource Management Areas, and Wildlands.**

[[[(5)]]] (6) **Electric bicycle.**

(a)—(b) (originally proposed text unchanged)

.03 Usage.

A. [[Subject to §§B—G of this regulation, a]]] **A person may use a bicycle or an electric bicycle [[only]] on [[recreational trails,]] public roads, [[or]] parking lots, or ORV trails on Department lands.**

B. A person may [[only]] use a **bicycle, adaptive bicycle, or Class 1 electric bicycle** [[or Class 3 electric bicycle that has a pedal-assist motor]] **only on designated trails** on Department lands.

C. [[Except for adaptive bicycles, a person is prohibited from using a Class 2 electric bicycle or an electric bicycle with a non-pedal-assist motor on Department lands.

D.]] A person is prohibited from using a bicycle or an electric bicycle on Wildlands, as designated under Natural Resources Article, §5-1203, Annotated Code of Maryland.

[[E.]]] **D. The Secretary[[,]] or their designee[[,]] may restrict on a temporary or permanent basis the use of bicycles or electric bicycles on trails on Department lands.**

[[F.]]] **E. If the use of bicycles is prohibited in an area on Department lands, the use of an electric bicycle is also prohibited.**

[[G.]]] **F. If a recreational trail is designated as pedestrian-use only, the use of bicycles and electric bicycles is prohibited.**

.04 Notice.

A. The Secretary[[,]] or their designee[[,]] shall provide notice of temporary or permanent bicycle or electric bicycle restrictions by:

(1)—(3) (originally proposed text unchanged)

B. [[When determining whether to restrict the use of bicycles and electric bicycles from Department lands, the]]] **The Secretary[[,]] or their designee[[, shall consider]] may restrict the use of bicycles and electric bicycles from Department lands:**

(1)—(3) (originally proposed text unchanged)

(4) *If the area is designated as a wildland; [[and]]*

(5) *The safety of the trail users; or*

(6) If the trail surface is unsuitable for bicycles or electric bicycles.

.05 Conduct.

A person may not operate a bicycle or electric bicycle:

A.—B. (originally proposed text unchanged)

C. While under the influence of alcohol or drugs; [[or]]

D. In a manner that causes damage to property, wildlife, vegetative resources, or individuals;

E. In a manner that exceeds the posted speed limits for bicycles or electric bicycles; or

F. While in a prohibited area.

.06 Violations. . (originally proposed text unchanged)

Subtitle 07 FORESTS AND PARKS

08.07.01 State Forests

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §5-209, Annotated Code of Maryland

.25 Use of Trails.

The Service may restrict the use of bicycles[[[, mountain bikes,]]] **and electric bicycles, subject to COMAR 08.01.10**, and animals on certain trails in a State forest.

08.07.06 Use of State Parks

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §5-209, Annotated Code of Maryland

.25 Use of Trails.

The Service may restrict the use of bicycles[[[, mountain bikes,]]] **and electric bicycles, subject to COMAR 08.01.10**, and animals on certain trails in a State park.

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