

Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation
ADA Trail Accessibility Policy

Recently the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) revised the ADA regulations and said revisions, including the definition of a wheelchair and Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD), have the potential to impact the accessibility of trails within the Lancaster County Park System. Pursuant to 5 CFR § 35.137, an assessment of the trails was conducted to determine whether particular devices can be used to access the trails. Access to trails and the use of devices as set forth below is limited to individuals with mobility disabilities and this policy does not authorize the use of these devices by others.

- A. Lancaster County Park trails are available to individuals with a mobility disability as follows:

Wheelchairs

Wheelchairs, as defined by 28 CFR § 35.104, are permitted on all Lancaster County Park trails approved for pedestrian access.

Other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs)

OPDMDs, as defined by 28 CFR § 35.104, are permitted on multi-use County Park rail trails including the Conewago Recreation Trail, the Lancaster Junction Recreation Trail, the Conestoga Greenway Trail and the Iron Horse Trail as follows:

1. The OPDMD must be electric-powered. Internal combustion engines are not permitted.
2. The OPDMD must have an electrical output of no more than 300 watts.
3. The OPDMD must be no more than 36" in width.

Please note that electric bikes (ebikes) meeting the above criteria, and which allow the user to pedal or alternatively run on battery power, are permitted on all Lancaster County Park Trails approved for bicycle use. User discretion is advised as some approved bicycle trails may not be suitable for all types of ebikes.

- B. Users of a OPDMD or wheelchair must operate the device at a safe speed considering the condition of the trail and the other users traveling on the trail.
- C. The adoption of this Policy does not represent an endorsement that the Park trails or other Park properties are safe for the use of an OPDMD or wheelchair. Users must exercise reasonable caution and care while operating such devices within the Lancaster County Park System.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or the accessibility of Lancaster County Park trails, please contact the Park Office at (717) 299-8215.