



Use of Wheelchairs and Other Power-Driven Motorized Devices (OPDMD) on State Trails and Greenways

The FDEP Office of Greenways & Trails (OGT) is committed to making all reasonable efforts to ensure that its facilities, programs and services are accessible to, and usable by, all people, including those with disabilities. The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Title II regulation addresses the use of wheelchairs and certain types of other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD) on state trails **by persons with mobility impairments**.

Certain standards and specifications apply to the acceptable use of wheelchairs, manually-powered mobility aids and other devices used on state trails as described below. To ensure visitor safety and the preservation of natural and cultural resources, OGT and its staff may, in accordance with the DOJ rule, allow or deny the use of any motorized equipment by visitors to state trails. A link to the full text of the OPDMD provisions in the DOJ Final Title II Regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35 Rule, is available at FloridaGreenwaysAndTrails.com.

***IMPORTANT NOTE* PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU GO.** It is highly recommended that you contact the Trail Manager in advance of your visit to ensure that your particular OPDMD is approved for use in the particular element(s) and at the particular time(s) you intend to use it: FDEP Office of Greenways & Trails, toll-free: (877) 822-5208; (850) 245-2052.

Mobility Device Guidelines

- Wheelchairs and Manually-Powered Mobility Aids are allowed anywhere foot traffic is allowed.
- Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) shall be permitted **ONLY FOR USE BY PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS** and shall typically comply with the following maximum specifications in order to be considered acceptable for use on Florida's state-managed trails and greenways:
 1. Speed - The operating speed while on Florida's state-managed trails and greenways shall be that of typical walking speed, based on the particular soil type and existing environmental conditions, not to exceed 5 miles per hour.
 2. Width - The width shall not typically exceed 34 inches. Certain trails and undeveloped areas may reduce the acceptable width as the trail width may vary.
 3. Length - The length shall not typically exceed 62 inches. Certain trails and undeveloped areas may not support the length of certain devices due to natural features or cultural landscapes.
 4. Weight - The weight of the device shall not typically exceed 550 pounds. Certain trails and undeveloped areas may not support the weight of certain devices due to natural features or cultural landscapes.
 5. Type - The type shall not typically include any motorized off-highway vehicle designed to travel on non-highway tires and/or having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and/or handlebars for steering control, such as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway motorcycles (OHMs) and recreational off-highway vehicles (ROV). NOTE: Gas-powered vehicles, no matter the type, shall not typically be allowed in any facilities enclosed by walls and/or covered by roofs.