

KNOW YOUR E-BIKE



CLASS 1

- Max **20 mph**
- Pedal-assist*
- Max 750 watts



CLASS 2

- Max 20 mph
- **Throttle** and pedal-assist



CLASS 3

- Max **28 mph**
- Pedal-assist
- 14 or older, must wear helmet 14-18

OUT-OF-CLASS ELECTRIC VEHICLE (OCEV)

- If it's not Class 1, 2, or 3, it's not legally an e-bike
- Max. assisted speed above limits OR
- Motor power over 750 watts OR
- Throttle over 20 mph
- May be scooter, motorcycle, moped, or ORV

* Pedal-assist bikes only provide electric assistance while the rider is pedaling.

WHERE CAN I RIDE?

- Class 1: roads, bike lanes, **most** paved nonmotorized trails, **some*** unpaved trails
- Class 2 & 3: roads, bike lanes, **some*** paved nonmotorized trails
- OCEV: roads*, motorized trails

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NEW E-BIKE CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Bike Fit:** saddle height, handlebar reach, brake levers, lights
- ☐ **Walk Through:** shifting, braking, e-bike systems (battery, etc.)
- ☐ **Test Ride:** Is it comfortable? Do you understand all features?
- ☐ **Review Warranty:** note any action items
- ☐ **Service Plan:** schedule any included or recommended service
- ☐ **Print & Email Receipt**

LATER:

- ☐ Review Michigan's bike laws at LMB.org/laws
- ☐ Email yourself: photo of the bike, receipt, serial number & key numbers of battery & locks, warranty info
- ☐ Submit warranty registration, contact home/renters insurance
- ☐ Register with Bike Index and/or local bike registries
- ☐ Store paperwork, extra keys, owner manuals for safety
- ☐ Set up an area for storage with **helmet**, bike pump, accessories
- ☐ Set up an indoor area for battery storage and charging

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E-BIKE ETIQUETTE

“I believe in power, but I believe that responsibility should go with power.”

– Theodore Roosevelt, 1908

Practice courtesy, communication, and common sense.

It's easy to go too fast on an e-bike! Start out slow, know your limits and stay in control at all times. Practice kindness and empathy.

Yield to walkers and slower bicyclists. E-bike riders should slow down and warn by bell or voice “On your left!” when passing. You're **required by MI law** to yield and warn on sidewalks.

Yield to horseback riders. Stop, Speak and Stand Back when you encounter an equestrian. Stop to give the horse and rider time to pass, Speak to communicate your presence and location, and Stand Back to give the horse space – move off on the lower side if possible, and don't hide behind a tree.



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