

DNR Trail Assessment Factors and Guidelines

For the Sustainable and Safe Use of Trails

The use of DNR trails is predicated upon minimizing adverse environmental impacts and ensuring user safety. Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) weighing less than 2,000 pounds, authorized service vehicles, and snowmobiles are the **only** power driven devices permitted on trails. (Note: most DNR utility vehicles weigh less than 2,000 pounds.)

Riding animals are restricted to equestrian designated trails. Snowmobiles are restricted to snowmobile designated trails. The DNR requires that park users wishing to use OPDMD on trails register with the park office. The park ranger or manager will provide information about what trails are appropriate for the device in question at that park under appropriate conditions. The public assumes their own risk and responsibility when using trails.

Trail use is prohibited if the following conditions or circumstances are present.

1. When trail conditions are substantially wet, OPDMD and riding animals are not permitted on trails. Foot traffic should be used with discretion under wet conditions.
2. If a trail user's OPDMD is wider or taller than the corridor or trail at its narrowest and shortest points or where the device is determined to be unstable or destructive on a particular terrain. Trail limitation assessments are available at the park office when registering.
3. When use of an OPDMD, riding animal, or pet presents a safety hazard for other trail users.
4. When the speed of an OPDMD or riding animal exceeds 5 mph.
5. Off-trail use is prohibited by OPDMD and riding animals without special permits. Snowmobiles are not allowed off trail.
6. Any person who is found causing damage to cultural and natural features on state lands may have their user privileges revoked.

DNR staff have the authority to request users who are not following these guidelines to desist.



Thank you!