

Great Allegheny Passage Mode of Transport Policy

Statement of Purpose:

The Great Allegheny Passage is a non-motorized trail. Vehicles with gasoline powered engines are strictly prohibited. This policy details the permissible modes of transport in recognition that some people have special needs and those individuals should be encouraged to use the Passage while at the same time respecting the wish for a quality experience for all users.

Section A: All non-motorized forms of transportation are allowed, with the following restrictions:

1. Maximum width 35 inches.
2. Speed Limit 15 miles per hour, unless otherwise noted.
3. Horses are permitted only in the grassy areas adjacent to the trail, which are the sections between Boston and Connellsville; Rockwood and Garrett; Frostburg and the PA/MD State Line.

Section B: Motorized forms of transportation are not allowed, with the following exceptions:

1. Maintenance and other purposes designated by regional and local trail groups;
2. motorized wheelchairs;
3. bicycles with an electric assist system; and
4. emergency and police vehicles

Definitions:

Wheelchairs are considered to be any mobility aid, usable indoors, and designed for and used by individuals with mobility impairments, whether operated manually or by an electric-motor, and not utilized in excess of 15 miles per hour.

Bicycles with an Electric Assist System are considered to be any unicycle, bicycle, tricycle, or quadracycle with an electric motor not exceeding 750 watts of power, a maximum weight of 100 pounds, pedal-assist, and top-speed utilized not in excess of 15 miles per hour, or less if otherwise noted.*

*This definition is in compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Commission Public Law 107–319, 116 Stat., Act 2776 and the Federal Highway Administration Title 23, United States Code 217.

Consumer Product Safety Commission 16 CFR Part 1512
Summary of Public Law 107-319, 116 Stat. Act 2776:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/BUSINFO/frnotices/fr03/low.pdf>

Federal Highway Administration Title 23, United States Code 217:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/sec217.htm>