DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
OPDMD AND SAFE USE OF TRAILS
AREA ASSESSMENT

The DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD is committed to offering accessible trails to all visitors. The use of trails in the Dubuque County park system is predicated upon minimizing adverse environmental impacts and ensuring user safety. Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) such as ATVs and golf carts shall be allowed **ONLY FOR USE BY PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY DISABILITIES.**

Trail use by OPDMD's is **prohibited** if the following conditions, restrictions and/or circumstances are present:

1. When trail conditions are wet and where use of the OPDMD could cause soil erosion or damage to a trails surface.
2. If a trail user's OPDMD is wider or taller than the trail corridor or trail at it's narrowest and shortest points or where the device is determined to be unstable or destructive on a particular terrain.
3. When use of an OPDMP presents a safety hazard for other trail users or significantly interferes with or disturbs other users of the area.
4. When the speed of an OPDMD exceeds 5mph.
5. If the OPDMD weighs more than 1,500 pounds.
6. Off-trail use is prohibited by OPDMD's.
7. Snowmobiles are confined to designated snowmobile trails only and are not allowed off trail.

The Dubuque County Conservation Department has completed an assessment of all trails under the control and management of the Dubuque County Conservation Board. A determination has been made for trails on which operators of OPDMDs (**by individuals with mobility disabilities**) are not allowed or allowed with conditions or restrictions.

The following Department of Justice (DOJ) Assessment Factors were used in this assessment process;

A. The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device;
B. The volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month or year.
C. The design and operational characteristics (e.g., whether its service, program, or activity is conducted indoors, its square footage, the density and placement of stationary devices, and the availability of storage for the device, if requested by the user)
D. Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the OPDMD in the specific facility, and
E. Whether the use of the OPDMD creates a substantial risk of serious harm to the immediate environment or natural or cultural resources, or poses a conflict with Federal land management laws and regulations.

*******IMPORTANT NOTICE*******

PLEASE CONTACT US BEFORE YOU GO. It is highly recommended that you contact the Dubuque County Conservation Board (DCCB) in advance of your visit to a particular Dubuque County Conservation trail to ensure that your particular OPDMD is approved for use on the trail that you wish to visit and that the trail is open and in a useable condition. Contact the DCCB at (563) 556-6745.

Park Name	Trail Name	Trail Surface	Grade	OPDMD Allowed	Dept. of Justice Assessment Factors
Bankston Park	Stream Access	Natural Vegetation	Level	YES	
Finley's Landing Park		Natural Vegetation	Steep >5%	NO	Factor D
Heritage Trail		Asphalt and Crushed Limestone	Level	YES	
Interstate Power Preserve		Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
Little Maq. River Indian Mounds		Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	NO	Factor E
New Wine Park		Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
Poblman Prairie Preserve		Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	NO	Factor D
Ringneck Ridge Wildlife Area		Natural Vegetation	Steep >5%	YES	
Swiss Valley Nature Preserve	Blue Bird	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Mature Forest	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Ridge Trail	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Stream Bottom	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Woodland Ecology	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Yellowbud Hickory	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
Whitewater Canyon Wild-life Area	Land Bridge	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Lost Canyon	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Overlook	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	
	Stream Bottom	Natural Vegetation	Steep>5%	YES	

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