

Trail Assessment Worksheet

This worksheet addresses **Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices** (OPDMD) allowed or not allowed on various trails under the ownership or management of the Dallas County Conservation Board.

Department of Justice Assessment Factors:

1. “The type, size, weight, dimensions, and speed of the device.
2. The volume of pedestrian traffic (which may vary at different times of the day, week, month, or year).
3. 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).
4. Whether legitimate safety requirements can be established to permit the safe operation of the other power-driven mobility device in the specific facility.
5. Whether the use of the other power-driven mobility device 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.

TRAIL NAME: Raccoon River Valley Trail (Waukee to Linden segment)

OPDMD allowed/not allowed: **Allowed**

- Devices 4 feet wide or less allowed.

Department of Justice Assessment Factors used for decision:

1. This trail is an 8 feet wide paved trail. At some of the bridges the width is 8 feet wide. Therefore only OPDMD’s 4 feet wide or less will be allowed due to safety and conflict when on a bridge with oncoming traffic. Also, the OPDMD will be limited to a speed of 15 MPH or less. This limit is consistent for all motorized vehicles using DCCB parks and recreation areas.
2. OPDMD’s are not allowed within the city limits due to the increased volume of pedestrian traffic, in particular children using the trail. DCCB staff are trained to deal with these situations and will be allowed on the trail for maintenance and patrol purposes. Due to the large volume of pedestrian traffic OPDMD’s should only be allowed Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. during the peak season time of May1 through September 30.
3. NA
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5. NA

This trail assessment decision has been approved by the Dallas County Conservation Board at its

July 13 , 2011 meeting.