

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: Kuehn Conservation Area Trails

OPDMD allowed/not allowed: **Not allowed.**

Department of Justice Assessment Factors used for decision:

1. These trails are all natural surface type trails or mowed paths. All trails are inconsistent in width and are not designed for use of OPDMD and pedestrians at the same time. Many of the trails are on terrain that does not allow safe use of OPDMD because of steep slope, lack of turn around areas, wet or seepage areas, and conflict with the natural vegetation, animals and the low impact management intent of the Kuehn Conservation Area. Because of these factors no OPDMD’s should be allowed.
2. NA
3. NA
4. With current designs of the trails and the intent of the management of the Kuehn Conservation Area, an unsafe situation would be created due to the above reasons.
5. Most of the trails go through areas that are managed for prairies and woodlands. These areas at this park are designated for low impact use. Noise and vehicular traffic on the surface of the trails conflict with the management intent of the site. Maintenance vehicles are allowed on some but not all trails and are operated by staff that are trained on when and where a vehicle can and should be used.

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

July 13, 2011 meeting.