



Hudson River Valley Greenway

New York State Regulations Governing Public Use of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail December 30, 2019

Below is a list of key regulations relating to the public's use of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail. A comprehensive list of all regulations applicable to use of the Trail can be found in New York's Codes, Rules and Regulations at 9 NYCRR Parts 375 and 377.

1. **Dawn to Dusk Use Only.** The trail is open to public use from dawn to dusk only. Trail use is prohibited during night-time hours.
2. **No Motor Vehicles, All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Dirt Bikes, or Snowmobiles.** Public use of ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, automobiles, trucks, and all other types of motor vehicles is prohibited.
3. **Dogs and Pets.** Dogs and other pets are allowed on the trail, subject to the following rules:
 - All dogs and pets must be kept on a leash, not exceeding six feet in length, at all times.
 - Owners must keep their dogs and pets under control.
 - Owners must dispose of their dog's or pet's waste in a prompt and sanitary manner.
 - Owners are liable for any damage, personal injury, or nuisance caused by their dog or pet.
4. **No Entering Private Property.** Leaving the trail to enter private property adjacent to the trail without the explicit permission of the private landowner is trespassing.
5. **No Littering or Dumping.** Littering, dumping, or abandoning rubbish, garbage, refuse, or other offensive matter is prohibited.
6. **No Defacing Property.** Destroying, removing, or defacing the trail or its associated facilities is prohibited.
7. **No Disorderly Conduct.** Engaging in fighting or violent or threatening behavior, disobeying the directions of any sign along the trail, using obscene language, or other disorderly conduct is prohibited.

8. **No Hunting, Firearms, and Weapons.** Hunting or discharging firearms on the trail is prohibited. The possession of firearms, bows, crossbows, or weapons on the trail is prohibited.
9. **No Equestrian Activities.** The use of horses is prohibited.
10. **No Alcoholic Beverages.** The consumption of any alcoholic beverage, or possession of an open container of any alcoholic beverage, is prohibited.
11. **No Storing Personal Equipment.** Storing or leaving personal equipment or items such as chairs, tables, coolers, boats, or any other type of equipment is prohibited.
12. **No Fires.** Campfires or other open fires are prohibited.
13. **No Overnight Camping.** Camping is prohibited.

Notes:

All state and local police departments and law enforcement agencies are authorized to enforce these regulations, including the State Police, State Park Police, NYSDEC Environmental Conservation Officers and Forest Rangers, County Sheriff Departments, and Town, City and Village Police Departments.

Police and law enforcement officers are authorized to issue tickets for violations of the regulations. Tickets are referred to the appropriate local courts and may result in fines of up to \$250 plus a mandatory surcharge.

These regulations govern the public's use of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail. The Hudson River Valley Greenway and its authorized municipal and non-profit partners have the right to operate motor vehicles and equipment along the trail to maintain, patrol, and inspect the trail and its associated facilities.

The off-road sections of the trail are largely located on a utility corridor owned by National Grid. National Grid and its contractors have the right to operate motor vehicles and equipment on the trail to patrol, inspect, maintain, repair, and upgrade its utility infrastructure and property.

State and local law enforcement and emergency response agencies have the right to operate motor vehicles and equipment on the trail at any time.