



Electric Bikes (eBikes) Policy and Information

Both Cycle the Erie Canal (CTEC) and Cycle the Hudson Valley (CTHV) bicycle tours **allow Class I eBikes**. CTEC also allows **Class II** eBikes.

Class I eBikes have no throttle and provide electric power assistance up to 20 MPH when the rider is pedaling. Class II eBikes have a throttle, but can similarly provide electric power assistance up to 20 MPH. Per New York State Law, all E-Bikes in NYS should have a manufacturer's label prominent affixed to the E-bike that clarifies the E-bikes class. E-bikes without such a label will not be allowed on tour.

Class III eBikes are NOT allowed outside of New York City per state law, and as such are not allowed on either tour. Anyone with a Class III eBike will not be allowed to participate in the tour.

Please be aware if you attend with a Electric Bicycle:

- We will have a designated eBike charging area for riders to utilize. Charging availability is limited at the overnight facilities.
- Batteries take up to 6 hrs to charge; be sure to take batteries to the charging area immediately upon arriving at camp. Batteries **cannot** be left charging **unattended** in overnight sites.
- You must have a separate charger for each battery.
- No personal generators allowed.
- Electrical Issues (eBikes) - The tour mechanic and local bike shops may not have the parts or ability to repair the electrical system.
- EBike batteries cannot be transported in luggage.
- EBike batteries must be original batteries, purchased with the bicycle or a manufacturer certified or recommended replacement.
- EBike battery chargers must be the original one purchased with the bicycle or be a manufacturer's certified or recommended replacement.
- Any eBike (battery) must have a UL or other safety lab testing certification.
- New York State and local laws on eBikes - Riders should be aware of State and local laws and restrictions. Local government entities have the right to restrict eBike usage within their jurisdiction.

Shuttle Policy for eBikes

Batteries must be removed from your bike, taken on the bus, and kept where the owner can monitor the battery. Buses are air-conditioned and can maintain a safe temperature for Lithium-Ion (L-ion) batteries. If the battery cannot be separated from the bike, then contact us at cycletours@ptny.org with the bike brand and model for us to review the bike for approval or denial prior to the Tour.

SAG Support Policy for eBikes

SAG Drivers may ask riders to remove batteries, due to weight and safety concerns. Riders may be required to lift their own bikes onto SAG vehicles.

Tour Participant Policy for eBikes

Tour participants using eBikes should be aware that eBikes are faster and heavier than traditional pedal bikes and should be used with caution. E-bike riders should err on the side of caution while sharing the path with other trail users and should adhere to all posted rules and regulations on trails.